



Corridor Planning Initiative Update

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Corridor Planning

- A strategic and thorough approach to analyzing and designing transportation systems in a specific area.
- Centers statewide transportation goals in developing and advancing the transportation system.

At MnDOT...

- Adding 8 corridor planning staff (one per district)
- Allocating \$1M annually to support corridor planning work. Requesting increase from legislature.
- Agency goal: all district Major Projects generated from planning process

2022 Statewide Multimodal Transportation Plan



- Transportation Safety
- System Stewardship
- Climate Action
- Critical Connections
- Healthy Equitable Communities
- Open Decision Making

Why Focus on Corridor Planning?

- **Strengthen the link** between the state's transportation goals and MnDOT's statewide plans and project investments.
- Help MnDOT prioritize staff resources in locations with the **greatest opportunity to advance state transportation goals**.
- Help MnDOT and local partners **identify transportation goals and community priorities** in advance of future projects and funding opportunities.
- Create opportunity for **proactive partnership between MnDOT and locals**. Community and partner engagement improves plan outcomes and increases community support for resulting improvements.
- **Streamline project delivery** by identifying transportation goals and community priorities well before project scopes and budgets are set.

From Policy to Construction: MnDOT Project Development Process



Corridor Planning Tools

	Corridor Planning Guidebook	Corridor Planning Prioritization Process
Purpose	•Describe how/when to prepare a corridor plan	•Identify where to prepare a corridor plan
Intended Outcome	•Consistent evaluations •Guide planning process and content •Help implement Prioritization Process	•Elevate state transportation goals in project planning •Establish priorities for planning efforts consistent with state goals
Applicability	•State highways (MnDOT or local partner lead)	•State highways
Final Product	• Corridor Planning Guidebook for use by a range of practitioners statewide •Training materials	• Corridor Planning Prioritization methodology and scoring for prioritizing highway corridors for planning

Guidebook Planning Guidebook

Guidebook: 3 Steps

Discovery

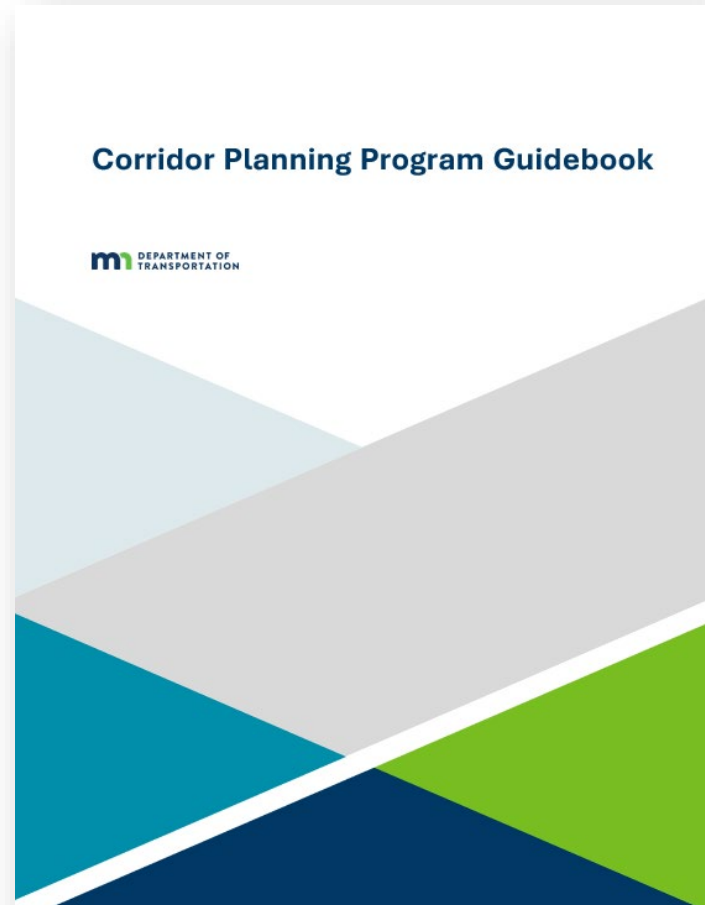
- Review best practices (local and national)
- Align with MnDOT plans and guidance

