Central Minnesota Freight Plan

Steering Committee Meeting
Stearns County Public Works Building

August 19, 2010

Your Destination...Our Priority

Economic Data

Region 7E, Q3 2009, largest employing industries, highest location quotients, highest paid industries, fastest growing industries, largest growing industries 2004-2009

» **Manufacturing and Construction**

Table 6: Potential Targeted Industries, Region 7E

Health Care	Manufacturing	Construction	Other
Ambulatory Health Care Svcs.	Plastics & Rubber Product Mfg.	Specialty Trade Contractors	Amusement, Gambling & Rec.
Nursing & Res. Care Facilities	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	Heavy & Civil Eng. Construction	Educational Services
Hospitals	Transportation Equipment Mfg.	Architectural & Eng. Services	Executive, Legis. & Gen. Gov't.
Social Assistance			Admin. & Support Services
			Membership Organizations

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» Manufacturing

Table 6: Potential Targeted Industries, Region 7W			
Health Care	Manufacturing	Professional & Technical Services	Other
Hospitals	Food Manufacturing	Administrative & Support Services	Educational Services
Ambulatory Health Care Svcs.	Fabricated Metal Product Mfg.	Credit Intermediation & Rel. Acts.	Utilities
Nursing & Res. Care Facilities	Printing & Related Support Activities	Wholesale Trade	Heavy & Civil Eng. Construction
Social Assistance	Nonmetallic Mineral Product Mfg.	Accounting & Bookkeeping Svcs.	Specialty Trade Contractors
	Furniture & Related Product Mfg.	Management of Companies	

MN Agriculture Top Ranking

	Stearns	Morrison	Benton	Todd	Mille Lacs	Crow Wing
Livestock						
• Broiler	2	1	3		8	6
• Layers	6	5				
• Turkey	3	4		7		
• Cattle and Calves	1	3		7		
Top Crops						
• Corn for grain	10					
• Corn for Silage	1	3	7	4		
• Forage	1	3		4		
• Oats	1	6		3		

Agriculture Heavy Haul Corridors

	TH 10	TH 23	TH 55	US 169
Corn				
Soy Bean				
Sugar Beet				
Hay				
Dairy				
Cattle				
Hogs & Pigs				

Truck Size and Weight Study 2005

Truck Traffic Trends

The most significant corridors in Central Minnesota are I-94, US 10, and the US 169 corridor.

Additional routes: TH 24 connector (I-94 – US 10), US 71, MN 371, and MN 23

Rail Traffic Trends – Projection 2030

BNSF annual volumes mainline between Mpls and Fargo, currently the highest volume line in Minnesota.

CP's mainline between Minneapolis and North Dakota is forecast to increase 14 to 18 million tons

Issues

- Lack of coordination in transportation planning, zoning, land use.

    - City, County, Joint District, Mn/DOT
    - Incorporation economic and industrial development

Issues

Urban Freight mobility in St. Cloud, Brainerd, Aitkin, etc., particularly on IRC

- Bottlenecks

- Congestions

- Parking

Congested connections to TCMA limit access to larger markets

- I-94 Corridor

- Connector routes TH – 24 & TH 25

Issues

Address Commuter Rail and Freight Rail Issues in Becker/Big Lake/St. Cloud

St. Cloud Airport impact
- Re-establishing passenger service

Issues

Freight rail policy and improve coordination

- Communication between agencies, zoning and regulations
- Grade crossing and intersection design policy
- Revise grade crossing and separation polices
- Rail infrastructure in industrial development sites - spurs

Possible Recommendations

- Establish a Regional Freight Advisory Committee

- Designate a tiered truck network

- Designate Super Haul Corridors for Permit Operations

- Support restoring Commercial Passenger/Air Cargo at the St. Cloud Airport

- Develop Freight Rail/Highway Policies

- Address bottlenecks on TH 23, TH 210, TH 10

- Address turning radius TH 210 and US 169 Interchange

- Study Freight Impact on TH 24 Connector (I-94 to TH 10)

- Undertake Quick Start Projects (less than $50,000)