



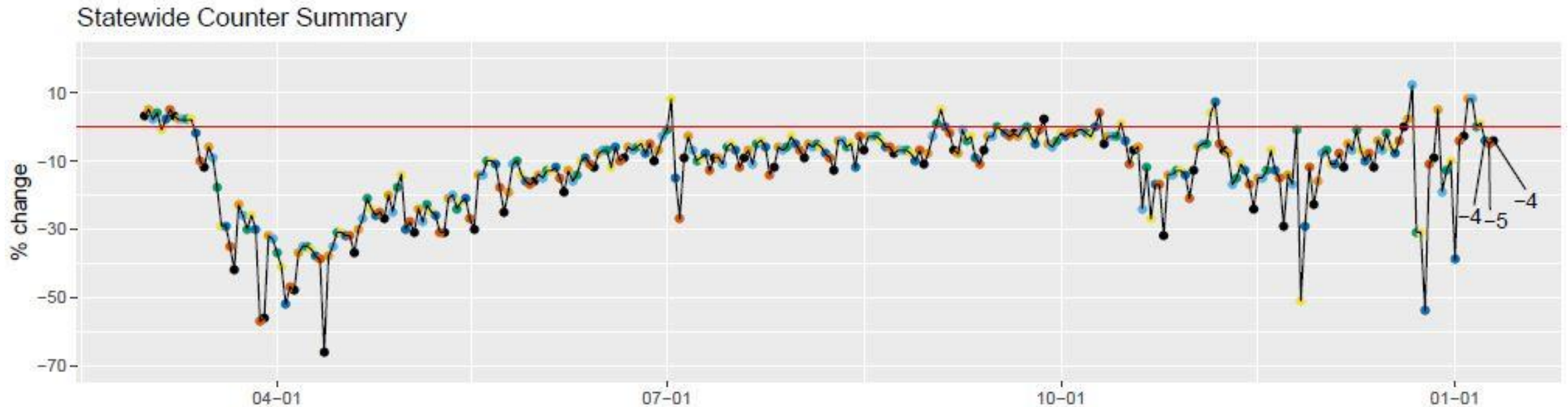
COVID-19 Pandemic Impacts and Agency Response

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Traffic Volumes



- **Lowest statewide traffic volume recorded last year: -68% than historical average on Easter Sunday (Apr. 12, 2020)**

Prioritizing Safety for our Workforce

- More than 5,000 employees
- Approximately 30% of our agency workforce currently teleworking
- Majority of MnDOT employees cannot do their jobs remotely
- Safety is our top priority



2020 Construction Season

- Unlike many other states, MnDOT projects stayed on track and on budget
 - More than 200 road and bridges completed
- **Hwy 5 Around the Airport**
- **Highway 63 bridge** in Red Wing
- **Highway 23** between Cottonwood and Granite Falls
- **Highway 210** west of Fergus Falls
- **I35W@94 Minneapolis** work continues (completion expected fall 2021)
- Multi-year projects began:
 - Twin Ports Interchange (Duluth) and I-94 between Maple Grove and Clearwater



Revenue Impacts

- Overall reduction of **-\$244M** from our original Feb. 2020 forecast (down 5%)
 - Motor Fuel Tax: **-\$125M** (down 7%)
 - Motor Vehicle Registration Tax: **-\$54M** (down 3%)
 - Motor Vehicle Sales Tax: **-\$28M** (down 3%)
- Compared to end-of-session forecast, November forecast up **+\$152M**

MnDOT's latest Financial Snapshot (Nov. 2020):
mndot.gov/funding

Snow and Ice Contingency Planning

- Primary goal for 2020-21 winter season:
No truck station shut down due to COVID.
- **Prevention and mitigation strategies** include:
 - Distributing work to adjacent stations
 - Utilizing volunteer employees with Commercial Driver's Licenses
 - Partnerships and collaboration with local agencies



COVID-19 Innovations

MnDOT made quick and dramatic changes due to COVID-19.

Our staff implemented over 90 innovations, everything from electronic asphalt delivery tickets to online payments for billboard permits.



Asphalt Delivery E-Tickets



Self-Guided Tour, I-35W@Downtown to Crosstown Project



Virtual Inspection of Motor Carriers



Outdoor Dining in Right-Of-Way
(Photo Source: Pioneer Press)

- Possible impacts to construction program in future years
 - Reduced revenues due to less travel, possible shift to more telework
- Workforce
 - Telework and technology can create efficiencies for some MnDOT functions
 - We have a team focused on the business case for more telework at MnDOT
 - Benefits for employee retention, reduced pollution and congestion, and less time wasted in traffic, especially during rush hours



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