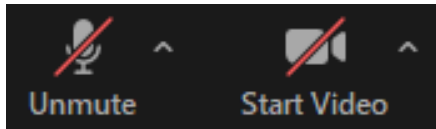
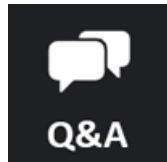


# Rethinking I-94 Policy Advisory Committee



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# Rethinking I-94 PAC Meeting

September 26, 2022

# Welcome

## Welcome and Agenda

## Policy Advisory Committee Members

MnDOT Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger	Representative Mohamud Noor
Senator Bobby Joe Champion	Wendall Meyer, Federal Highway Administration
Senator D. Scott Dibble	Metropolitan Council Chair Charlie Zelle
Senator Kari Dziedzic	Metropolitan Council Member Kris Fredson
Senator Omar Fateh	Hennepin County Commissioner Kevin Anderson
Senator Erin Murphy	Hennepin County Commissioner Angela Conley
Senator Sandra Pappas	Ramsey County Commissioner Toni Carter (Alternate Commissioner Jim McDonough)
Representative Esther Agbaje	Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey (Alternate Abdi Salah)
Representative Hodan Hassan	Minneapolis Council Member Jamal Osman
Representative Koahly Her	Minneapolis Council Member Robin Wonsley
Representative Frank Hornstein	St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter
Representative Carlos Mariani	St. Paul Council Member Russell Belenger
Representative Rena Moran	St. Paul Council Member Mitra Jalali

# PAC Members

# Agenda Overview

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Schedule
3. Rethinking I-94 document updates
4. Alternatives development process
5. Upcoming transit engagement
6. Partner update
7. Next steps
8. Open public comment
9. Thank you and closing remarks

# Opening Remarks

## Opening Remarks

Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger and  
Metro District Engineer Michael Barnes

# PAC Role

- Guide policy and funding decisions pertaining to Rethinking I-94
- Review recommendations from the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and provide input on public engagement materials
- Provide help in identifying important community issues
- Provide help in communicating with neighboring constituents on project decision points and encourage public participation
- Provide input as requested by MnDOT



# Schedule



# Document Updates

## Revised Documents

- Full documents have been provided to partner agencies
- Summary document provided to TAC, PPC and PAC members

# Documents Overview

- Purpose and Need Statement
- Evaluation Criteria
- Statement of Goals

# Purpose and Need Revisions

## Purpose and Need Revisions

- Revised introduction
- Technical updates
- Consistency updates
- Language

There are four transportation needs that have been identified for the corridor:



Walkability/bikeability – experience of people walking, bicycling, and rolling



Safety



Infrastructure condition



Mobility for people in motorized vehicles – cars, freight, and transit

## Revised Needs

# Revised Purpose Statement

Projects within the Rethinking I-94 program will accomplish the following:

- Improve mobility
- Enhance safety
- Address aging infrastructure
- Support transportation objectives consistent with adopted state and regional (Met Council) plans

# Revised Statement of Goals

## Support broader community goals:

- Incorporate Livability:
  - a sense of place,
  - connectivity,
  - economic vitality,
  - equity,
  - safety/security, and
  - public health and the environment.
- A community-based approach will focus on reconnecting neighborhoods, revitalizing communities, and ensuring residents have a meaningful voice in transportation.

# Evaluation Criteria

## Evaluation Criteria

- Based on community feedback, the following items are now included in the scoping evaluation:
  - Needs previously identified as “secondary”
  - Revised and added criteria for Livability goals
  - Revised and added criteria for social, economic and environmental resources

# Document Updates

Comments/Questions/Discussion



# Alternatives Development

- The revised documents will instruct the consideration of alternatives that we'll review, assess, and publish.
- We will work with FHWA, our technical committees, policymakers, and the public on the development of alternatives.
- To avoid risk to funding, it is critical that we maintain a responsible timeline as we move forward.

# Alternatives Development

Potential ideas to be packaged into a range of alternatives:

- Replace with at-grade roadway – current test is a six-lane roadway
- Replace with at-grade roadway with some grade separations (expressway)
- Lower speed freeway
- Eliminate the freeway – no replacement roadway
- Relocate the freeway

# Alternatives Development

Potential ideas to be packaged into a range of alternatives:

- No-build
- Maintain existing infrastructure
- Replace existing infrastructure – as is
- Replace and enhance existing infrastructure – includes performance-based practical design elements
- General purpose lane addition
- Managed lane – conversion and new lane

# Alternatives Development

Potential ideas to be packaged into a range of alternatives:

- Bus shoulder
- Managed lane
- Bus rapid transit (BRT)
- Modifications at interchanges to address safety, infrastructure condition, locations affecting mainline operations and safety

# Alternatives Development

Potential ideas to be packaged into a range of alternatives:

- Modify and/or eliminate exits and entrances
- Modify frontage road connections
- Spot geometric changes
- Technology
- Bike / ped elements – all build scenarios

# Alternative Development Questions

Comments/Questions/Discussion

# Upcoming Transit Engagement

## Upcoming Transit Engagement Activities

- Virtual Open House
  - October 11<sup>th</sup>
- All-Day Open House at Hallie Q. Brown Center
  - October 12<sup>th</sup>
- Solicit further community input on transit ideas
- <https://talk.dot.state.mn.us/rethinking-i94>

# Partner Updates

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# Rethinking I-94

## Next Steps

### Next Steps

- Technical activities
- Engagement activities
- Develop alternatives

# Open Comment Time

## Open Comment

- Requires advanced registration to speak
- Speakers will be called upon and then asked to unmute
- Limited to 2 minutes per speaker
- If you are using telephone audio, press \*6 to mute/unmute
- Tell us something you care about as we go forward
- Comments will receive a reply in the meeting summary
- Reminder: Please state your name, organization or interest in Rethinking I-94

# Open Comment Time

Written comments can be submitted until October 5, 2022, on the project website for inclusion in the meeting summary.

# Closing Comments

Thank You and Closing Comments