



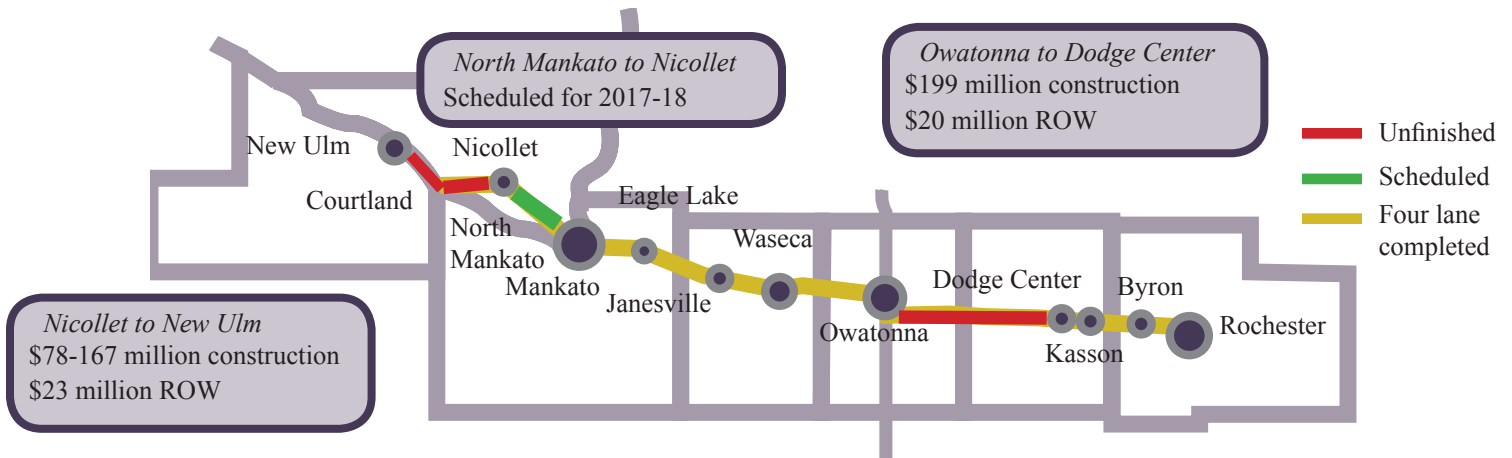
U.S. Hwy 14 Partnership

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FIX IT NOW!

Highway 14: A Regional Priority



A Consistent Four Lane Corridor is Necessary to Serve Our Communities!

U.S. Highway 14 is an interregional corridor that serves the economic hubs of southern Minnesota.

A two-lane rural highway cannot meet the demands of the region's growing population and industries (see reverse for growth projections).

Significant Safety Concerns:

From 2002-2011 (between Rochester and New Ulm)

- 52 fatalities
- 41 serious injury crashes
- Fatality rate above statewide average (1.8 v. 1.3)
- 8 fatalities and 4 serious injuries in 2012 (unofficial)

2012 MnDOT Safety Audit (North Mankato-New Ulm)

- Percentage of severe crashes (4.88%) above statewide two-lane (2.94%) or expressway (2.63%) average
- 70% of crashes are head on or sideswipe, 3 times greater than state two-lane average
- 3 intersections with higher crash rate than critical crash rate
- Heavy commercial vehicle traffic volume almost 1.5 times rural average (12.6% v. 8.9%)

Traffic Growth Projections:

- North Mankato to New Ulm +60-80% by 2025
- Owatonna to Dodge Center +50% by 2034

Inclusion in MnDOT's 20-year Plan

- This plan prioritizes the state's highway investments. If Highway 14 is left off the plan, progress will be stalled, economic opportunity will be lost, safety will be jeopardized, and project costs will increase.

Funding

- The resources needed to complete Highway 14 must be considered when making investments in Minnesota's transportation system.

