

I-394 MnPASS Lanes

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#### New! MnPASS System Study

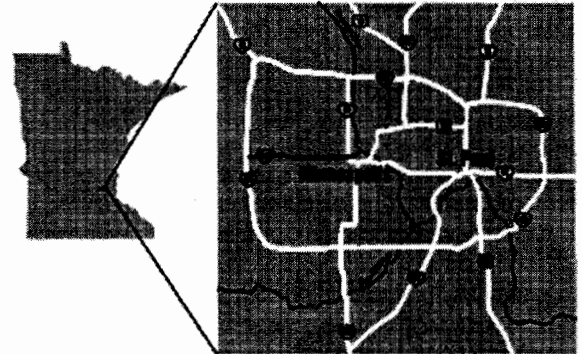
Mn/PASS System Study

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Conversion of high occupancy vehicle lanes to high occupancy toll lanes (HOT Lanes) was authorized by the 2003 Minnesota Legislature. These lanes are also known as I-394 MnPASS Lanes. These lanes permit single occupant drivers to pay a user fee for use of HOV lanes. This project will be the first of its kind in Minnesota, and is a new and significant change in highway management.

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The project will include the use of various technologies such as signage, computers, software and in-vehicle equipment. The project will also address enforcement issues, costs and hours of operation.



The I-394 MnPASS Lanes could be a reality as early as Spring 2005. The project will be developed and completed through a public/private partnership involving the State of Minnesota and service vendor Wilbur Smith Associates. The private firm will fund 20 percent of the project's estimated \$10 million price tag. Details including the price per use, access, hours of operation and enforcement will be announced soon.

#### Project Goal

The goal is to maximize capacity in the I-394 corridor.

#### I-394 Project Highlights

- Carpoolers and bus users will have free access and priority use.
- Speeds at or near the posted limits will be maintained by pricing that varies with demand and use of the lanes.
- Drivers of single occupant vehicles may choose to use these lanes on an as-needed basis by paying a fee.
- Collection of the fees will be automated, i.e. no toll booths.
- Variable message signs and in-vehicle technologies will be

#### Additional Information

- [I-394 MnPASS access points](#)
- [Nov. 5 News Release](#)
- [Questions and Answers](#) updated May 14, 2004
- [Enabling Legislation](#)
- [March 2002 HOV lane study](#)

#### Maps

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used.

**Anticipated Benefits**

- Ensure continued priority in the corridor and enhanced services for transit and carpoolers
- Fast and reliable option that is congestion free
- Improve operating efficiency in the I-394 corridor
- Effective management of the Express Lanes utilizing the latest technology

**Community Task Force**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation recognizes that community involvement and input is important to the success of the I-394 Express Lane project, should it be approved to proceed. The I-394 Express Lane Community Task Force has been established to assist the Commissioner of Transportation in delivering a project that reflects the needs and values of the corridor and motorists.

The I-394 Express Lane Community Task Force acts as an advisory group to the Commissioner of Transportation on public involvement, communications, community outreach and education. The task force is also providing input on other policy issues regarding operations, pricing, access and violations and enforcement.

**Community Task Force Meetings**

**May 27**  
Enforcement (ppt)  
Minutes (doc)

**March 18**  
Power Point Presentation  
February and March Focus Groups (ppt)

**Feb. 19**  
Project Overview (ppt)

**Appendices from Community Task Force Report**

Enabling Legislation  
Community Task Force membership

**Project Timeline**

2003	Legislative Session: <u>High-occupancy toll lane legislation</u> passed by Minnesota Legislature.
July 2003	Request for Proposals for Public/Private Partnerships Issued
September 2003	Received two proposals for consideration.
September 18, 2003	First Community Task Force meeting
October 7, 2003	Evaluation Team recommendation for selected RFPP deadline
October 14, 2003	Steering Committee approval of recommendation

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- Wayzata Blvd to Hwy 169
- Hwy 169 to I-94

**Graphics**

- Schematic Drawings94 (pdf)
- Typical express lane showing access/tolling zone concept
- Typical dynamic message toll signs
- High occupancy and general purpose lanes, 6 am - 1 pm
- High occupancy vehicle lanes, 6 am - 9 am

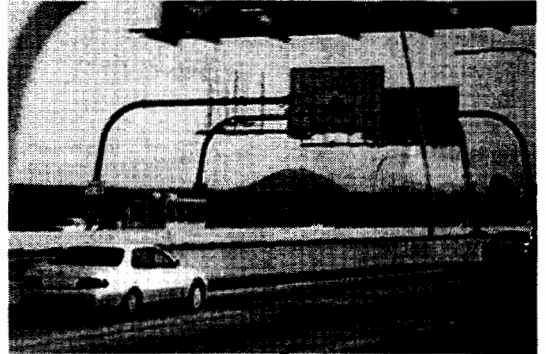
November 5, 2003	Approval by Governor and Lt. Governor
November 6, 2003	Second Community Task Force meeting: Review proposal content
December 1, 2003	Contract negotiations and authorization
December 11, 2003	<u>Informational Open House</u> and third Community Task Force meeting
January 1, 2004	Project design begins
Jan., Feb., Mar., April, May, June, July, October	Community Task Force meetings continue
Date TBD	Governor's final review of proposed project
Spring, 2005	Anticipated start .

### Lessons from California

Members of the I-394 Express Lanes Community Task Force and Minnesota Department of Transportation visited two locations in California to learn more about how California's express lane roadways operate and the benefits they provide to the public.

California's SR-91 in Anaheim and I-15 in San Diego use systems similar to the proposed I-394 *MnPass* lanes.

- SR-91 in Anaheim
- I-15 Fastrak in San Diego



***This project is an excellent example of the success that results when a public entity and a private organization join efforts to accomplish one goal. We are innovatively using existing infrastructure to give drivers more choice on the road.***

***Lt. Gov. Carol Molnau***

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