

District 2 Freight Plan Update

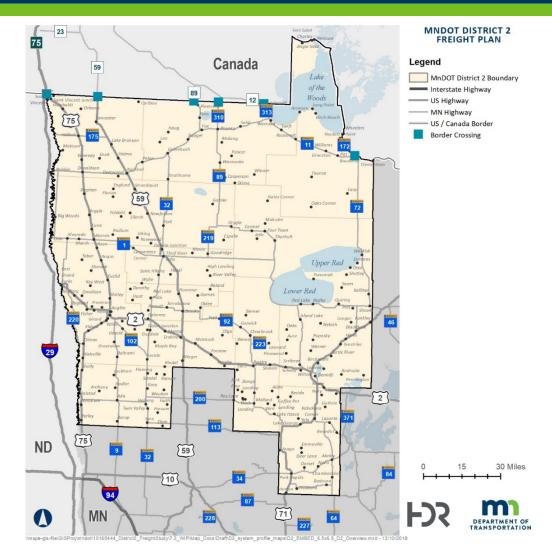
Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) Meeting February 6, 2020

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Agenda

- MnDOT District Freight Planning Overview
- District 2 Freight Plan Project Status
- Key Findings
- Next Steps



MnDOT Freight Planning

- MnDOT has been working to implement the recently adopted statewide freight plan called the Minnesota State Freight System and Investment Plan
- One of the key recommendations was to work with each area of the state to create more detailed plans that would identify improvements to connect with the Minnesota Highway Freight Program

Statewide Freight Vision & Goals

Statewide Freight
Performance
Measures

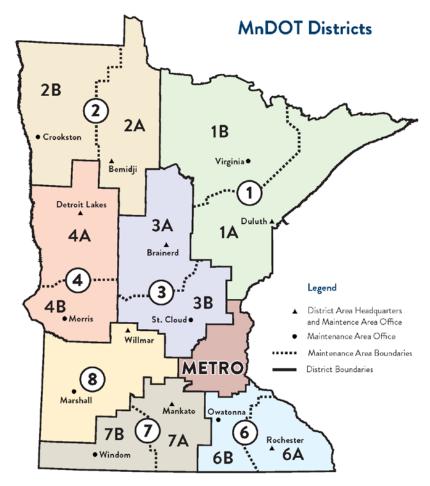
Identify Freight System Needs

Freight System Recommendations

Advance Top Investments

MnDOT District Freight Plans

- Developing District Freight Plans for all Districts
 - District 1 complete
 - Districts 2, 3, 8 underway
- Pre-cursor effort to prepare for next Statewide Freight Plan
- Identify key issues/opportunities for each District
- http://www.dot.state.mn.us/ofrw/freight/ districtfreightplan/



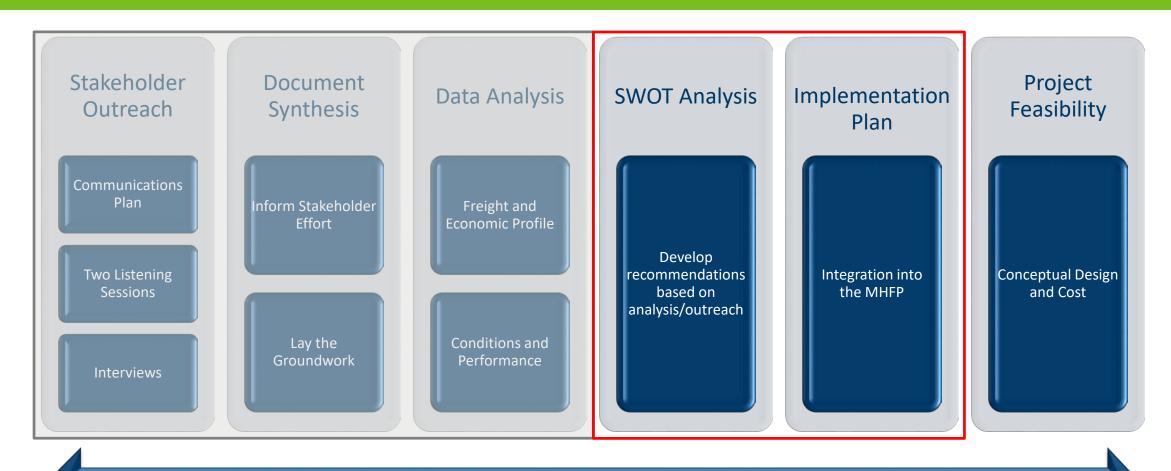
MnDOT office contact information can be found online at: www.mndot.gov/information/locations.html

