

I-494: AIRPORT TO HWY 169

Project Fact Sheet



THE PROJECT

To address congestion on the I-494 corridor through the cities of Bloomington, Richfield, Eden Prairie and Edina, the state has been working with the cities along the corridor, the I-494 Corridor Coalition and the I-35W Solutions Alliance to develop a vision to increase capacity and better serve the growing multimodal needs of the community. The I-494: Airport to Hwy 169 project will develop and construct long-term solutions that will:

- Provide a transit advantage to increase the number of people who can be efficiently moved through the corridor
- Improve the reliability of the average rush-hour trip
- Improve safety
- Restore pavement to preserve infrastructure and provide a smoother ride
- Improve drainage systems to reduce localized flooding and reduce run-off into the Minnesota River
- Preserve existing bridges

The I-494/Hwy 62 Congestion Relief Study, which concluded in 2017, identified MnPASS lanes as key elements in improving the flow of traffic along the corridor. In May of 2018, Corridors of Commerce, a state road improvement grant program, awarded \$134 million to implement MnPASS lanes from France Avenue to Hwy 77 in the eastbound direction and from Hwy 77 to I-35W in the westbound direction. An additional \$70 million was awarded to construct a directional ramp for northbound I-35W to westbound I-494 traffic.

The current stage of the project will evaluate design alternatives and determine the scope of work for the future reconstruction of I-494 through the cities of Bloomington, Richfield, Eden Prairie and Edina in Hennepin County. The proposed project is envisioned to not only improve the capacity of the interstate, but dramatically improve the reliability of the average rush hour trip.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Public Outreach and Evaluation of Alternatives: Summer 2018 - Winter 2018
- Concept Design: Winter 2018 - Summer 2019
- Environmental Review Process: Summer 2018 - Fall 2019
- Estimated Construction Start Date: 2022-2023

HOW CAN I STAY INVOLVED?

- Connect with MnDOT staff
- Keep up to date on the project website and sign up for email updates

NEED MORE INFO?

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www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i494-airport-hwy169/