

## MnDOT Planning Internship Program

### District 7 Planning Position Details

#### Work Description

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This internship is with the Planning Unit at MnDOT District 7 with headquarters in Mankato, located in South-central Minnesota, where you will find a mix of small cities, open fields of agriculture, lakes and rivers and many places to hike and bike. Working in District 7 will provide the intern a broad range of experiences in transportation system planning, public engagement and outreach, project scoping, selection and programming, and local planning. This internship will focus primarily on:

- Working on corridor studies, including Hwy 22 north and south of Mankato
- Developing District 7's first ever Bicycle System Plan that includes:
  - Work with MnDOT Bike Unit, 2 regional development organizations and District 7 staff to develop a district level plan with input and guidance from a regional Technical Advisory Committee as well as local communities within the district.
  - Establish regional priorities and identify projects that support local and regional bicycle networks.

This internship will also allow for time to learn and participate in other planning functions that will include exposure to other functional areas – Planning, Design, Traffic, Land Management, Materials, and Maintenance. These opportunities include:

- Plat and development reviews
- Development of district 4-year program and 10-year capital highway investment plan
- Local public and stakeholder engagement and outreach

#### Desired Qualifications

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- Enrolled in a graduate degree program within the last 12 months in Transportation, Urban Planning, Public Policy, Public Administration, or other similar field
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Experience with Microsoft Excel, ArcGIS, and Adobe Creative Suite
- Ability to work independently and seek guidance when needed