Purpose of this effort

The District 2 Freight Plan will:

- I. Provide an up-to-date assessment of freight needs and issues specific to the District
- II. Produce a list of strategies to improve freight mobility in the Northern and Northwest Minnesota region
- III. Roll up long-term planning and programming in the next Statewide Freight System Plan

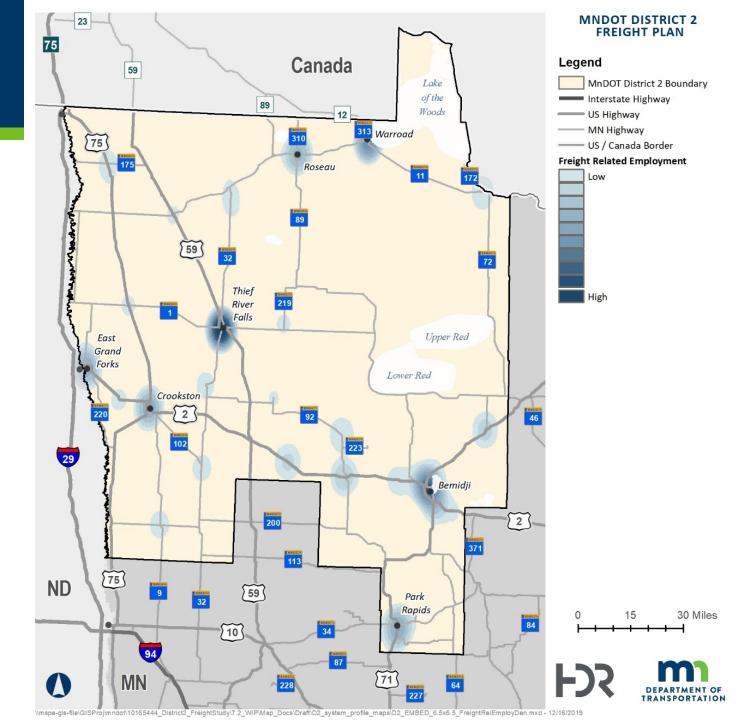
Project Status



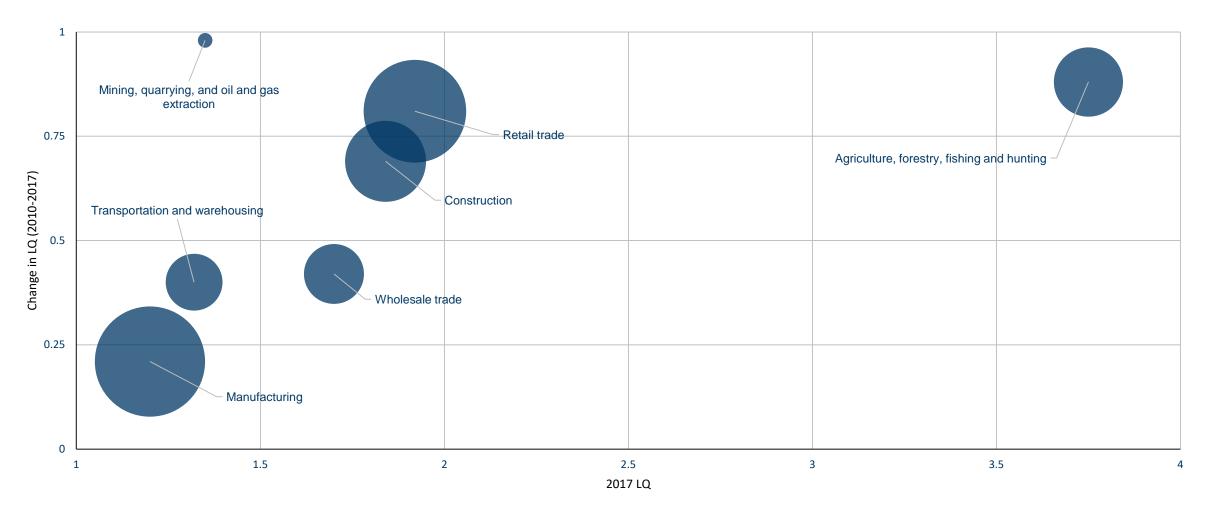
Document Synthesis

National/Statewide	Regional	District
Statewide Freight System & Investment Plan	Develop Minnesota 2016 - Comprehensive Development Strategy for Greater Minnesota	D2 - Manufacturers' Perspectives on Minnesota's Transportation System
State Rail Plan	Greater Minnesota Mobility Study Final Report & Scoring Sheets	D2 Capital Highway Investment Plan
Statewide Truck Parking Study	Great Northern Corridor (x6)	Grand Forks - East Grand Forks MPO 2045 LRTP & 2019 TIP
Minnesota TS&W Project	Western Minnesota Regional Freight Study	Headwaters Region 2016 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)
Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan		CEDS for Northwest Minnesota 2016 - 2021
Freight Rail Economic Development Study		Local Community Improvement Plans
Rail Grade Crossing Safety Project Selection		
FHWA Scenario Planning of Future Freight and Passenger Flows Across the US / Mexico and US / Canada Borders		

