

# **APPENDIX B**

**Comments from Scoping  
Hearing on April 23, 2003**

## Colburn, Elizabeth

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**From:** Tamara.E.Cameron@mvp02.usace.army.mil  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2003 10:37 AM  
**To:** mark.scheidel@dot.state.mn.us  
**Cc:** cheryl.martin@fhwa.dot.gov; EColburn@HRGreen.com; Patricia.C.Wright@mvp02.usace.army.mil  
**Subject:** TH 14 West Scoping document

Dear Mr. Scheidel,

I have reviewed the TH 14 West, North Mankato to New Ulm, Scoping document. It is very well written and organized, making it easy to review. The alternatives development process appeared very thorough and well thought out. As noted in the document, there is a substantial amount of wetlands in the project area, so I remain very interested in the project. I have no substantive comments on the scoping document, and I look forward to receiving more detailed analysis of the alternatives to be carried forward into the DEIS.

Sincerely,  
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION V

77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604

Date MAY 06 2003

Mark Scheidel, Project Manager  
Mn/DOT - District 7, Mankato Office  
501 South Victory Drive  
Mankato, MN 56002-4039

Re: Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document for TH 14 West Interregional  
Corridor, North Mankato to New Ulm, MN (dated March 2003).

Dear Mr. Scheidel:

The Environmental Planning and Evaluation Branch has received the document listed above. Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Council on Environmental Quality regulations, and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act; U.S. EPA reviews and comments on major federal actions. Typically, these reviews focus on Environmental Impact Statements, but we also have the discretion to review and comment on other environmental documents prepared under NEPA if interest and resources permit.

We did not undertake a detailed review of the document you sent to this office, and will not be generating comments because of the reason selected below.

☐ The document was not prepared under NEPA.

☒ The document was given a cursory review, but other workload priorities precluded us from detailed review and comment.

☐ The document was given a cursory review, and we determined that there were no significant concerns meriting comment.

☒ We opted to wait for the next level of documentation on this project before deciding whether or not to comment.

We reserve the right to reconsider undertaking a review at future planning stages, or if significant new data on the project is made available by the sponsoring agency or other interested parties. Thank you for providing information on the project.

Sincerely,

Kenneth A. Westlake, Chief  
Environmental Planning and Evaluation Branch



## Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

April 25, 2003

Mr. Mark Scheidel, Project Manager  
Minnesota Department of Transportation  
District 7, Mankato Office  
501 South Victory Drive  
Mankato, MN 56002-4039

RE: Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document and Notice of Scoping Meeting –  
Trunk Highway (TH) 14 West, North Mankato to New Ulm

Dear Mr. Scheidel:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document for the TH 14 West from North Mankato to New Ulm Project (Project). The proposed action is the reconstruction of approximately 22 miles of TH 14 from County Road 6 near North Mankato to State Highway 15 just east of New Ulm in Nicollet County, Minnesota. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff has reviewed the document for this Project and offers the following comments for your consideration.

**Item 16 – Erosion and sedimentation and Item 17 – Water quality: surface-water runoff**

These two items refer to temporary erosion and sedimentation control measures. The areas concerning MPCA Storm Water Program staff appear to be well addressed. The MPCA staff would like to highlight that under the new National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction Storm Water Permit, the regulated party is required to submit plans for approval on projects which disturb more than 50 acres and drain to an impaired water or wetland, to an Outstanding Resource Value Water or to a special water of the State. The Minnesota River is considered to be impaired, so a plan review will be required. This review will be completed by MPCA Storm Water Program staff within 30 days of receipt of the permit application.

If you have other questions concerning our review of this Scoping Document/Draft Scoping Decision Document, please contact me at (651) 297-1796.

