



Reasons to Fund Highway 14 NOW!

The state has a responsibility to ensure Minnesota travelers are safe on our roads. There is no more dangerous highway in the state than U.S. Highway 14. It is far past time we fund Highway 14 sufficiently. There can be no more delays. Fix Highway 14 NOW.



Safety.

- Since 2000, **42 people have died** on U.S. Highway 14.
- Nearly half of the deaths between 2000 to 2010 occurred on two-lane stretches of the road.
- **Fatality rates are double** the Minnesota state average on some segments of U.S. Highway 14.
- 6,000 to 12,000 vehicles travel the two lane segments of Highway 14 everyday and between 1,000 and 5,000 are heavy commercial vehicles.
- Heavy truck traffic between Owatonna and Dodge Center increased over 70% between 1998 and 2008.
- For several consecutive years, U.S. Highway 14 was voted the **worst non-metro highway in the state** by Minnesota State Fair visitors (MN Highway Construction Industry Council survey).

Economic Health.

- U.S. Highway 14 is a vital link to economic prosperity for Southern Minnesota.
- Highway 14 connects the regional centers of Rochester, Owatonna, Waseca, Mankato/North Mankato and New Ulm.
- Major employers such as Mayo, IBM, Kraft, 3M, AMPI, and others depend on U.S. Highway 14 to move people and products.

Highway 14: Fix it NOW!