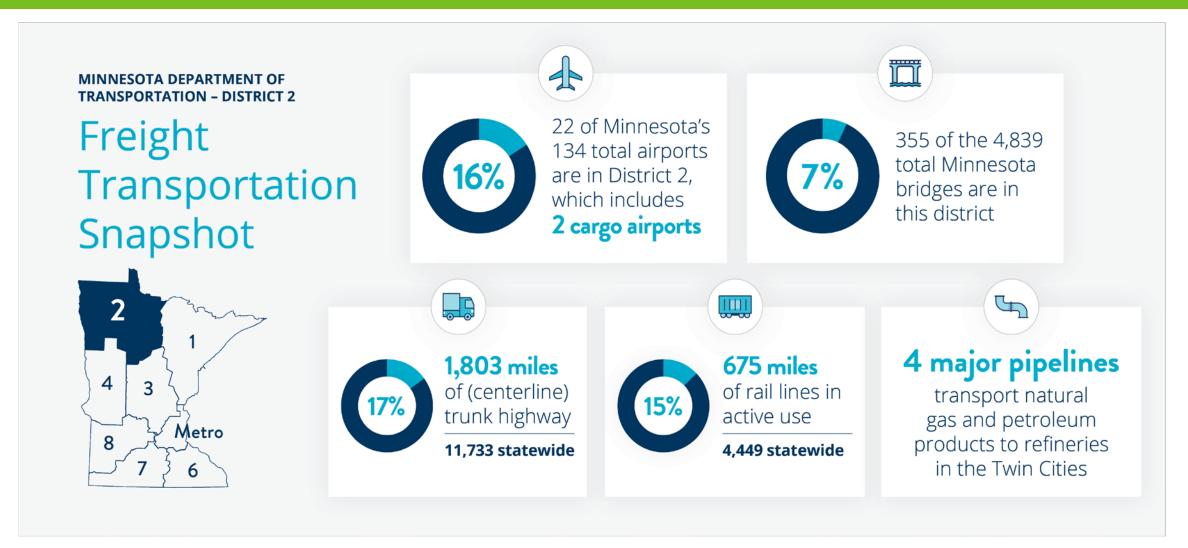
Freight-Related Employment Density



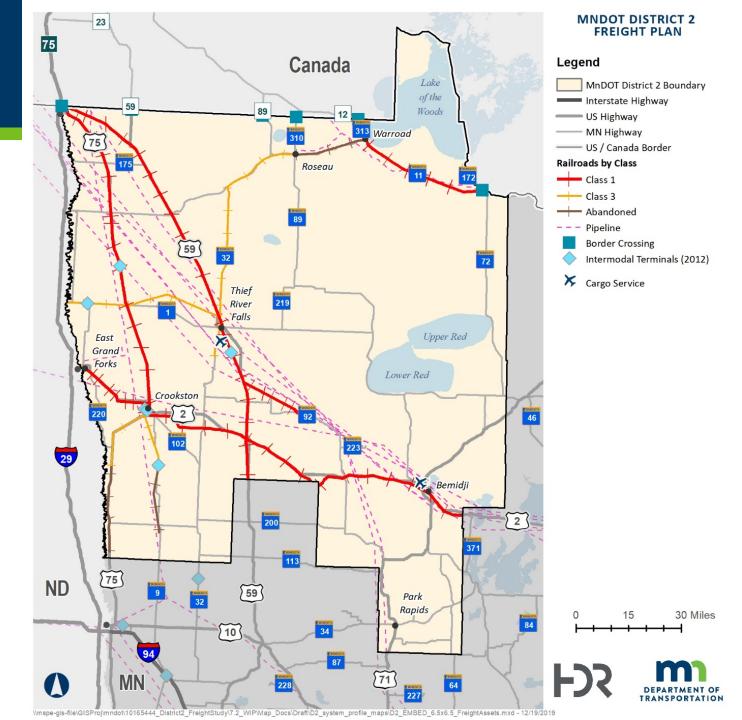
District 2 Industry Size and Specialization



