

2D. Consideration of renewing membership in the I-94 West Corridor Coalition for 2023 in the amount of \$7,282

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<p>Reviewed by: NA</p>	<p>Approved by: City Administrator</p>	

ACTION REQUESTED

Motion to approve renewing I-94 West Corridor Coalition membership and paying contribution of \$7,282.

PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL ACTION

The City Council has approved annual membership in the coalition since 2013.

REFERENCE AND BACKGROUND

The I-94 West Corridor Coalition is focused on improving I-94 and its support facilities through both short and long-term improvements. With a unified voice, the organization advocates for solutions to address transportation concerns along the I-94 corridor between Maple Grove and St. Cloud.

On the attached map in the supporting documents, the Coalition outlines completed projects, funded incomplete projects, and unfunded future projects. Using the strength of a multi-agency advocacy effort, Monticello and our partners seek to demonstrate increased regional benefit to secure funding and completion for these projects.

The Coalition is currently advocating for several funding sources including Congressionally Directed Spending funding, Corridors of Commerce Funding, and a BUILD grant that MNDOT submitted to FHWA for consideration.

Given our place along this essential corridor and its resulting impact on our community's growth, Monticello's participation in the coalition continues to benefit our long-term growth and development.

- I. **Budget Impact:** Membership dues are based on census population; Monticello's contribution for 2023 is \$7,282. The funds have been budgeted for the year in the Engineering Fund.
- II. **Staff Impact:** In collaboration with the council liaison to the organization, staff will continue to represent the City at I-94 Coalition meetings and events.

- III. Comprehensive Plan Impact:** The Monticello 2040 Vision + Plan specifically cites a policy statement that the city “Continue to play a proactive role in regional planning initiatives and meet regularly with representatives from nearby townships, cities, Wright and Sherburne Counties and the Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership.”

STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION

City staff recommends membership renewal and associated financial contribution to the coalition.

SUPPORTING DATA

- A. Invoice for 2023
- B. I-94 Brochure

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Local businesses, units of government and organizations like yours are the lifeblood of Minnesota's economy, providing jobs and sustaining families in cities, towns and neighborhoods like the ones in which we work and live. The vitality of our local businesses depends greatly on the health of our infrastructure. It is because of this need that the I-94 West Coalition was formed and why we are asking that you renew your membership.

The I-94 West Corridor Coalition is a partnership of businesses and local governments, formed to provide a strong, unified voice for transportation concerns along the I-94 corridor, from the Maple Grove Fish

I-94 AT A GLANCE

A CRITICAL CORRIDOR THAT'S KEY TO MINNESOTA'S VITALITY.

