



# Innovative Finance Proposal: MnPASS System Study

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## Next Stage MnPASS System Study

The next stage MnPASS System Study will help define a MnPASS network within and around the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The study will also provide recommendations on how to finance and phase the expansion of the MnPASS system.

The study will be coordinated with the Mn/DOT-Met Council Metropolitan Highway System Investment Study (MHSIS) which is intended to provide strategies for realizing the long-term vision for the metro area transportation system.

Examples of potential projects that could be identified in the MnPASS System Study for initial consideration include:

- Highway 77/Cedar Ave Zipper Lane or Shoulder Express Lane between Eagan and Bloomington/Richfield. This project will complement Cedar Avenue BRT plans.
- I-94 Northwest MnPASS Express Phase 1 from 494/694 Fish Lake Interchange to Hwy 101 in Rodgers.
- Hwy 169 MnPASS lane/shoulder from Shakopee to Bren Road in Minnetonka.

In addition to looking at project costs and revenue potential, the study will look at utilizing excess revenue from MnPASS lanes to help finance construction of future MnPASS projects.

Study costs will be approximately \$1-2 million. Funding will either come from Mn/DOT or potentially from federal Value Pricing Pilot Program funds. Mn/DOT and the Met Council are going to be submitting an application in November 2009 for up to \$2 million as part of the competitive Value Pricing Pilot Program solicitation. Federal funding decisions would be expected in early 2010.

MnPASS projects will provide opportunities to evaluate new forms of Public/Private Partnership delivery approaches (e.g. Design/Build/Finance/Operate/Maintain procurement model.)

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