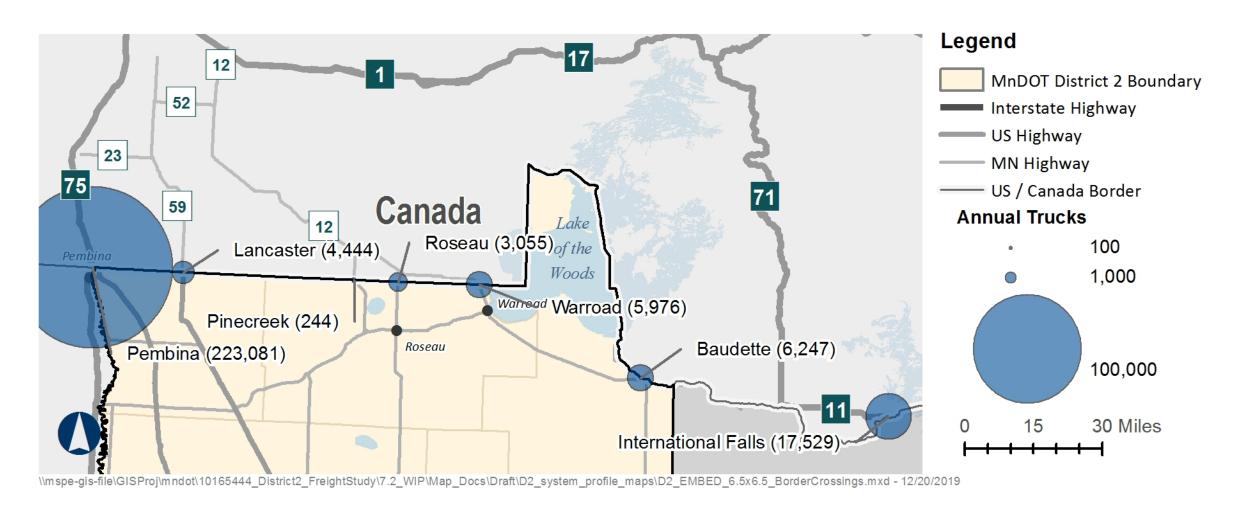
District 2 Freight Transportation



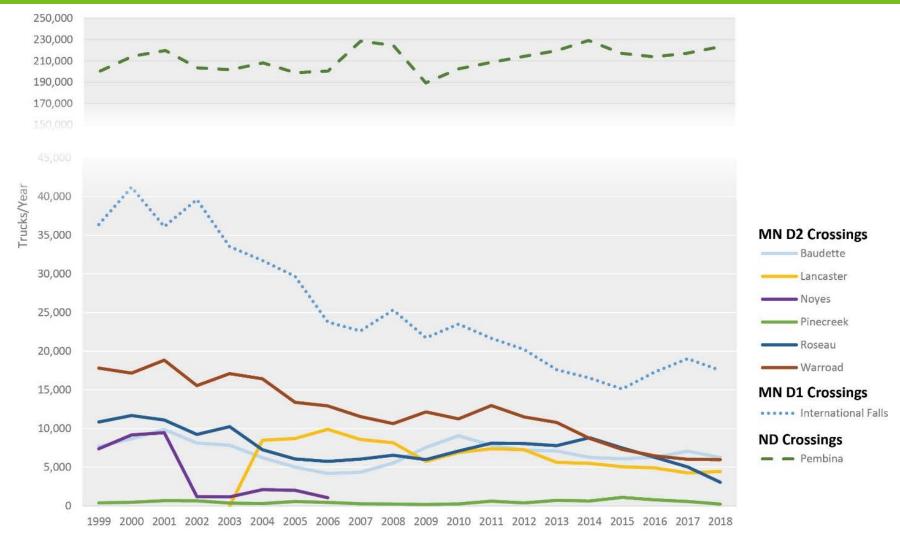
District 2 Multimodal Freight System



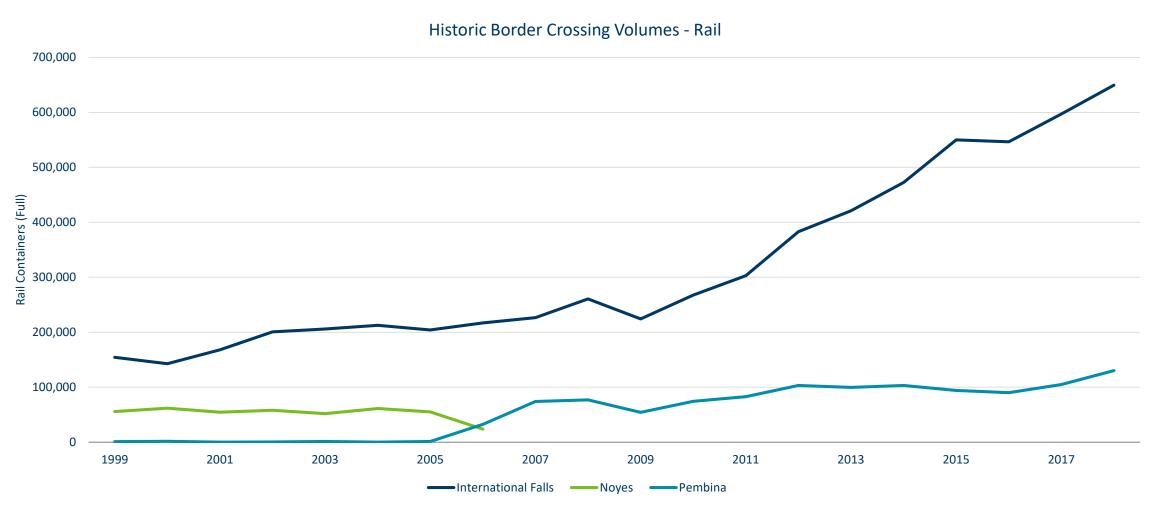
