

**PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW
WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS WITH ANY ATTACHMENTS TO:**

Office of Administrative Hearings
Municipal Boundary Adjustments
300 Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

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USE ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

FACTUAL INFORMATION

This form is being completed by New Scandia Town Board who is the signatory to the Petition filed under Minnesota Statute 414.02;

The term "subject area" refers to the area that is proposed for the boundary adjustment. The subject area is the entire area of New Scandia Township.

1. Present population and number of households, past population and projected population growth on the subject area:

	<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Township/ Other City</u>
1980 Population	2858		
1990 Population	3197		
Current Population (2004)	3970		
Current Households (2004)	1412		
Projected in 5 years (2010)	4370		
Source Data – Metropolitan Council			

2. Geographic Features:

- a. Varied: level fields and forests, rolling hills, bluffs of St. Croix River, lakes and streams.

	<u>Present City</u>	<u>Present Township</u>	<u>Subject Area</u>	<u>Adjacent Unit of Gov't</u>
Total Acreage		25447	25447	

- b. Describe any waterways in or adjacent to the subject area: (rivers, streams, shorelands, protected water, protected wetlands, watershed districts): St. Croix River, Big Marine Lake, Bone Lake, Goose Lake, Sylvan Lake, German Lake, Fish Lake, Hay Lake, Sand Lake, Long Lake, White Rock Lake, Sea Lake, Nielsen Lake numerous wetlands; Carnelian-Marine Watershed District, Rice Creek Watershed District, Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District; Marine on St. Croix Water Management Organization.

- c. Are the waterways subject to any State or Federal regulation? Yes
Describe if yes: The St. Croix River is a designated federal wild and scenic waterway.

d. Generally describe the soils in the subject area: Alluvial soils exist along the St. Croix River; soils in the remaining area vary from loamy to peat to sand.

e. Describe the terrain in the subject area: level to rolling.

3. Contiguity: The perimeter of the subject area is approximately 25% bordered by the City of Forest Lake, 22% by May Township; 3% by Marine On St. Croix; 25% Franconia and Chisago Lake Townships; and 25% by the St. Croix River.

4. Present pattern of physical development, planning, and intended land uses in the subject area and adjoining areas:

a. The land uses are: (Fill in approximate acreage or percentages if available instead of yes or no.)

	City		Township		Subject Area	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Residential			30%			
Institutional (tax exempt)			7%			
Commercial/Retail			2%			
Industrial			.5%			
Agricultural, hobby farms			40%			
Lakes and wetlands			15%			
Vacant Lands – road right of way (current zoning)			4.7%			

b. What type of development is proposed for the subject area? Residential, Commercial.

c. What are the current adjacent land uses and/or zoning? Rural residential, agricultural, hobby farms.

5. The present transportation network:

	Present	Present	Subject Area
	City	Township	
Number of Miles of Highway, and Roads		120	120

b. Are any transportation changes planned in the subject area? Yes X No ___ in the City? Yes N/A No ___ in adjacent areas? Yes X No ___ The subject area has ongoing development requiring the construction of local roads. The Town is systematically paving all of its roads. STH97 is undergoing study with adjoining communities.

c. What are the major roads/highways that serve the subject areas and adjoining areas? TH95; TH97; Washington County CSAH 15; Washington County Highways 3 (Olinda Trail) and 52 (Oakhill Road); and CSAH 1 (Lofton Trail).

6. Land Use Controls and Planning:

a. Comprehensive Plan (Attach copy of portion that applies to subject area):

	City	Township	County	Region
Adoption Date		1998		
Status of Plan		current	current	
No existing Plan				

The Comprehensive Plan of the Town and County will be introduced and made a part of the hearing record.

b. Have any area planning authorities adopted an official position on the proposed boundary adjustment? (planning commissions, boards, joint boards, Met Council, Regional Development Commissions, county, etc.)

yes _____ no _____ supportive _____ non-supportive _____

If yes, describe and attach copy of position document; _____

c. Please check where the following exists and give any necessary explanations on how it relates to the proposed boundary adjustment. (Since it may be possible that two or more ordinances attempt to regulate the same area, please circle whose ordinance presently applies to the subject area.)

