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# Memo

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**SUBJECT:** AADT Draft Review

The MnDOT Traffic Volume Program (TVP) is tasked with estimating Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) at around 8,000 count locations in Minnesota each year. The AADT Draft Review process gives County or City Engineers the opportunity to comment and provide additional information regarding new development, closures, construction (long-term), or other changes in the roadway network. This insight helps to better inform AADT estimation decisions. For documentation regarding the Traffic Volume Program's standardized methodology for collecting, analyzing, and reporting AADT as well as complete details regarding the Draft Review Process please visit the TVP informational website: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/traffic/data/coll-methods.html>.

The goal of the AADT Draft Review process is to obtain additional information that will help determine estimates that are representative of "typical" traffic conditions for the count year. If after the Draft Review process there are still concerns regarding how a specific AADT or group of AADT segments will affect the County/City State Aid Needs or design standards for construction, you should contact your DSAE.

State Aid is willing to discuss your concerns regarding needs or design standards as it relates to traffic. Discussion regarding these items should be directed to the Office of State Aid for Local Transportation through the DSAE. As a reminder remember that needs determination is independent of selection of proper design standards. The screening board allows some adjustment to the traffic projection factor of certain segments. Also we do recommend special traffic counts and traffic studies be a part of design analysis, not the AADT value for any one year.

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