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New Ulm mayor elected Highway 14 Partnership president

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Buessman has been an active member of the partnership since he was elected mayor in 2010 and served as vice president last year. He was heavily involved in the passage of the Corridors of Commerce program, which recently funded the four-lane expansion of Highway 14 from North Mankato to Nicollet. The partnership plans to focus on expanding the program in this year's session.

Buessman is replacing Owatonna Council Member Les Abraham, who served as president for the last three years. Buessman said he plans to continue the partnership's goal of a Highway 14 four-lane expansion from Rochester to New Ulm. He said he would even like to see a four-lane expansion of the highway from border to border.

"I plan to working just as hard or harder as I did as vice president," he said.