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#### Updating Performance Measures of Minnesota's Interregional Corridor System

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Citizens of Minnesota expect quick, reliable and safe travel. Traffic delays cost money, affects the ability of businesses to meet customer expectations, and reduces the amount of time travelers have for other activities. Unfortunately, many key highways are under increasing growth, and development pressures threaten their ability to meet expectations.

In February, 1999, Mn/DOT began identifying key transportation corridors and adopted an Interregional Corridor (IRC) System in January, 2000. The goal of the IRC System is to enhance economic vitality of the state by providing safe, timely, and efficient movement of goods and people. The IRC corridors tie the state together by connecting people with jobs, distributors with manufacturers, shoppers with retailers, and tourists with recreational opportunities.

To maintain the IRC goal, performance measures are updated each year to determine the IRC's performance. MnDOT has developed a methodology to analyze current and future forecasts of the IRC System to determine when corridors fall to an under-performing status.