



Minnesota Jurisdictional Realignment Project

Enhancing Financial Effectiveness through Jurisdictional Transfers

Introduction

This document presents the primary qualitative and quantitative benefits that may be realized by correctly aligning roads in the State of Minnesota and the costs associated with jurisdictional transfers. Looking forward, a guiding principle of Minnesota's 50-year vision (Minnesota GO) is to "strategically fix the system," which includes ensuring that roads are aligned with the proper jurisdictional owner. The Minnesota 20-Year State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP) projects a \$12 billion funding gap over the next 20 years, amplifying the need for enhanced financial effectiveness.

Benefits

Qualitative Benefits

- More appropriate level of service to users by addressing misalignments, in terms of both capacity and customer expectations, including safety, ride quality and maintenance.
- Consistent conditions throughout the road network (i.e., pavement roughness, safety features, lighting, snow and ice maintenance) through jurisdictional transfers to better meet travelers' expectations.
- Expedited improvements to certain roadways due to one-time fund transfer associated with the jurisdictional transfer.
- Greater focus by jurisdictions on the core system to provide service that is more aligned with local needs.

Quantitative Benefits

- Savings in routine maintenance costs due to local efficiencies.
- Savings in life cycle management costs due to local efficiencies.
- An estimated **annual saving of \$4.74 million** could be realized by the taxpayers of the State of Minnesota if all of the misaligned miles identified during the course of the project were aligned/transferred.

Costs

While there is an immediate cost of transfer (either through transfer of funds or constructing the road to a good condition) to the transferring agency, there are equivalent benefits to the recipient agency and therefore there is no net cost to the State of Minnesota.

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