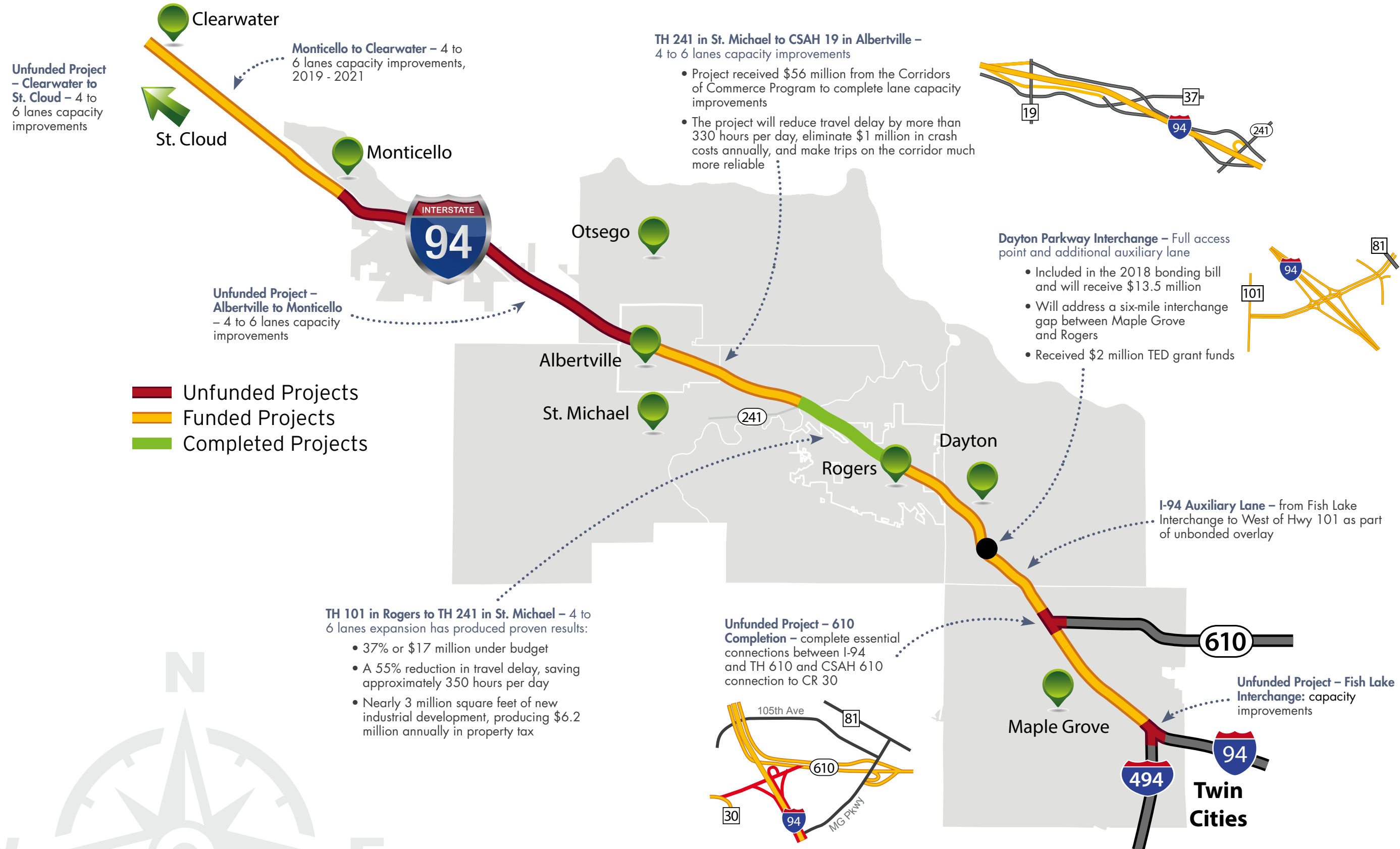
Priority Projects

The coalition continues to advocate for the funding, construction, and completion of various unfunded phases along the corridor. Completing the phases of this project is crucial for enhanced economic development, increased safety, an improved quality of life, and increased freight mobility. These unfunded projects include:

- **610 Completion** – The completion of this project brings to a close the nearly 40-year vision of connecting I-35W to I-94 as a north crosstown. Pairing the 610 completion project with the Brockton Interchange addresses the need for additional capacity on I-94 and provides another access point to the growing areas of northwest Hennepin county and beyond.
- **Fish Lake Interchange** – Capacity improvements
- **Albertville to Monticello** – 4 to 6 lanes capacity improvements
- **Clearwater to St. Cloud** – 4 to 6 lanes capacity improvements

Our Efforts are Driving Progress

- **Rogers to St. Michael – Driving progress since 2014**
Since completion, this capacity expansion project has attracted close to 3 million square feet of new industrial development and an average of \$2.10 in property taxes for every additional square foot, approximately \$6.2 million annually.
- **610 Corridor – Driving progress since 2016**
The 610 Corridor has seen significant tax base increase and job growth numbers for both Maple Grove and Brooklyn Park.
 - The Maple Grove Parkway interchanges at 610 and I-94 have yielded over \$183 million in additional tax base and 2,000 new jobs.
 - Brooklyn Park has experienced over \$255 million in new tax base and the growth of over 5,900 jobs.
 - The corridor is home to significant industrial and office users, many from the med-tech industry.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The capacity expansion projects and additional transportation infrastructure upgrades along the corridor are crucial for attracting needed economic development, resulting in economic growth and local tax benefits.



SAFETY

Crash and severity rates along the corridor are higher than the statewide average, and the segment averages 1.4 accidents per day. Capacity expansion and additional improvements will ensure that our residents, commuters, and transit are safe.



QUALITY OF LIFE

Our efforts are producing results! The completion of lane expansion from Rogers to St. Michael has resulted in a 55% reduction in total travel time. Strategic improvements are necessary to ensure that the enhancements to key regional connections are made possible for those living near or traveling through the I-94 West Corridor.



FREIGHT

I-94 West is a crucial Minnesota transportation corridor, a national freight artery that links the Midwest to the Pacific Northwest ports, and a key route for freight and travel to Chicago and the Eastern Seaboard. These projects are crucial for increasing freight mobility.

