

7.0 COMMUNITY RESOLUTIONS AND AGENCY COMMENTS

Chapter 2.0 discusses how stakeholder communities and agencies were involved in the development of the TH 14 West Corridor Management Plan. This chapter describes how the communities and agencies responded to the actual plan document resulting from the planning and public involvement process. It identifies the communities and agencies that provided comments regarding the plan and presents the formal resolutions and comments they submitted.

7.1 IDENTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY AND AGENCY RESPONDENTS

Each of the communities represented on the TH 14 West Advisory Committee was asked to submit resolutions stating they recognize the significance of interregional highway corridors, particularly the TH 14 West Corridor identified as part of this study. Each one was given a sample resolution that could be acted upon by their respective council or board. As a part of the sample resolution, the communities were asked to support the need for advance planning in the TH 14 West Corridor as well as the overall vision of the TH 14 West CMP. In addition, the sample resolution was designed to give the communities a mechanism for providing their comments regarding the CMP. Table 7.1-1 lists the communities involved with the development of the TH 14 West CMP as well as identifying if they have submitted a resolution as of the publication date of this chapter.

**Table 7.1-1
Status of Resolutions Received**

City/County/Township	Resolution Status	
	Received	Pending
Nicollet County		
City of Courtland		
City of Nicollet		

7.2 RESOLUTIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED

This section contains a copy of each community resolution and agency comment letter received. The resolutions/comments are provided on the following pages. It should be noted that Mn/DOT appreciates each community's and agency's commitment to working in partnership with Mn/DOT to achieve the vision for the TH 14 West Corridor articulated in the TH 14 West Corridor Management Plan.

(Insert City, County, Township, etc.name)

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**ACCEPTING, SUPPORTING, AND ADOPTING THE
TH 14 WEST INTERREGIONAL CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN**

WHEREAS, Minnesota's State Transportation Plan recognizes the significance of interregional highway corridors in providing citizens and businesses throughout the State of Minnesota with high quality access to recreational, educational, employment and health care opportunities, and to the transport of products and services produced by our local economy to regional, national, and global markets; and,

WHEREAS, the TH 14 West Interregional Corridor has been identified by the Minnesota Department of Transportation as a Medium Priority Corridor from Mankato to New Ulm that enhances the economic vitality of the state providing essential access for the southwest region of the state in Nicollet County to major economic markets and cultural centers including Rochester and the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area; and,

WHEREAS, the continued growth of the region is leading to increasing travel demand in the corridor which, if unmanaged, can negatively affect the level of performance, safety, and congestion experienced by users of the corridor; and,

WHEREAS, community leaders, motorists, and road authorities have identified this growing travel demand and development pressure as a concern with potential negative consequences for mobility and safety in the corridor, with the potential to degrade the performance level now provided by the corridor, and the resulting implications for the economy and quality of life of the region; and,

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Department of Transportation, recognizing the potential impact of continued growth pressure on the corridor, has completed a Corridor Management Plan in partnership with its partners along the corridor to look at the long-term role that the TH 14 West Corridor will play in meeting the transportation needs of the southwest region of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative at this critical time, with continued growth occurring in the region, that a long-term vision for the type of service that the TH 14 West Corridor needs to provide be established and that the steps are identified and initiated to:

1. Preserve the function of the corridor through the advance planning, not only for the TH 14 West Corridor but for the local supporting street systems and land use and development patterns; and,
2. Secure the needed funding to pursue the vision established for the corridor; and,
3. Establish a plan of action for the development of planning and programming activities that will proactively address the needs identified.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the (insert City, County, Township, etc of ____) endorses the vision and corridor management plan for the TH 14 West Corridor.

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, the (insert City, County, Township, etc of ____) endorses the concept that an adequate network of supporting roads is necessary to attain the TH 14 West Corridor vision and that the roadway networks identified in the TH 14 West Corridor Management Plan will be considered as interim guides until such time as refinements to these improvements are identified.

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, the (insert City, County, Township, etc of ____) recognizes the regional significance of the corridor in supporting the regional economy and intends to reflect the TH 14 West Corridor Management Plan vision, strategies, and policies through updates to the (insert City, County, Township, etc of ____) land use and transportation plans as well as subdivision ordinances.

FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED, the (insert City, County, Township, etc of ____) is committed to working in partnership with Mn/DOT and the other partners along the corridor as a member of the TH 14 West Corridor Management Team in order to achieve the vision and implement the recommendations of the TH 14 West Corridor Management Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the (insert City, County, Township, etc of ____) intends to bring forward the following issues for resolution and discussion with the TH 14 West Corridor Management Team:

1. *List Issues Here*