

# Revising Corridors of Commerce

Ideas presented to the House Committee 3/3/2022

- Stay focused on projects on the Interregional Corridor System that would have a positive impact on commerce by improving capacity or facilitating the movement of freight.
  - Avoid setting an arbitrary dollar threshold defining project size.
- Allow mechanisms for legislative input.
  - Legislators could coordinate with the ATPs that cover their district.
  - Looking for an appropriate mechanism for metro legislative input.
- Include a method for legislative input when the list of funded projects is selected.
  - Can this be integrated into the scoring system?
- Avoid selecting projects that have not been properly scoped.
  - Reintegrate project readiness into the criteria.
  - Submitted projects must be discreet
- Allow enough time for the new process to work.
- Clearly define what regional balance really means.
  - Just using the Metro service area has not worked very well.
  - I suggest that we allocate by type of project instead of strictly using MNDOT Districts.
    - Metro Projects - projects within or connected to the interstate belt-line.
    - Metro Connector Projects - projects that improve access to the metro.
    - Regional Center Projects - projects that improve connections between regional centers and connections to outstate partners.
- Assign percentages to the three categories but avoid making the program too restrictive by maintaining an approach that considers balance over more than one cycle and does not require exact allocations.