Canadian Border Crossings (Truck)



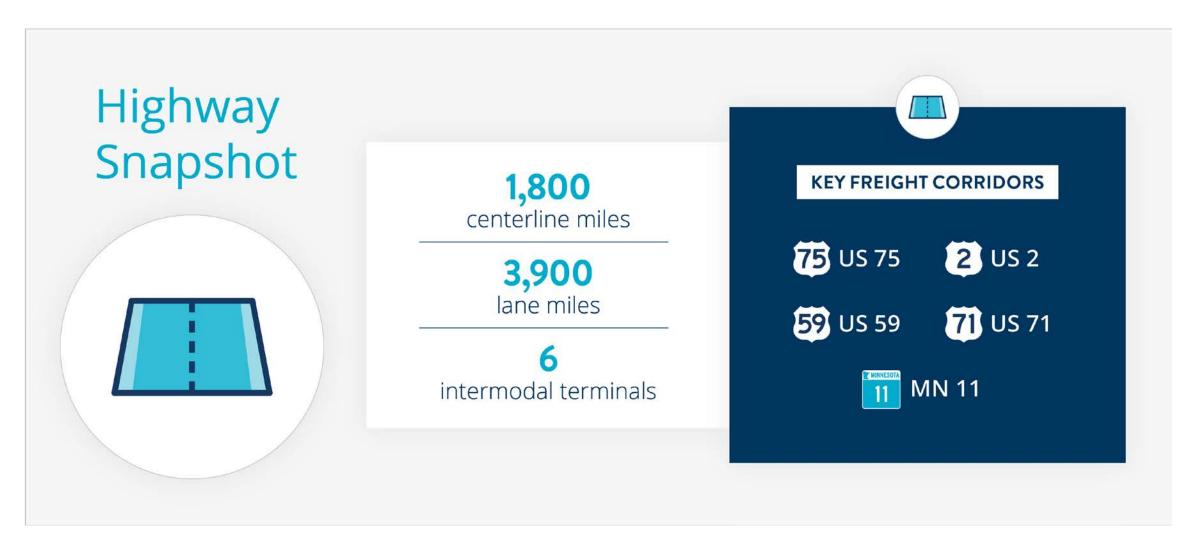
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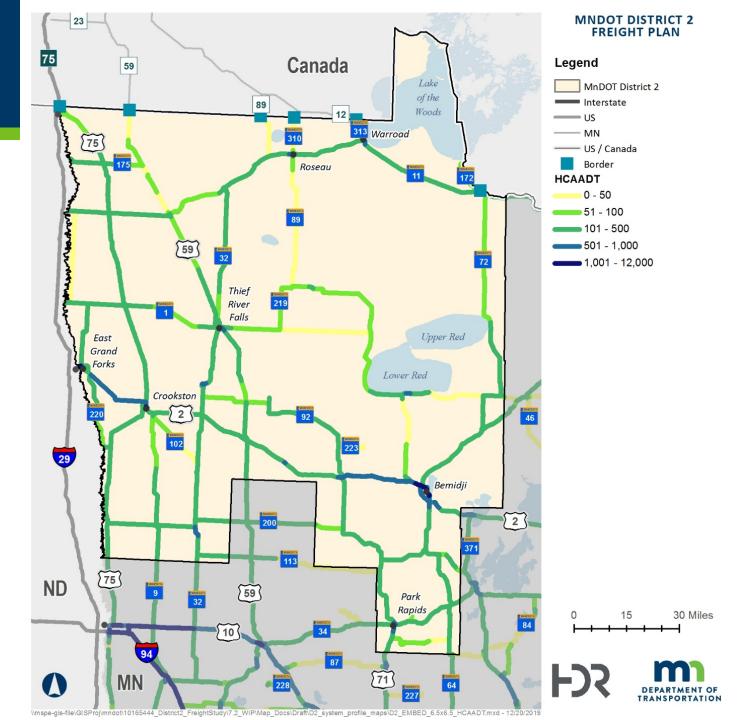
Canadian Border Crossings (Rail)



