Project Area

General Project Area

* Area to be potentially included in project with Alternative A only.

St. Croix River Crossing

2003 Amended Scoping Document
Project Area - Natural Resources

- St. Croix River – National Park with Wild and Scenic designation
- Bald Eagles
- Ospreys
- Peregrine Falcons
- Mussels
- Dotted Blazing Star Plants
- Wetlands
Project Area - Cultural Resources

- Properties/Districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places - 6 in Minnesota and 2 in Wisconsin
- Archeological Sites/District – 2 in Minnesota and 2 in Wisconsin
Project Area - 4(f) Resources – Parks/Recreation

- Lift Bridge
- St. Croix River
- Stillwater Municipal Barge Facility Property
- Kolliner Park
- Lowell Park
- Stillwater Commercial Historic District
- Stillwater Cultural Landscape District
Project Area - Transportation Issues

- Poor traffic operations
- Diverting traffic volumes
- High crash rates
- Delayed emergency response
- Impeded access
- Interrupted, unreliable river crossing
Project Need

- Traffic congestion
- Mobility
- Safety
- Delays from Lift Bridge operation
- Physical restrictions
- Needs of pedestrians
- Lift Bridge condition
St. Croix River Crossing Project – Balancing Issues

- Transportation – Social, Economic, Environmental
- Historical Resources
- Natural Resources

Stakeholder/Public Involvement to determine Project Location, Design and Mitigation
Preferred Alternative Package – B-1 new river crossing location
Preferred Alternative Package – Roadway Approach Design in Minnesota
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Preferred Alternative Package – Roadway Approach Design in Wisconsin
### Preferred Alternative Package – Mitigation Package

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**Total Cost Authorized by Department:** $6,500,000

**Total Cost Authorized by State:** $3,500,000
Preferred Alternative Package – Lift Bridge as a bicycle/pedestrian facility, part of the Loop Trail system
Preferred Alternative Package – Extradosed Bridge Type for new river crossing – aerial view
Preferred Alternative Package – Extradosed Bridge Type for new river crossing – river view
Preferred Alternative Package – Extradosed Bridge Type for new river crossing – view from Minnesota bluff
Preferred Alternative Package – Extradosed Bridge Type for new river crossing – view from Wisconsin into Minnesota
Project Cost: year 2013

- Costs in year 2013: $668M (Minnesota portion: $379M & Wisconsin portion: $289M)
Project Schedule

- Construction:
  - Current letting date of July 2013
  - TIGER Grant requested for new federal funding. If successful, letting date would be moved forward to as soon as fall of 2010
  - Construction expected to take up to 3 years
Recent Project Development Activities

- **Continued Stakeholder Involvement**
- **Mitigation Items:**
  - Nominated Minnesota and Wisconsin’s historic properties
  - Transit Feasibility Study completed
  - Terra Terminal removed & Shoddy Mill/Warehouse Relocation initiated
  - Lift Bridge Mgt Plan & Repair Project: [www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/liftbridge](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/liftbridge)
  - Growth Management
  - Bluffland Protection
  - Overlook Management Plan
  - Stillwater Cultural Landscape District Illustrative Study
  - Visual Quality Advisory Committee mtgs and Public Open Houses held in July 2009.
  - Upcoming November 4th & 5th Open Houses. Load Testing Program
- **Sierra Club’s Declaratory & Injunctive Relief Complaint** - Summary Judgment Hearing September 2009
- **Right of Way Acquisition and Final Design**
- **Permitting**
- **Design-Build Request for Qualifications** development [http://www.dot.state.mn.us/designbuild/](http://www.dot.state.mn.us/designbuild/)
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Questions?