Sincerely,

Dana A. Vanderbosch  
Project Manager  
Operations and Environmental Review Section  
Regional Environmental Management Division

DAV:gs

cc: Gregg Downing, Environmental Quality Board  
Todd Smith, MPCA, Regional Environmental Management Division, Metro Region



# Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

April 30, 2003

Mr. James W. Swanson, P.E.  
Transportation District Engineer  
Mn/DOT District 7, Mankato Office  
501 South Victory Drive  
P.O. Box 4039  
Mankato, MN 56002-4039

Dear Mr. Swanson:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has received copies of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) prepared for the TH 14 West, North Mankato to New Ulm, prepared by the Mn/DOT District 7, Mankato Office, Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU). Due to limited resources available to the MPCA, we have not reviewed the EAW for this project. Therefore, the MPCA has no specific comments to provide the RGU regarding the accuracy and completeness of the material contained in the EAW, the potential impacts that may warrant future investigation before the project is commenced, and/or the need for an Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed project.

This decision by the MPCA not to review the EAW does not constitute waiver by the MPCA of any pending permits required by the MPCA. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the project proposer to secure any required permits and to comply with any requisite permit conditions.

We remind the RGU that, pursuant to Minn. R. 4410.1700, subp. 5 (Environmental Quality Board Rules), a copy of the RGU's decision on this EAW needs to be sent to the MPCA.

Sincerely,

Lynne Kolze  
Project Manager  
Operations and Environmental Review Section  
Regional Environmental Management Division

LK:mln

cc: ~~Mark Scheidel, Mn/DOT District 7, Mankato Office~~

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Regarding the Mankato-area-end of this Corridor, the maps appear to include Nicollet County SA Hwy. 6. The Nicollet County Board of Commissioners at its meeting on April 8 adopted a Resolution that affects options currently being considered by Mn/DOT to disconnect CSAH6 from crossing T.H. 14. The Board is opposed to closing the CSAH6 crossing. With the CSAH 17/Co.Rd 77 and CSAH 25 crossings of T.H. 14 being in close proximity to CSAH6, suggesting the CSAH6 issue become part of this EIS for this project.

Name: M. Wagner Address: Box 518, St. Peter

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*The #1 choice is truly the best. There may be slight changes as the design work moves forward. The interests of the vast majority have been addressed.*

Name: JOEL T. ALBRECHT Address: 315 No. Highland, New Ulm

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Comments on  
Bypass one. Keep the Bypass so  
it means the road follows landowners  
and that it doesn't split the field.  
up so follow the land ownerships  
option II is not a very good option  
at all it splits up much of farm land  
up. and looks to costly  
I also say to put option of North  
of Nicollet back into a option  
people are going to build houses south  
of Nicollet just as they will build North  
Land values are just as important  
south of Nicollet vs North  
my land south will be in the future  
valued like the North  
Name: Dave Wilby Address: 46034 478<sup>th</sup> Nicollet

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Please give us your comments on the scope of the 14 West Interregional Corridor: North Mankato to New Ulm Project:

Be Sure and make an over Pass on 23 by Nicollet  
Interchanging

James Wilking  
Please Do not take No 2

Name: James Wilking Address: 45197 US Highway 14

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Please give us your comments on the scope of the 14 West Interregional Corridor: North Mankato to New Ulm Project:

I live on the west side of Nicollet.  
One of your routes cuts a big field  
in half on the south side of my  
farm yard. This leaves a long  
pie shaped field on the south side  
of your route. This would be very hard  
to farm and get to. Could you not  
follow east & west field lines  
so the end of a field has the road?

232-3528

Name: John Blume Address: Nicollet

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Please give us your comments on the scope of the 14 West Interregional Corridor: North Mankato to New Ulm Project:

On the Nicollet Southern Bypass, we prefer the NO #1 Bypass because it is much shorter. It would also be much closer to the town of Nicollet. It also appears to be a straight shot with no curves. When you do these bypasses, try to stay on property lines as much as possible. When you do the four lane highways keep the median as narrow as possible in order not to take up so much agricultural land.