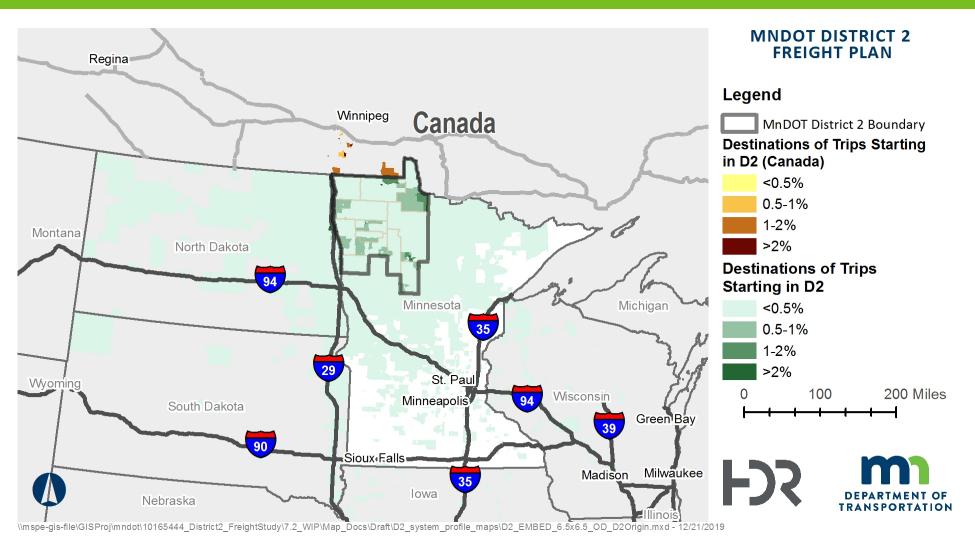
District 2 Highway Freight System



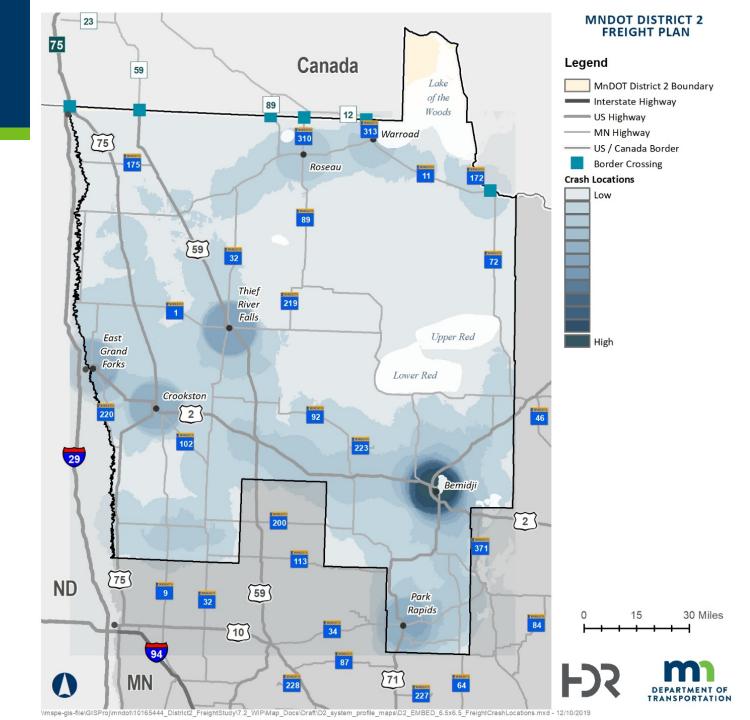
District 2 Truck Volumes



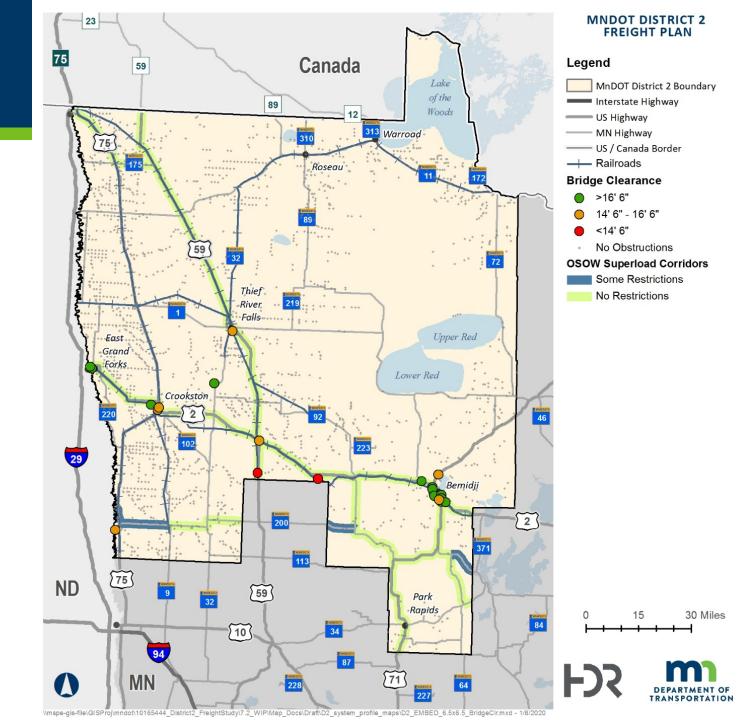
District 2 Truck Trip Destinations



Truck Crash Density



Highway Bridge Vertical Clearance



District 2 Rail Freight System

Railroad Snapshot



675 miles

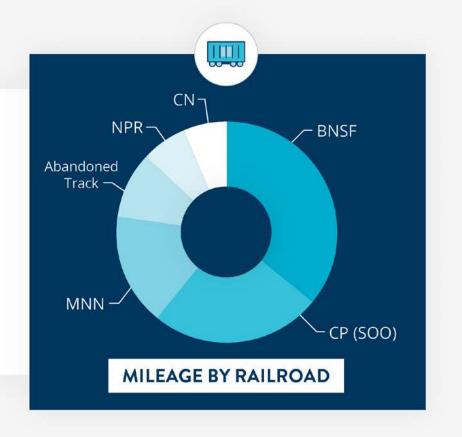
of rail in District 2

455 miles

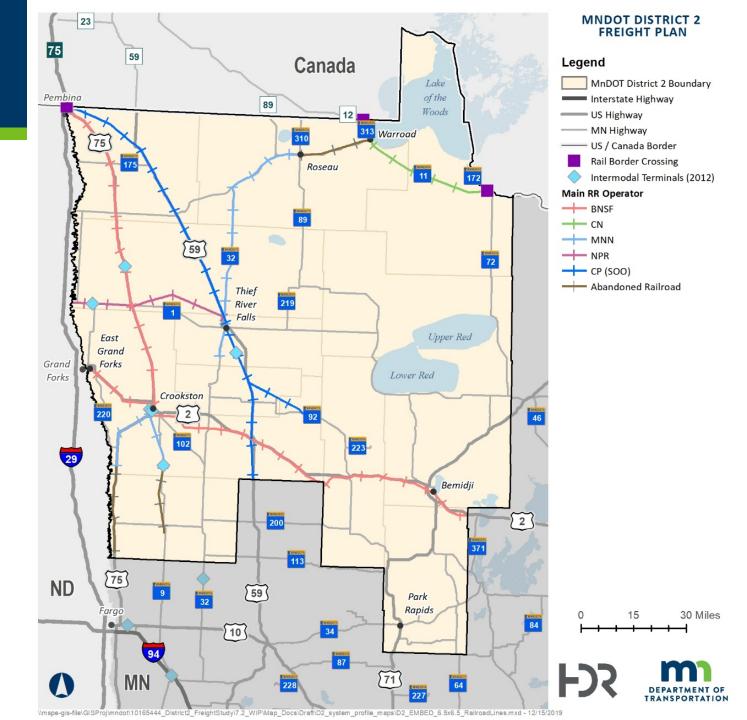
designated as Class 1

718

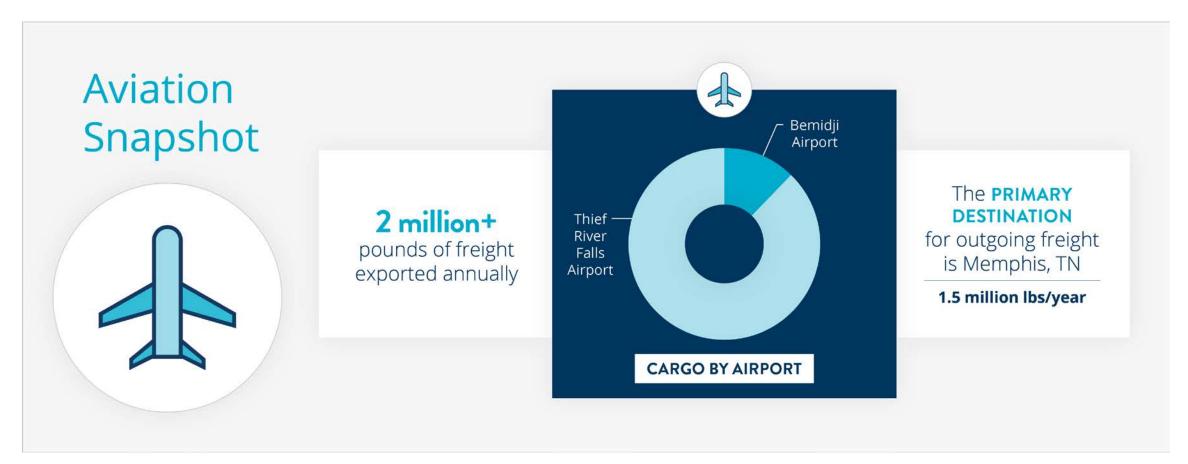
at-grade rail crossings



District 2 Rail Freight System



District 2 Aviation Freight System

