

# Replace I-94 with the Twin Cities Boulevard



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# MnDOT's Rethinking I-94 project is a once in a lifetime opportunity

## Project Area

The Rethinking I-94 project area spans from Highway 55(Hiawatha) in Minneapolis to Marion Street in St. Paul



The construction of Interstate 94 was devastating for Minneapolis & Saint Paul neighborhoods. 60 years later, the highway between downtown Minneapolis and Saint Paul is crumbling. The Minnesota Department of Transportation is now determining the future of the corridor for the next 50 years. This project is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to repair the highway's harms. The Twin Cities Boulevard would bring environmental, economic and racial justice to adjacent communities.

If we want to build a truly sustainable transportation system that works for everyone, **we must move beyond urban highways like I-94.**

I-94 harms Minneapolis & St. Paul communities...

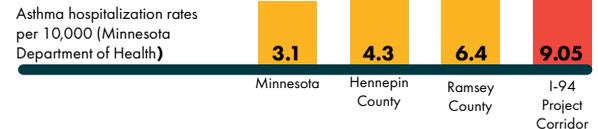
**Investment and jobs moved to the suburbs.** Household income is \$15,000 lower near I-94 than the city averages

**I-94 divides neighborhoods** and has few transportation options for transit-dependent households. **Households near I-94 are 4 times less likely to have a car** than the rest of the Twin Cities

**Transportation is the biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Minnesota**

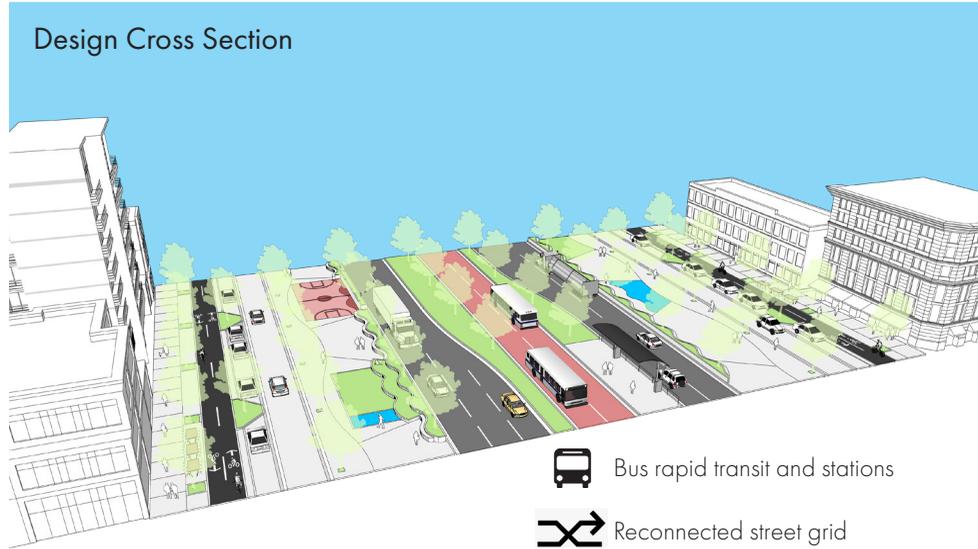
**The highway is expensive and doesn't even reduce traffic.** Study after study shows that building and expanding freeways causes more driving that only makes traffic congestion worse.

**Air quality near I-94 within the Rethinking I-94 project corridor is over 3 times worse** than what is deemed healthy by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency



# The Twin Cities Boulevard Vision

Design Cross Section



 Car & freight traffic lanes

 Wide sidewalks

 Parks & greenspace

 Bus rapid transit and stations

 Reconnected street grid

 Bike paths

 A community land trust to create new affordable housing & business space, prioritized for existing residents

## The Twin Cities Boulevard vision includes:

- Replacing the I-94 trench between the Twin Cities with a **boulevard** with space for people walking, rolling, biking, riding transit & driving
- Placing the remaining highway land & adjoining parcels of public land in a **community land trust**. This land will be used to bring reparative, community guided investment to neighborhoods along the corridor, including housing, businesses and greenspace
- Implementing robust community created goals and policies to **repair historic and ongoing harms**, prevent displacement and benefit existing residents

**We are calling on MnDOT and project partners to adopt this vision.**

This vision is everchanging & shaped by the community. We're doorknocking to hear from the community and continue developing a vision for the people.

# Instead of a highway we could have

## HEALTH

- **Reduced air pollution** for the people who live, work and go to school along the corridor
- **Lowered rates of traffic pollution associated health impacts** like asthma, cancer, heart disease and dementia
- **Climate and environmental justice**
- **Less traffic deaths and safer conditions** for local car and truck traffic

## LIVABILITY

- **Quieter neighborhoods** and less traffic noise
- **More parks, community gardens and greenspace**
- **Reconnected neighborhoods** along the entire project corridor
- **Community gathering spaces and public art**
- **Anti-displacement policies** to prevent rent increases and gentrification and ensure that this project benefits existing residents

## ECONOMIC

- **More locally owned shops, restaurants and small businesses**
- **Living wage jobs and business opportunities** prioritized for BIPOC residents
- **Increased tax base** to fund essential city services

## MOBILITY

- **Walkable access to daily needs and neighborhood amenities** like grocery stores, healthcare and childcare
- **Faster, more reliable public transit**
- **Connected sidewalks** that are comfortable for people of all ages & abilities
- **Protected bikeways** connecting downtown Minneapolis to downtown Saint Paul, connecting to all of the existing trails along the corridor



## TAKE ACTION

Use the links below or scan this code

### Attend the virtual forum

Tuesday, July 19th | 6PM - 7:30PM  
[TwinCitiesBoulevard.org/forum](https://TwinCitiesBoulevard.org/forum)

### Volunteer with us

[TwinCitiesBoulevard.org/volunteer](https://TwinCitiesBoulevard.org/volunteer)

### Sign the Twin Cities Boulevard petition:

[TwinCitiesBoulevard.org/petition](https://TwinCitiesBoulevard.org/petition)

### Email MnDOT & project decision makers:

Send an email asking them to apply for federal funding to study this project  
[TwinCitiesBoulevard.org/email](https://TwinCitiesBoulevard.org/email)

### Share your feedback and priorities:

This vision is shaped by community members like you  
[TwinCitiesBoulevard.org/survey](https://TwinCitiesBoulevard.org/survey)

### Contact your neighborhood organization:

Find your local neighborhood organization and representatives and invite them to support the cause.  
[TwinCitiesBoulevard.org/representatives](https://TwinCitiesBoulevard.org/representatives)

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