Name: Virgil & Evelyn Bode Address: 45223 478<sup>th</sup> ST. Nicollet Mn.

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Please give us your comments on the scope of the 14 West Interregional Corridor: North Mankato to New Ulm Project:

I strongly reject the so. Bypass #2 for simply taking too much of prime farm land away. Also because my whole farm will be cutted up by taking approximately 500' from my farm site. Also so Bypass #1 is more feasible for our community of Newtels. The economic impact of proposal #2 would have devastating results for Newtels being to far away from city. I believe we need to consider the community needs, & the impact vs farmers will suffer if #2. Bypass would be considered.

Let's think common sense & what is best for the community, in these times of economic stress.

Let's remember if ~~some~~ so much prime farm is taking away this is our livelihood & our whole community will suffer from it. Please take these concerns into consideration, not only for me but for all area residents.

Name: Jerold V. Bask Address: 47481 471st Ave, Newtels, MN

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I like the Nicollet southern Bypass #1.  
It keeps the Hwy. closer to the  
city of Nicollet, which would be beneficial  
to the city in years to come. If  
it is so important to have a  
four lane from New Ulm to Mankato, I  
think it would be good to consider  
helping out Nicollet's growth in the  
future. If the four lane is too far  
off from a small town, the town  
would suffer in the future.

Name: David Bode Address: 44316 490th St. No. Mankato  
56003

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**From:** Lawrence Filter  
**To:** Scheidel, Mark  
**Date:** 4/25/03 2:56PM  
**Subject:** S.P.8809-269 (T.H.14) Scoping Study New Ulm to North Mankato

MAY 12 2003

I took a call from a lady (unfortunately, I didn't get her name) who was unable to attend the Scoping Public Hearing. She currently lives in Nicollet right next to the highway. They are buying 8 acres on the north side of present T.H.14 at the intersection with CSAH 17. This is opposite the County's shed south of T.H.14. They are planning to build a house on this property. She wondered about any plans for this area.

I told her there is nothing shown on any map at this point. The new 2-lanes would be built next to the existing 2-lanes. If the new road is north of T.H.14, it may well impact their new house and/or driveway. I told her that there would probably be 150 feet or so of new R/W needed. I told her of the R/W acquisition process, of the likelihood that preparation of an EIS will soon begin and that may be followed by an Official Mapping by Nicollet County to preserve the R/W. Of course, they would be there well in advance of that. I told her there is nothing that Mn/DOT will have to say about her situation so long as she complies with County zoning requirements. When I said that it would seem that the new lanes would be built on the north of the present roadway (at least they are just to the east), she asked if we would move it to the other side to avoid houses, since there is just the shed and parking area to the south. I said that's a possibility. When we discussed the timing of construction, I told her that it's not in Mn/DOT's current 10-Year Plan, but that could change, which she acknowledged. She seemed to feel that if they get 10 years out of their new house, that would be enough.