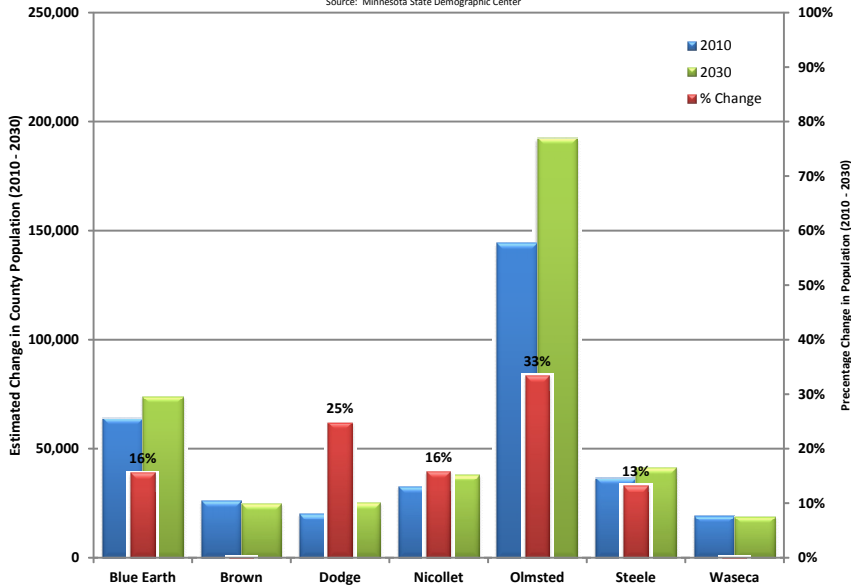
Continuing Progress

- TH 14-15 interchange should be built during the 2018 construction of the adjacent New Ulm Bridge, as recommended by 2012 MnDOT Safety Audit.
- Nicollet bypass should be completed at the time of 2017-18 expansion project.
- Delays and costs of "re-evaluating" the Owatonna-Dodge Center Final EIS should be avoided by making progress on the project in 2013.

Now is the time to plan and invest in the future success of the region by completing Highway 14!

Projected Population in Highway 14 Corridor Counties

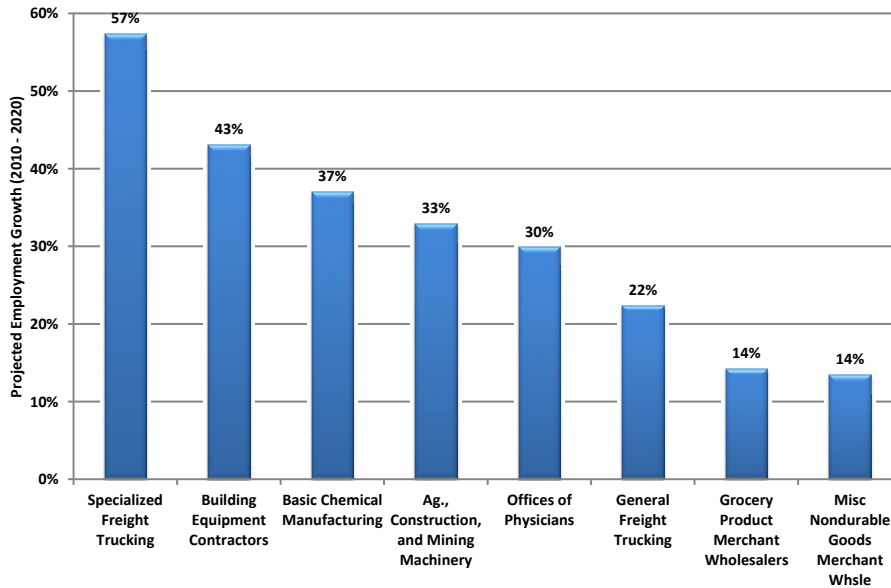
Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center



Highway 14 Corridor Counties' Populations are Growing

Projected Industrial Growth in SW Minnesota

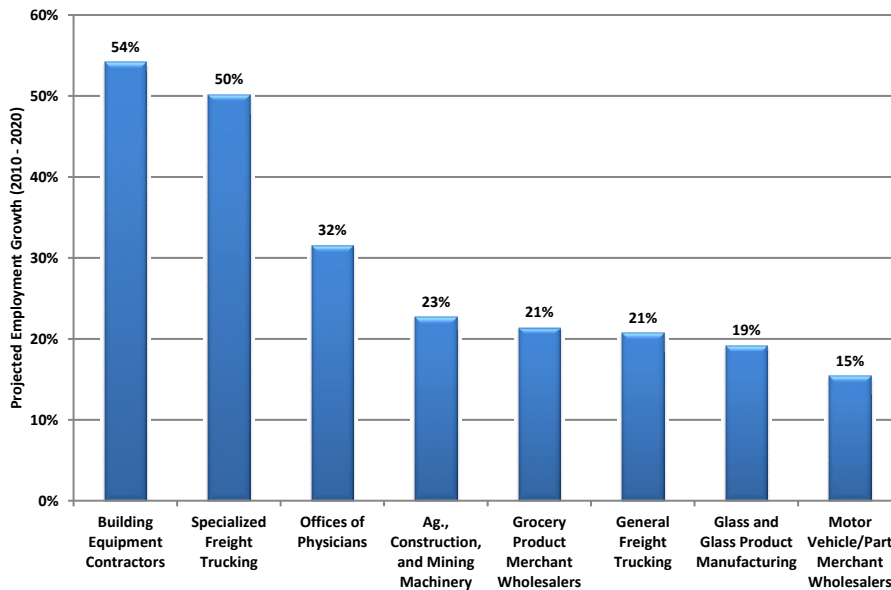
(Blue Earth, Brown, Nicollet, and Waseca Counties)



Industrial Growth Will Increase Demand on Highway 14 (Nicollet- New Ulm)

Projected Industrial Growth in SE Minnesota

(Dodge, Olmstead, Steele Counties)



Industrial Growth Will Increase Demand on Highway 14 (Owatonna-Dodge Center)