

Public Involvement Process

RETHINKING I-94

Why this project?

I-94 is congested. The road and bridges need updating. Spot fixes will not be enough after a while.

Rethinking I-94 will reflect the communities along the corridor.

Rethinking I-94 Phase 1

In 2016-2018, MnDOT researched the road conditions, and gathered ideas and feedback from the neighbors and communities along I-94.

This led to MnDOT's Guiding Commitments for Project Teams and Livability Framework for Communities.

How do we define and analyze the problem?

Public input helps guide the next phase of Rethinking I-94 through a formal environmental process. This process ensures the public and decision-makers are aware of project impacts. Steps in the process include:

- Developing a purpose and need for projects along I-94
- Establishing criteria to evaluate potential projects
- Developing a range of project alternatives for public consideration

MnDOT started community outreach and involvement in late 2019.

Keeping the public involved and engaged

During each tier, the community is presented information on identified project impacts and strategies to manage impacts to the community. The community is asked if there are other impacts to consider and if the strategies address concerns.

How are the alternatives developed?

We continue to develop options or the alternatives in a two-tier environmental process. A tiered process is used to manage complex projects built in segments.

Tier 1 is the corridor-wide analysis and is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2023. Tier 2 is segment-specific analysis as funding for individual projects is identified. This tier will repeat as additional funding and projects are identified until the corridor is complete.

How is this final project concept determined?

The final concept is determined at the completion of Tier 1, anticipated by the end of 2023.

Site-specific projects will be determined in the Tier 2 process.

MnDOT's commitment

As future projects are developed along I-94, MnDOT will continue to solicit public input and work with communities in their development.

Stay informed

Public involvement and input is critical throughout the entire I-94 project development process. MnDOT is committed to working with communities and keeping them involved throughout this process.