

MnDOT Planning Documents Summary

Minn. Stat. § 174.03

HOUSE RESEARCH

The following reference tables summarize key planning documents developed and maintained by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) following state and federal requirements. The planning documents can be viewed as key work products that result from the department's process of (1) identifying a strategic direction and priorities for the state's transportation system, and (2) committing funding for specific transportation construction projects.

Major Planning Documents

Description	Revisions
<p>State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Contains a four-year comprehensive statewide list of state transportation construction projects▶ Includes all trunk highway projects▶ Includes local roads and bridges and transit projects receiving federal funds (from FHWA or FTA)▶ Excludes operations and maintenance, as well as local projects that are not federally funded▶ Identifies MnDOT funding commitments (i.e., "programmed" projects)▶ Identifies estimated outlays by project for each year▶ Compiles projects identified in each MnDOT District through a decentralized project selection and funding process undertaken by MnDOT Districts and various stakeholders▶ Metropolitan portion is known as the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)	<p>Current: 2011 – 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Updated annually▶ Usually available in October▶ Amended as needed
<p>Highway Investment Plan (HIP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Contains a ten-year plan for trunk highway projects▶ Covers two planning periods: (1) first four years is the STIP; and (2) last six years estimates trunk highway funding allocations in general categories (e.g., pavement, bridges, metro congestion, safety), with some specific major projects and some preliminary cost estimates▶ Only identifies funded projects▶ Only uses projected available funds (i.e., it is "fiscally constrained")▶ Does not identify trunk highway system needs	<p>Current: 2010 – 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▶ Updated annually▶ Usually available in December

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<p>District / Statewide 20-year Highway Investment Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Compiles a 20-year long-range highway plan from plans created by each MnDOT District based on statewide performance targets ▶ Identifies trunk highway system needs based on performance targets ▶ Identifies basic funding priorities and sets investment goals ▶ Covers three planning periods: (1) first four years is the STIP; (2) next six years is the HIP; and (3) last ten years estimates funding allocations in general categories (e.g., pavement, bridges, metro congestion, safety) ▶ Identifies projected available funds (i.e., it is “fiscally constrained”), as well as funds needed to fully meet performance targets ▶ Result of decentralized planning by MnDOT, local government, and various stakeholders ▶ Metropolitan Council companion plan is known as the Transportation System Plan (TSP) 	<p>Current: 2009 – 2028</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Updated along with Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan ▶ Previously updated in 2004 <p>Minn. Stat. § 174.03, subd. 5</p>
<p>Statewide Multimodal Transportation Policy Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Contains a 20-year long-range multimodal transportation plan ▶ Sets performance targets, major policy goals, and trunk highway system priorities to guide MnDOT District plans ▶ For coordination and integration across modes and jurisdictions ▶ Does not include specific projects ▶ Will incorporate upcoming modal plans as they are completed ▶ Result of planning by MnDOT and various stakeholders ▶ Metropolitan Council companion plan is known as the Transportation System Plan (TSP) 	<p>Current: 2009 – 2028</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Must be updated at least every 4 years ▶ Next update in 2013 ▶ Previously updated in 2003 <p>Minn. Stat. § 174.03, subd. 1a Laws 2010, ch. 350, § 6</p>
<p>Strategic Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Establishes overall MnDOT’s vision, mission, and strategic direction ▶ Does not include specific projects 	<p>Current: 2003</p>
<p>Modal and Specialty Plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Greater Minnesota Transit Plan: 20-year plan for transit service outside the Twin Cities metropolitan area, including analysis of policies and strategies, needs, meeting challenges, and funding ▶ Statewide Freight and Passenger Rail Plan: plan for rail service, including analysis of vision, roles, rail corridors, and performance targets ▶ Minnesota Aviation System Plan: identifies aeronautics system needs, policies, and performance measures ▶ MnDOT Bicycle Modal Plan: policies, performance measures, and priorities for bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Transit plan: 2010 – 2030 ▶ Rail Plan: 2010 ▶ Aviation plan: last updated in 2006 ▶ Bicycle plan: last updated in 2005, for 2005 – 2030

Highway Planning & Programming Timeline

Document / Timeline	Summary
<p>STIP 4 years</p>	<p><i>Lists all scheduled & committed projects with state or federal funds</i></p>
<p>Highway Investment Plan (HIP) 10 years (STIP + 6 years)</p>	<p><i>Identifies STIP & funding allocations by category, with some major projects</i></p>
<p>District / Statewide Long-Range Highway Investment Plans 20 years (HIP + 10 years)</p>	<p><i>Identifies HIP, funding allocations by category, & needs</i></p>
<p>Statewide Transportation Policy Plan 20 years</p>	<p><i>Sets policies & performance targets to meet strategic plan</i></p>
<p>Strategic Plan</p>	<p><i>Sets mission, vision, & strategic direction for transportation system</i></p>

Sources: Minnesota Department of Transportation; Minnesota Office of the Legislative Auditor