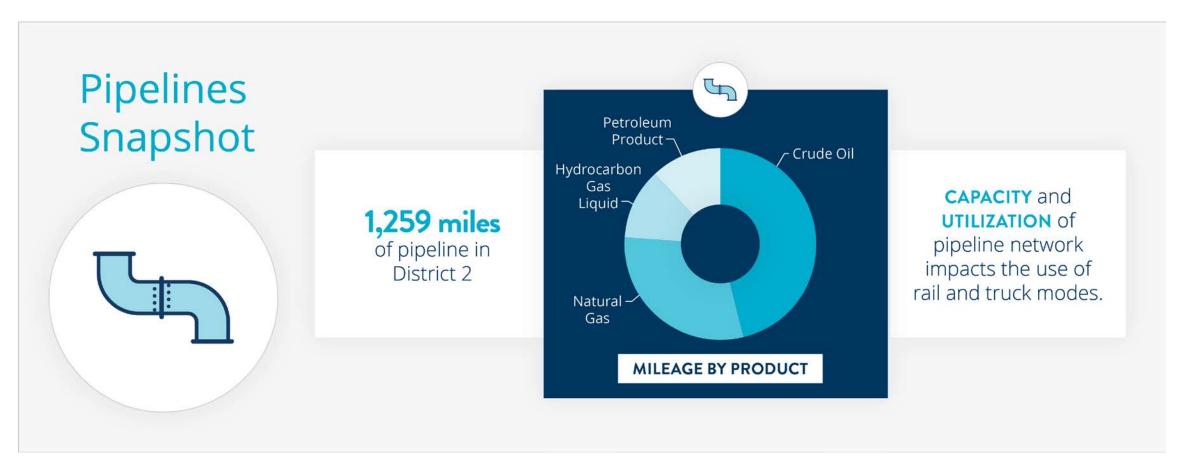


District 2 Air Cargo Exports

Destination	Bemidji	Thief River Falls	TOTAL
Brainerd	15,202		
Des Moines		41,112	
Fargo	333,516	198,008	
Little Rock		5,729	
Memphis		1,480,026	
Minneapolis- St. Paul	75,533	2,473	
St. Louis		5,041	
Total	242,251	1,732,389	2,156,640



District 2 Pipeline Freight System



SWOT Analysis

Strengths

- Snow Removal/Timing
- Advanced Manufacturing/Logistics
- Air Cargo
- General congestion level

Threats

- Border Crossings (Trucks have to go to Pembina)
- Bakken Crude Prices (Rail Service)
- Economic Diversity

Weaknesses

- Shoulders/Geometry/Topography
- Mainline Crashes on Two-Lane Roads (Left hand turns)
- Seasonality of congestion/delay
- North/South Connectivity

Opportunities

- Coordination GF/EGFs to address rail crossing issues
- Multilane Highway to Fargo or Twin Cities
- Enhanced signage
- Thief River Falls Airport Expansion

Next Steps

- Assess Project Feasibility
 - Identify gaps between needs and planned projects
 - Rank gaps based on objective scoring criteria
 - Develop conceptual design and cost estimates for highest ranking
- Develop Implementation Plan
 - Integration into Minnesota Highway Freight Plan

Questions

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