DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Climate and Resilience Programs

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MnDOT Sustainability & Public Health: Overview

Reducing carbon pollution from transportation

• Electric vehicles, cleaner fuels, Carbon Reduction Program, and the Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council

Leading by example by making operations more efficient

• MnDOT efforts to improve efficiency in operations and achieve sustainability targets

Transportation and public health

• Complete Streets, Equity and Health Assessment

Transportation system resilience

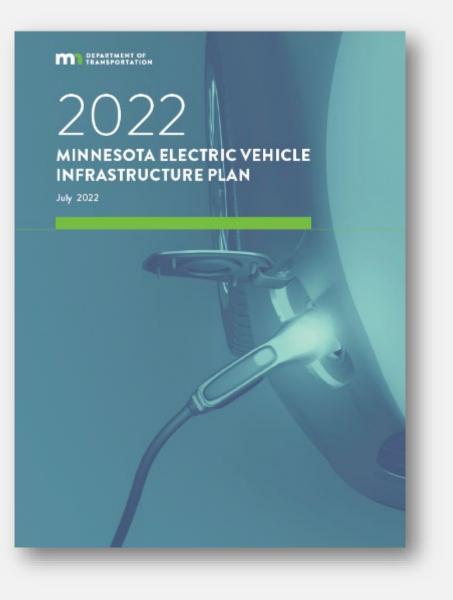
• Resilience research, bridge and culvert vulnerability, and federal resilience programs

Strategic partnerships

• NextGen Highways, Alternative Uses of Right of Way, and Artist in Residence

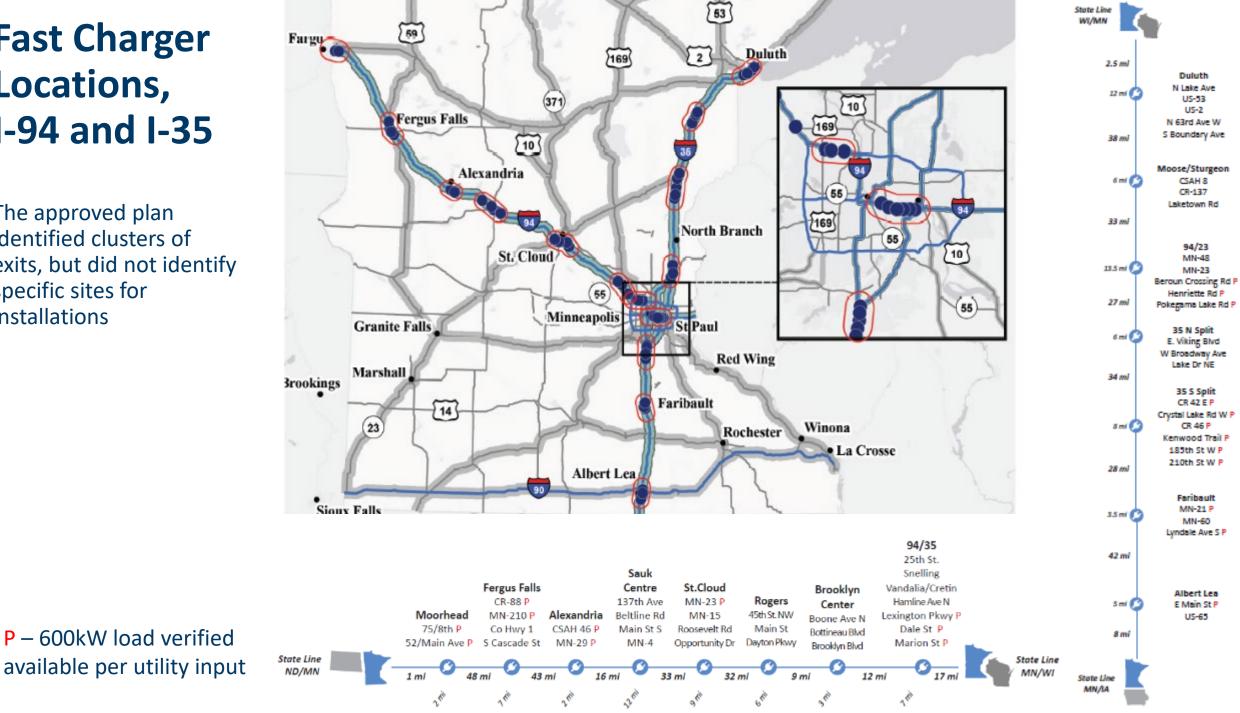
National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program

- Federal appropriation for Minnesota is \$68 million for federal FY 22 – 26
- 20% non-federal match and state legislative spending authorization required
- Request for Qualifications/Proposals Spring 2023
 - Phase 1 chargers installed by 2024
- Charging & Fueling Infrastructure Competitive Grants
 - Federal Highway Association guidance expected early 2023
 - Local governments and federally recognized Tribes eligible



Fast Charger Locations, I-94 and I-35

The approved plan identified clusters of exits, but did not identify specific sites for installations



Carbon Reduction Program

- What is the purpose of CRP?
 - Reduce transportation emissions (CO² emissions from on-road highway sources)
- How?
 - Develop state carbon reduction strategies
 - Fund projects designed to reduce transportation emissions



CRP Funding Appropriations

- \$20.5 million annually to spend
- Distributed based on populations
 - State receives 35% of those funds annually (~\$7.1 million)
 - Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) areas are sub-allocated specific amounts in IIJA
 - Metropolitan Council area (~\$6.6 million)
 - 7 other Minnesota MPOs (~\$1 million distributed based on Minnesota population per MPO area)
 - Areas of less than 50,000 population should receive approximately 27.3% (~\$5.6 million) of the funds annually

*Only accounts for Minnesota portion of the urbanized area's po



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PROTECT Formula Program Overview

- Provides funds to make surface transportation more resilient to natural hazards
- Federal appropriation for Minnesota is \$23 million annually for federal FY22-26
- Considerations
 - Must use 2% of funds for planning activities annually
 - Can use up to 40% of funds to construct new capacity
 - Can use up to 10% of funds for development phase activities

PROTECT Program

Eligible Project Types

- Resilience Planning
- Resilience Improvements
- **PROTECT Competitive Grants**
- Federal Highway Association guidance expected early 2023
- Local governments and federally recognized Tribes eligible





Gaps & Opportunities



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- Challenge with Match Funding
- Statutory Authority to Spend NEVI Funds Off the Right of Way
- Staff capacity
- Sustainable Transportation Advisory Council Recommendations