Development

- Prepare framework and definitions
- Develop topics and guidance

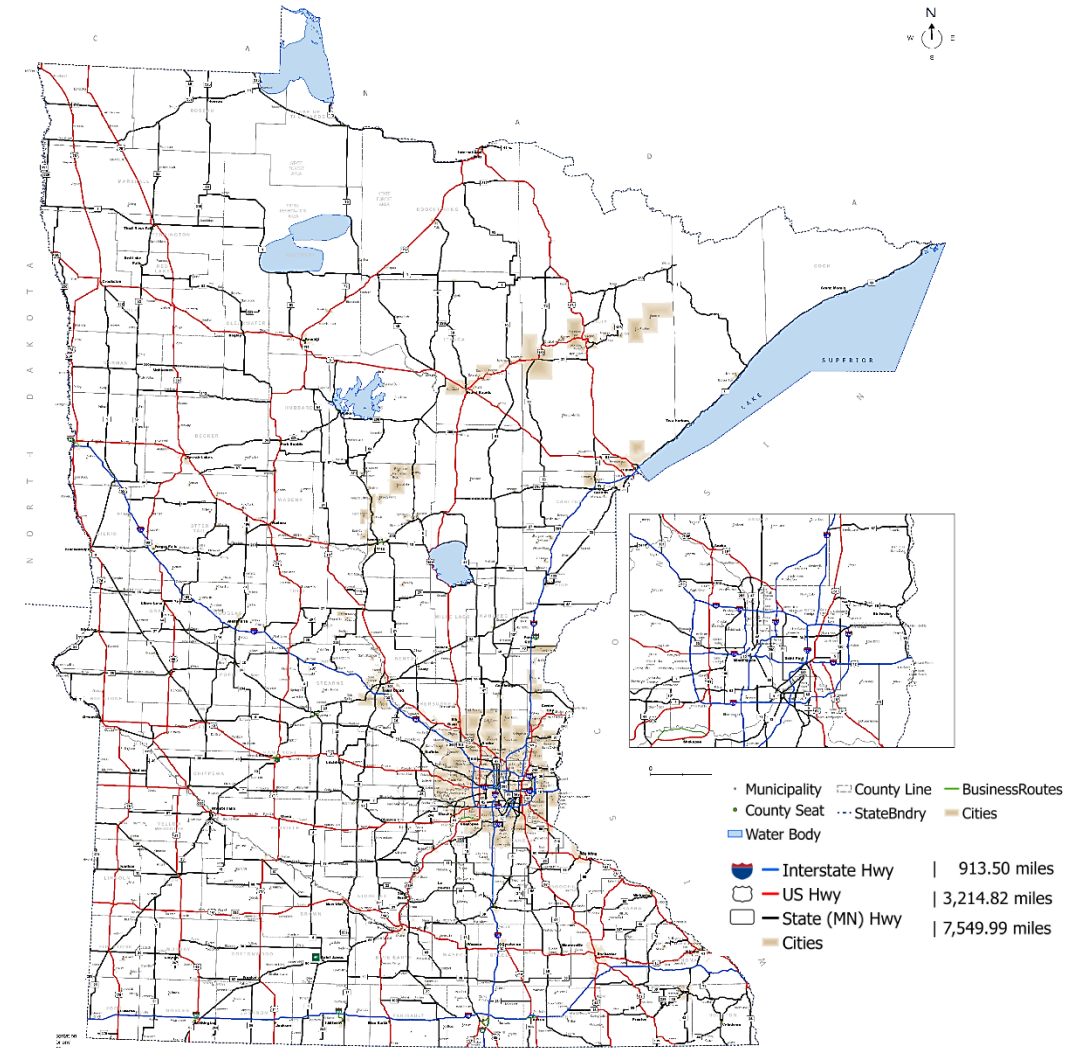
Documentation

- Finalize Guidebook and Resources
- Prepare Training Curriculum



Planning Prioritization

- Corridor eligibility and frequency of selection
- How local funding for a corridor study might affect the process
- How to center equity in the process
- How the statewide process might interact with district-specific prioritization processes for corridor plans



How is MnDOT's approach to corridor planning changing?

