

# Highway 169 Mobility Study

1. *Twin Cities, Highway 41 to Highway 55*
2. *Mankato to Twin Cities*



## Background

Regional transportation plans identified Highway 169 between Highway 41 and Highway 55 as an ideal corridor for transit and mobility improvements. Moreover, statewide plans and community leaders have noted the importance of the Highway 169 Corridor between Mankato and the Twin Cities as a critical link for educational institutions, businesses, and interregional freight and passenger transportation. The Minnesota Department of Transportation, Scott County, the Metropolitan Council, the cities of Prior Lake and Shakopee are spearheading the Highway 169 Transitway Study to identify specific opportunities for transportation improvements along the corridor.

## Study Purpose and Scope

The results of the study will be used to determine whether to advance specific transitway and highway projects into the environmental/pre-design process, add specific improvements to projects that are already programmed, or get improvements on the shelf should additional funding become available in the future. The study will also evaluate the feasibility of intercity bus service on Highway 169.

**Task 1** (18-24 months) is to better understand travel patterns on Highway 169 between Highway 41 and Highway 55. The study will:

- Review commuting patterns;
- Consider transportation needs of large employers and entertainment facilities in the corridor;
- Develop and evaluate highway bus rapid transit (BRT) and MnPASS Express Lane improvements identified in the recent [Highway Transitway Corridor Study](#), [MnPASS 2](#) and [Metropolitan Highway System Investment](#) studies;
- Identify and evaluate other potential improvements to improve travel conditions within the corridor.

**Task 2** (7 months) will analyze bus connections and study the potential for expanded Intercity Bus Service along the Highway 169 corridor between Mankato and the Twin Cities. This task will focus on identifying potential Highway 169 intercity service travel markets, needs, and opportunities. Service options, along with short and long term recommendations, will be developed. Both tasks will actively engage stakeholders and the public throughout the process.

## For more information

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