	City		Township		County		Date Adopted		
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	City	Town	County
Zoning			X		X		6-15-99	10-20-97	
Subdivision Regulations			X		X		6-15-99	10-20-97	
Official Map			X		X		6-15-99	10-20-97	
Capital Improvements/ Budget			X		X		Annually		
Fire Code									
Shoreland Ordinance			X		X		6-15-99	10-20-97	
Floodplain Ordinance								10-20-97	
Wild & Scenic Rivers Ord.					X				*10-20-97
Sanitation Ordinance (on-site sewage treatment)					X				*10-20-97

The Town first adopted a zoning ordinance in 1960 and a subdivision ordinance in 1973.

* Applied by Washington County in the Town

Attach copies of maps and portions of ordinances that apply to subject area.

The Town and County Ordinances and Zoning Maps will be introduced at the hearing and made a part of the record.

* If city does not provide water to the subject area, who does? Water is generally furnished by private wells.

What is the percentage of capacity currently being used by the City? N.A.

* Would city take over or allow existing use? N.A.

** If city does not provide sewer to the subject area, who does? N.A.

What is the percentage of capacity currently being used by the city? N.A.

** Would city take over or allow existing use? N.A.

8. Describe any existing or potential environmental problems and whether the proposed action is likely to improve or resolve these problems: (Example: ground or surface water problems, water quality and levels, sewage treatment, air pollutant emissions, noise, odors, affect on fish or wildlife; affect on historical resources, archaeological resources, aesthetic resources; impairment of park lands, prime farmlands, wild and scenic rivers, critical area; abandoned dump or disposal site, etc.)

There are no significant environmental problems. Problems of a localized nature arise occasionally and are remedied by Town and County agencies. The Town is primarily served by on site septic facilities which are required to have regular inspections. Certain collector systems are supervised by Washington County under a contract with the Town. Incorporation is not expected to change the manner in which environmental problems are resolved.

9. Plans and programs by the receiving governmental unit for providing governmental services to the subject area and the impact of the proposed action on those services:

The incorporated City of New Scandia will continue to maintain all facilities and provide all services currently being furnished by the Town.

10. Describe the fiscal impact on the city, the subject area, and adjacent units of local government:

	Present City Year:	Present Township Year: 2006	Subject Area Year: 2006	Trend over last 3 yrs. 2004 2005	
Net Tax Capacity New Scandia Township		5,576,820	5,576,820	4,055,916	4,850,145

Tax Rates: (also see attached)

County	26.930		31.201	28.599
Local Unit of Gov't	26.541	26.541	32.005	28.035
School District				
Special Tax District (see attached)				
Insurance Rating (fire)	7	7		
Levy Limit	none	none		
Actual Current Levy	1,483,752	1,483,752		
Total Bonded Indebtedness	* 2,515,000	2,515,000		

* Includes Equipment Certificates of \$60,000.00 and excludes contract for deed of \$72,000.00.

11. Would the proposed action affect any school district boundaries or adjacent communities?

yes _____ no X Describe if yes: _____

12. Are new services necessary for the subject area:

yes _____ no X If so, which ones: Increases in the level of services presently being furnished may be required due to population increases and development pressures.

What is the current capacity of the sewer and water systems, how much is being used and by whom?

Except for three collector systems serving small areas, sewer and water systems are generally on site.

13. Can necessary governmental services best be provided by the proposed boundary adjustment or would another type of boundary adjustment be more appropriate?

Yes x by proposed action No _____ by _____

New Scandia Township – Information for paragraph 10:

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Tax Rates PROPOSED Payable 2006 (from Washington County):

County	26.930%
Local Unit of Government	26.541%
School District (used #834 - Forest Lake)	15.210%
Special Taxing Districts:	
Metropolitan Council	0.854%
Metro Mosquito Control	0.516%
County HRA	0.989%
County RRA	0.089%
Watershed District(s)	
Carnelian Marine	4.401%
Rice Creek	2.058%
Comfort Lake - Forest Lake	1.710%