**CC:** Abbe, Giles; Bigham, Lisa; Harff, Peter; Jenkins, Peter; Ous, Greg

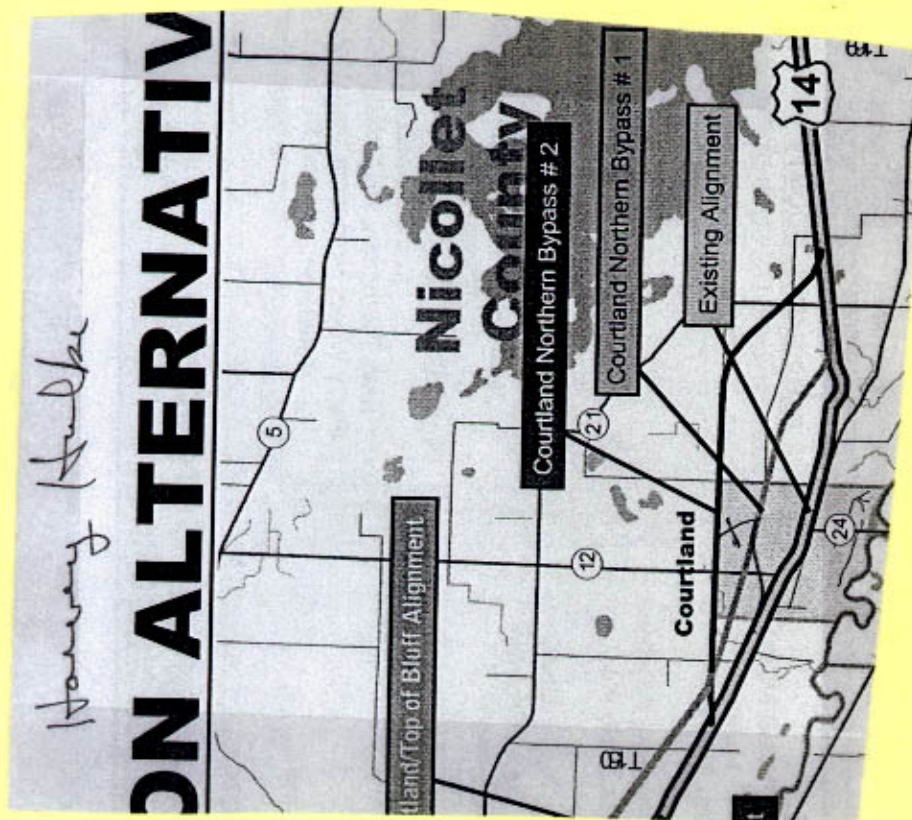
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Please give us your comments on the scope of the 14 West Interregional Corridor: North Mankato to New Ulm Project:

Courtland Bypass No. 1      Harvey Hulke  
Bypass No. 1 Marked by X



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please give us your comments on the scope of the 14 West Interregional Corridor: North Mankato to New Ulm Project:

- 1) Concerned about farmers crossing the 4-lanes to get to Courtland fields for farming & Grain Elevator
- 2) why doesn't the 4-lane come back down by County Road #12 by S.S. Motors instead of cutting up so many fields for agriculture
- 3) Concerned about where the new road will come thru on the bluffs in Courtland - try to keep road by property lines if possible instead of cutting thru fields in the middle so they don't have little pieces on each side of freeway. Take more of the sloping hill & ravines than the good flat farm land.
- 4) Would like to be involved in where road is going when you get to that point in the future.  
Harley & Sylvia Hulke

Name: Joan Perry Hulke Address: 52108 440th Lane Courtland

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Please give us your comments on the scope of the 14 West Interregional Corridor: North Mankato to New Ulm Project:

Keep bypass south of  
Cemetery west of Courtland

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please give us your comments on the scope of the 14 West Interregional Corridor: North Mankato to New Ulm Project:

on the north side of the road  
plant trees + shrubs to form a  
living snow fence

Name: John Loepte Address: 44168 5741st Ave <sup>5602</sup> <sup>5602</sup>

Thank you for participating. Please leave your comment sheet in the box tonight -or- Mail to:

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**Please give us your comments on the scope of the 14 West Interregional Corridor: North Mankato to New Ulm Project:**

