

# Nicollet County

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## 5 Year Road & Bridge

### Capital Improvement Plan

2014 – 2018



**CSAH 5 2013 Reconstruction**



**CSAH 25 2012 Concrete Overlay**



**CSAH 41 2010-2011 New Construction**



**Minnemishinona Falls Trail Bridge 2011**

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## 5 Year Road & Bridge Capital Improvement Plan

### **Background:**

- The 5-Year Plan is developed by the County Engineer and Road and Bridge Department staff to aid with budgeting, planning, programming, project development, design and construction of highway and bridge improvement projects.
- The 5-Year Plan is presented to the County Board for review and approval.

### **What factors are considered in plan development?**

Numerous factors are considered in development of the 5 Year Plan. Some of the more important are:

- **Traffic Volume (ADT=Average Daily Traffic):** The higher ADT routes will typically receive higher priority.
- **Existing Pavement Condition:** Roads with deteriorated pavement will typically rate higher if a maintenance overlay is possible in order to avoid more costly complete reconstruction.
- **Accident Data:** Segments with higher numbers of accidents or crashes will be analyzed and given higher consideration.
- **Sufficiency Rating:** Bridge projects are generally prioritized based on the condition of the various elements (deck, piling, etc.).
- **Alignment:** Bridges and roads with poor vertical and horizontal alignment are taken into consideration as well.
- **Fund Availability:** Many projects require local money; there must be a local commitment in place before a project is added to the plan.

### **Is this 5-Year Plan “Set in Stone”?**

**NO** - This is only a plan. Funding levels, County Board priorities, road and bridge conditions all change over time. The Nicollet County Road & Bridge Department will consistently maintain the County’s Road and Bridge system in the most cost effective and safe manner possible with available resources.

### **Questions or Comments?**

Please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at (507) 931-1760 with any questions or comments.

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## 2014-2018 County Road & Bridge Improvement Plan Funding Scenarios

- To implement plan “as is” we need a combination of outside funding (local sales tax, wheelage tax, additional levy, street improvement bonds, etc)
- Plan assumes at least level State Aid funds each year plus a minimum of \$250,000/year of local levy funding towards projects.
- County Bond Debts expiring in 2016 and 2017

### Estimated Funds Available 2014-2018

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| • State Aid Regular Construction 2014-2018      | \$11,000,000 |
| • State Aid Regular Construction Carryover 2013 | \$3,131,513  |
| • Federal Funds 2014                            | \$380,160    |
| • State Aid Municipal Construction 2014         | \$252,000    |
| • Current Local Levy (\$250K/year)              | \$1,250,000  |

### Draft 2014-2018 County Road & Bridge Improvement Plan

- Total Expense \$22,260,800 (Rounded)

### Balance

**\$6,500,000 (Rounded)**

### Potential Funding Sources

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|--|----------------|
| • Wheelage Tax (Start as soon as 2015) | \$250,000/year |
| • Local Option Sales Tax/year          | \$1,200,000    |
| • Street Reconstruction Bonds          | \$???????      |

### Possible Funding Scenarios to Make Up Shortage

- **Option #1- Street Reconstruction Bonds**
  - Street Reconstruction Bonds (Needed by 2017) \$6,500,000
- **Option #2-Wheelage Tax and Street Reconstruction Bonds**
  - Wheelage Tax Start 2015 \$1,000,000
  - Street Reconstruction Bonds \$5,500,000
- **Option #3-Wheelage Tax, Local Sales Tax, Street Reconstruction Bonds**
  - Wheelage Tax Start 2015 \$1,000,000
  - Local Option Sales Tax Start 2015 \$4,800,000
  - Street Reconstruction Bonds \$700,000
- **Option #4-No Additional Funding Sources**
  - Cut 2017-2018 CSAH 15 reconstruction and resurfacing project
  - Backfill plan with less expensive projects using current funding available



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