MINIMUM Proposed Total Tax Rate ** 71.129%

** Before Watershed District(s)

TAX RATES	2004	2005	2006 3-Yr TREND (Proposed)	
County	31.201%	28.599%	26.930%	-13.689%
Local Unit of Government	32.005%	28.035%	26.541%	-17.072%
School District (used #834 - Forest Lake)	20.872%	15.064%	15.210%	-27.127%
Special Taxing Districts:	3.058%	2.736%	2.448%	-19.948%
NET TAX CAPACITY				
Local Unit of Government	4,055,916	4,850,145	5,576,820	37.498%
ACTUAL LEVY				
Local Unit of Government	1,301,182	1,368,150	1,483,752	14.031%

14. If the boundary adjustment were approved:
- a. Would the city/township suffer any undue hardship? yes ___ no x
Describe if yes: _____

 - b. Would the symmetry of the city/township be affected? yes ___ no x
Described if yes: _____

 - c. Should the subject area be increased or decreased? yes ___ no x
Describe of yes, and attach a revised area map: _____

15. Has the city/township provided any improvements to the subject area? yes ___ no ___
If so, which ones and when: N.A.

16. Has the city/township assessed the subject area for the improvements? yes ___ no ___
Describe if yes: N.A.

17. Will the subject area be assuming any city/township indebtedness? yes ___ no ___
Describe if yes: N.A.

18. Has there ever been a previous boundary adjustment filed for this property or
substantially the same property before? yes ___ no x
Describe if yes: _____

19. Why have you filed a petition/~~objection~~ for boundary adjustment? A petition has been
filed for incorporation. The boundaries are requested to remain the same. The attached
resolution adopted by the Town Board is incorporated herein in response to this question.
20. Will the boundary adjustment generate a need for an Environmental Assessment
Worksheet (EAW) of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)? yes ___ no x
If so, why? _____

Attach any additional information which you believe is important. If you have not supplied some information, please explain why.

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SUBMITTED BY:

City of _____,

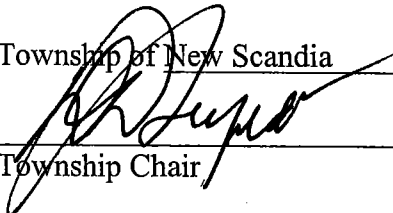
this _____ day of _____, 2006

Mayor


City Clerk

Township of New Scandia _____,

this 26th day of January, 2006



Township Chair



Township Clerk

BY: _____,

this _____ day of _____, 2006

Property Owner

Property Owner

BY: _____,

this _____ day of _____, 2006

Property Owner

Property Owner

Complete the form as fully and completely as possible. Any information that is not supplied, and is readily available, and must be obtained by the Department of Administration – Municipal Boundary Adjustments will be charged back against the party who did not supply it. A jointly completed form is also acceptable.

If you have any questions, contact the Municipal Boundary Adjustments Office at (651) 284-3383.

**NEW SCANDIA TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 12-20-05-02**

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW SCANDIA TOWN BOARD PETITIONING THE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE INCORPORATION
OF NEW SCANDIA TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of New Scandia Township, Washington County (the "Town") has determined to seek incorporation of the Town pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.02; and

WHEREAS, the matter of incorporation was referred to a committee for study and the committee has met and researched the issues pertaining to incorporation for a period of 18 months; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has retained planning and fiscal consultants to advise it on the issues of incorporation; and

WHEREAS, the incorporation committee has conducted public informational meetings and the Town Board has conducted a public hearing to inform the Town residents of the benefits of incorporation; and

WHEREAS, the area proposed for incorporation is as follows:

The entire Town of New Scandia, Washington County, Minnesota as described on Exhibit A attached; and

WHEREAS, the area proposed for incorporation is presently not within the limits of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the area subject to incorporation includes land which has been platted into lots and blocks; and

WHEREAS, the Town is located within the Seven County Metropolitan Area and is subject to the rules and regulations of the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town has prepared its own comprehensive plan and amendments thereto as required by state law and the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, said plans have been approved by the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted its own zoning and subdivision regulations in conformance with its Comprehensive Plan, but remains subject to the zoning and subdivision regulations of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Town is an urban township with many of the powers of a municipality pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §368.01 et. seq. and yet the Town is subject to certain rules and regulations of a rural township pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §365.01 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a population of approximately 3,970 persons and is expected to reach a population of 5,000 persons between 2017 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a population exceeding 10 cities in Washington County and, if incorporated, would rank in the top one third of all cities in the State of Minnesota in population; and