My name is Dean Runch. I live on a hobby farm (w/ a beautiful pond) next to where one of the corridors are proposed to go. I am very concerned about the proposed location of the new hwy 14. I bought our farm site 2 years ago w/ intentions of peace, quiet + beautiful scenery. This hwy would interfere w/ all three. Wildlife is abundant here w/ ducks, geese, pheasants + deer often seen. Deer for instance, like to travel next to the pond + into Mark Kohn's grove. This is where the hwy would cross. I'm also concerned w/ noise + accessibility to Courtland + New Ulm. Our normal route down to 14 to either Courtland or New Ulm would be severely deterred. Our road would basically become a dead-end. I attended the meeting in 2002 + was assured that the hwy was going around Courtland, then immediately hooking back up to hwy 14. Can't the area between the cemetery (by Mark Kohn) + Tim Kohn's home be expanded (bridged) enough to get a 4 lane through? This would alleviate a lot of headaches + heartaches. They also told me not to worry as they didn't want to affect those not used to a highway being so close by. I also love to hunt in + around my pond + the surrounding area. (Including Stanley Schugel's land). The fields between us are great for hunting geese. Stanley has beautiful pasture land + wooded hills that hold lots of deer. The Schugels + I are also concerned w/ future generations here. There would be no more hayrides or beautiful overlooks. Between the pond, the rolling hills, beautiful pastures, secluded woods + abundant wildlife, it would be a shame to lose these wonderful resources. If you'd like to come out + see my property or the Schugel's property for yourself, you're more than welcome. Please consider my concerns. Thank you for this opportunity to express myself. Sincerely, Dean Runch

Name: Dean W. Runch Address: 45928 551<sup>st</sup> Ave Courtland Mn 56021

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ATTN Mark Scheidel

May 2, 03

Dear Mr. Scheidel,

(Comments cont.)

I just wanted to express other concerns re: Hwy 14 corridor. We recently refinanced (Mar. 03) + took out extra \$ for home improvements + to do landscaping to ~~improve~~ better our home + increase our property value. I'm concerned w/ decreased property value w/ a Hwy nearby + all aspects of it.

Many people I've contacted said the logical place to go is around Courtland then back to the old 14 by S + S motors (then they wouldn't be affected either). People along here are already used to a Hwy going thru. This makes sense - instead of eating up beautiful rolling hills + virgin habitat (cost effective too).

I was wondering what happened w/ the city rd 21 proposal also?

~~I heard one of the council members say she took it off to her living~~  
~~ready?~~

Again, please consider my concerns.

Thanks again.

Dean Runch

45928 551<sup>st</sup> Ave.

Courtland, Mn. 56021

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4/23/03

I very much approve  
of the Corridor Management  
Plan and the proposed  
Alternative by-pass. I am  
very much disappointed  
with the estimated time  
table for the actual  
construction of the 2.2 mile  
Corridor. It is imperative that  
the project be completed as soon as  
possible.

Name:

B. Mueller

Address:

New Ulm, MN.

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The intersection of 14 + 15 is scary to say the least. Passing between New Ulm & Nicollet is difficult on the best days. Traffic is often too heavy to pass in the few areas allowed. Improving the road to a 4 lane will have a positive impact on the economy of the area. As an economic developer in New Ulm I get first hand knowledge of how often industries looking to do an expansion or relocation require a 4 lane location as a filter for sites under consideration. Said another way, sites without a 4 lane access are excluded early in the site location process. For those industries already here, a 4 lane would/could provide an increased incentive to grow in their current locations, e.g. South central MN.

Name: Brian Tohal Address: 15 Woodland Drive New Ulm MN  
56073

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We are pleased the project is finally starting to move forward. It is imperative for Hy 14 to by-pass Courtland + Nicollet. We look to you to find the safest and most cost effective way to accomplish this. At the west end of the corridor we feel every effort must be made ~~at~~ to stay within or adjacent to the existing road. The ridge north of Nell. will cause problems for <sup>D</sup>trucks 2) land acquisition and 3) waste the current right of way.

Sharon Seelbsta

Name: Dick Seelbsta Address: 1602 S. Washington St.  
N. U.

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Mark,

I have 2 comments:

1. Since the New Ulm to Mankato corridor has been discussed for several years as the route for a bike trail, consideration should be given to incorporating the trail with at least portions of the TH 14 improvements. New Ulm is currently developing a trail near CSAW 37 which could tie in with a TH 14 trail.
2. It seems a bit short-sighted to be using projected 2015 traffic volumes for the study of TH 14 if it will not be built for 10 to 20 years. If we assume construction in 15 years + 20 years for design, perhaps 2040 traffic would be more appropriate. With these higher traffic projections, I am wondering if the 4 lane road with grade intersections will still be appropriate, or if grade-separated intersections then become necessary. Let's build it right the first time!

