

I-494 / I-35W INTERCHANGE

Fact Sheet 1 - Interchange History & Need
Summer 2013

Coming Up: Fact Sheet 2
Vision Layout Development



Interchange History

The I-35W/I-494 interchange was constructed in the 1960s. Fifty three years later the interchange supports more than 290,000 daily and serves as a key access point between the western and eastern Twin Cities. High traffic volumes, economic growth along the corridor and harsh weather conditions have led to longstanding congestion, safety, and flooding issues at the interchange. After reviewing the results of numerous types of studies, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) initiated an Highway 494 and I-35W Interchange Improvement Project that will improve safety, reduce congestion, and improve access to transit alternatives.

Interchange Need

- The I-35W/I-494 interchange has a 2014 Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) count of 290,000
- I-35W experiences 3-5 hours of congestion each weekday
- I-494 experiences more than 6 hours of congestion each weekday
- A MnDOT 2012 crash ranking report indicates the interchange has the 8th highest crash cost in the state
- History of persistent and pervasive flooding in the project area
- 30% of Metro Valley Transit Authority's (MVTA) ridership is routed through the corridor
- Metro Transit currently provides 125 weekday trips through the I-35W/I-494 Interchange

Schedule

- Traffic Analysis & Modeling - Spring/ Summer 2013
- Select a location for a Transitway Station and/or Park and Ride - Summer/Fall 2013
- Bridge Type Study - Fall/Winter 2013
- Vision Layout for Interchange – Summer 2013 through Spring 2014
- Public Meetings in Fall 2013 and Spring 2014

Project Area



The project area is focused on the interchange on I-494 between Penn Avenue and Lyndale Avenue, and on I-35W between 90th Street and 76th Street.

For more information, visit:

[www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/
projects/494and35w](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/494and35w)

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Search for "494 35W Interchange" on
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