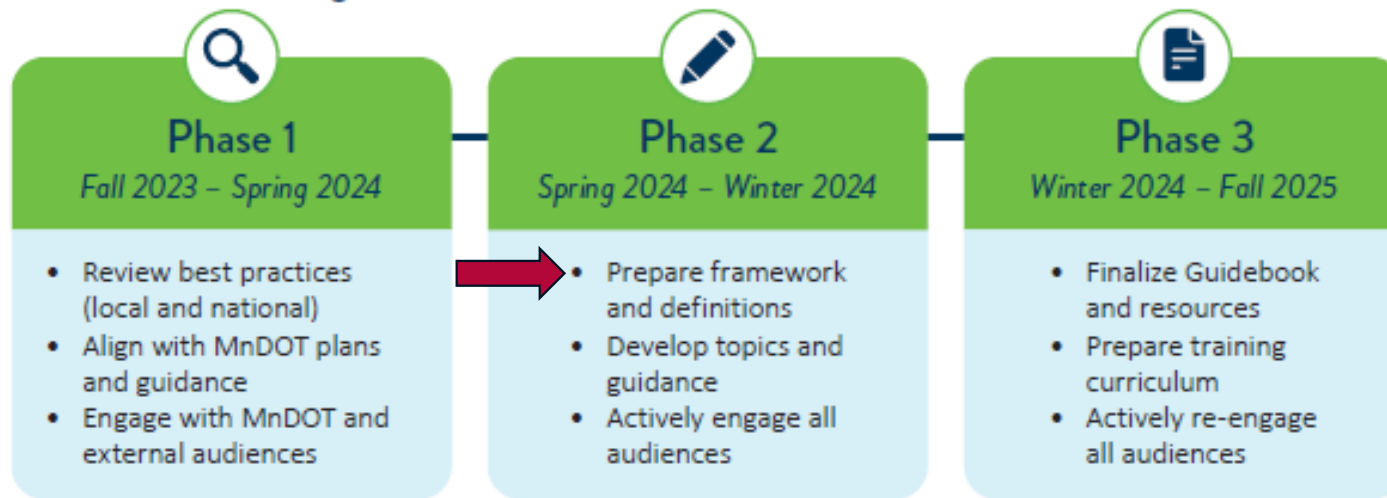
- MnDOT is allocating additional staff and \$1M annually to support corridor planning work.
- MnDOT's corridor planning resources will be **prioritized in areas with the greatest opportunity to advance state transportation goals and objectives.**
- Corridor planning on state highways may continue to be funded from other sources, such as:
 - Federal planning dollars to MPOs
 - Specialty and competitive funding
 - Legislatively directed funding
 - Local agency funding
- All corridor planning on state highways will follow the Corridor Planning Guidebook, regardless of funding source.

Engagement Structure

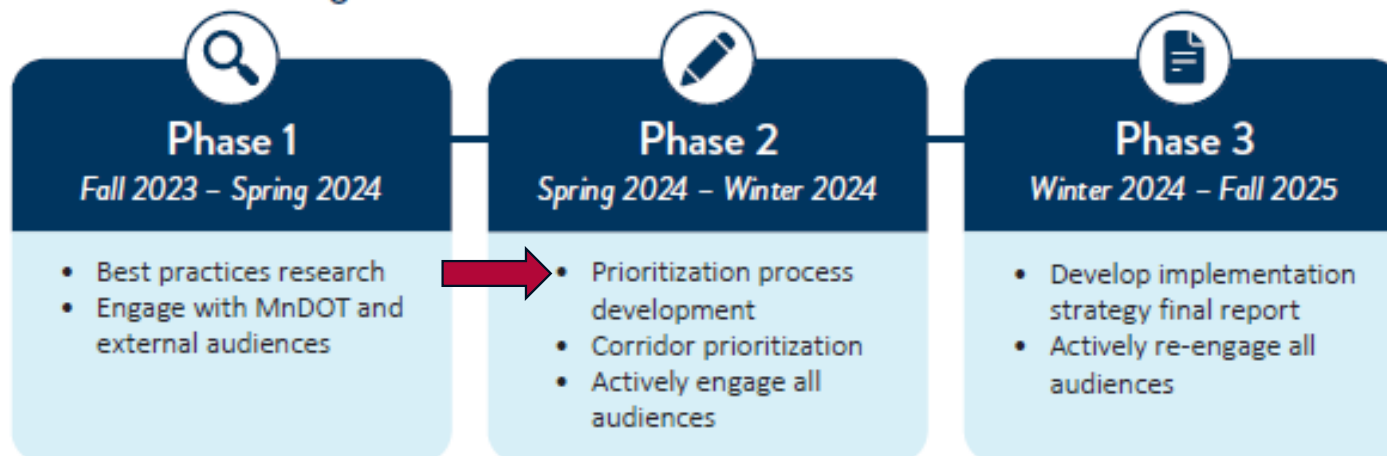
Engagement Activity	Who is Involved
Policy Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• State agency leadership and senior staff• Leadership from MPOs, Cities, Counties, Tribes, FHWA• Leaders from key stakeholder organizations
Technical Advisory Committees (one for Guidebook , one for Prioritization)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff and subject matter experts from MnDOT• Local transportation technical experts• Representatives from stakeholder organizations
Supplemental Engagement Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Targeted user outreach• Engagement with other agencies and organizations around the state via email, surveys, social media, focus groups and meetings

Tool Development Timeline

Corridor Planning Guidebook



Corridor Planning Prioritization Process



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