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I attended the scoping hearing on April 23, 2003 in Courtland MN on the 14 West IRCorridor.

As I consider the project, it makes absolutely no sense to stop the project at the junction of TH 14 and TH 15. Many of the options listed on the wall at the hearing create the Th14 road as the throughway and has TH 15 changing to be the intersecting roadway. It would make absolutely no sense to create a beautiful and safe four lane from Mankato to this intersection and then transition back to two lane for the Minnesota River Bridge and then transition back to the beautiful four lane into New Ulm. The bridge needs to be replaced as part of this project as well.

I have enclosed an article attesting to the danger of this very narrow bridge as published in the New Ulm Journal yesterday. A disc was being pulled into town and got caught in the bridge backing up the traffic for a short time. Our trunk highways need to have better safety on the bridges than this. Any wide load literally has to stop traffic and cannot pass on this bridge. This safety aspect needs addressing as well.

Sincerely,

Julie K Anderson  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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ramer attended Mankato  
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e Kramers lived in Iowa  
Iowa, from 1974 to 1991,  
Steve taught art at Ellsworth



Staff photo by Dan Iverson

## Stuck in the guard rail

A disk, a farm implement used to work up the soil, became stuck in the guard rail just beyond the bridge on Seventh North Street in New Ulm on Tuesday afternoon about four o'clock. The disk was being transported by a pickup when the accident occurred. The incident backed up traffic for a short time.

## St. Paul likely home to Ventura's talk show

ST. PAUL (AP) — Former Gov. Jesse Ventura's upcoming MSNBC talk show will likely be produced at Twin Cities Public Television in downtown St. Paul.

No contract has been signed, but James Pagliarini, TPT president and CEO, told the Star Tribune of Minneapolis on Monday night that he was "reasonably certain" that the one-hour show to be broadcast five nights a week "would be produced in our facility."

"For us, this would be a contract job," he said. "We've had to lay off folks, and this would put some employees who are extremely talented back to work."

## Golf course at Fort Ridgely to be open for entire '03 season

FORT RIDGELY — Construction on Fort Ridgely's new greens has been delayed until spring 2004. The course is now open and will be so for the entire season. The campgrounds will open on May 23 and will remain open for the entire year. The campgrounds will not close after Labor Day. For more information, call (507) 426-7840.

## Kentucky Fried Chicken.

### Wednesday Special

2 Piece Dinner, Potatoes/Gravy  
Cole Slaw and Buttermilk Biscuit

Leg & Thigh

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*Julie Anderson*



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Corridor:

- Routing needs to be selected that will allow for a 4-lane divided expressway with access control (ie access at interchanges and at-grade public intersections only). No 2-lane routings, no 4-lane urban routings, no private access.
- Design 14/15/21 to allow at least 60 MPH ~~design~~ design speed.

Interchanges:

- Potential interchanges should be evaluated at the following locations:
  - TH 14/TH 15/CSAH 21
  - CSAH 37
  - Courtland (CSAH 12?)
  - Nicollet (CSAH 23 and/or Existing TH 14?)
  - CSAH 6
- IF interchanges not needed at time of project, preserve enough R.O.W. to allow for future interchanges, or as much as possible.

(can't on back)

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From Minneapolis, MN

## Construction:

- Stage construction as funding/partial funding allows:
  - Segment-by-segment.
  - 2-lane construction on 4-lane ROW
  - Grade 4-lanes, then pave later when funding allows.

## Endpoints:

- Include CSA# 6<sup>1</sup> intersection and TH 14/TH 15 river crossing into in the project/planning process.

## Project documents:

- Would like to see project documents and maps be available online on the Internet.

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