WHEREAS, the primary land use of the Town is changing from agricultural to residential and rural residential uses; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a number of intensely developed old plats and a significant number of new residential plats including plats with cluster developments; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a long standing village center with an industrial park, commercial businesses, professional services and governmental buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Town has its own fully equipped and staffed fire department furnishing fire fighting and rescue services to the Town and to a part of an adjacent town and, by mutual aid agreements, to other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town contracts with the Washington County Sheriff's Office for police services; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a community center staffed with full and part time personnel furnishing municipal administrative services to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town contracts with a building official and issues its own building permits; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a public works department to maintain its public facilities and 95 miles of town roads; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a variety of park, recreation and open space comprising approximately 7.5% of its land mass; and

WHEREAS, the Town has many significant natural features including the St. Croix River and Big Marine Lake which require oversight by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town is bounded on its westerly side by the City of Forest Lake which has been involved in numerous annexation and incorporation procedures over the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, incorporation would allow the Town to maintain the integrity of its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town has an annual budget in excess of \$1,300,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has five members operating in the manner of a city council; and

WHEREAS, the Town has 25,447 acres and is the largest political subdivision in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the size and natural features of the Town allows it to both maintain its rural character and permit additional commercial and industrial development; and

WHEREAS, incorporation would allow the Town to utilize economic development tools such as tax increment financing and an economic development authority; and

WHEREAS, the Town is the site of major state and county roads such as State Highways 95 and 97 and County Roads 3 and 15; and

WHEREAS, such highways and roads have ever increasing traffic by virtue of the Town's location between major cities in the metropolitan area and the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, upon reaching a population of 5,000 persons the Town, if incorporated, would be eligible for State Aid Road Funds in an estimated amount of \$225,000.00 under present formulas; and

WHEREAS, the Town has the ability, talent and resources to govern itself and to determine its own destiny without Washington County oversight.

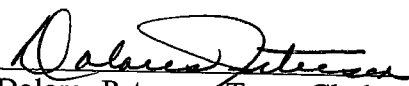
NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town of New Scandia, Washington County, Minnesota, that:

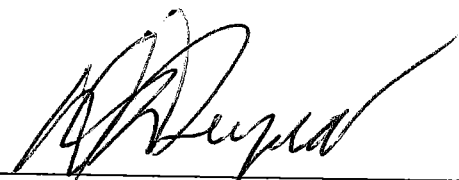
1. The Town Board of New Scandia Township hereby requests that the Town of New Scandia be incorporated.
2. The Town Board requests the Minnesota Department of Administration, Municipal Boundary Adjustment Office to hold a public hearing pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.09 on the question of the incorporation of the Town.
3. The subject area of the Township proposed for incorporation is the entire Town and is legally described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. A map showing the subject area is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.
4. The proposed name of the new municipality is New Scandia.

5. The Following parties are entitled to notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.09:
- A. New Scandia Township, c/o Ms. Dolores Peterson, Town Clerk, 14727 209th Street North, P. O. Box 128, Scandia, MN 55073;
 - B. City of Marine on St. Croix, c/o Ms. Lynette Peterson, City Clerk, 121 Judd, Marine On St. Croix, MN 55047;
 - C. Town of May, c/o Ms. Linda Klein, Town Clerk, 13519 May Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082;
 - D. City of Hugo, c/o Ms. Mary Ann Creager, 14669 Fitzgerald Avenue North, Hugo, MN 55038;
 - E. City of Forest Lake, c/o Mr. Charles P. Robinson, City Administrator, 220 North Lake Street, Forest Lake, MN 55025;
 - F. Franconia Township, c/o Mr. John A. Jackson, Town Clerk, 19073 Franconia Trail, Shafer, MN 55074;
 - G. Chisago Lakes Township, c/o Ms. Eleanor Trippler, Town Clerk, P. O. Box 649, Lindstrom, MN 55045;
 - H. