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## **Highway 14 advocates laud Governor, Legislature for passing bonding bill that funds critical expansion project**

*Below is a statement from U.S. Highway 14 President and Mankato City Council Member Karen Foreman regarding Governor Dayton signing the 2018 Bonding Bill:*

“We are excited and grateful that Gov. Dayton has signed the 2018 bonding bill into law, including funding for expansion of Highway 14 from Owatonna to Dodge Center. We thank the Legislature, the Governor, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation for coming together in the final weeks of the legislative session to address this vital project for southern Minnesota.

“Highway 14 has caused us a great deal of heartbreak over the years. The funding in this bonding bill turns some of that heartbreak into hope and opportunity. For those that live along the road, Highway 14 has become synonymous with deaths, injuries, and impeded economic growth. While our work is not done until we can drive on four lanes all the way from Rochester to New Ulm, the incredible progress this bill will make is vital and sorely needed.”

*The U.S. Highway 14 Partnership is an advocacy organization supporting the four-lane expansion of Highway 14. Formed in 1998, the Partnership includes local governments, private businesses and other organizations across Southern Minnesota. Follow the Partnership online at [ushighway14.com](http://ushighway14.com) and on Twitter at [@Hwy14Pshp](https://twitter.com/Hwy14Pshp).*

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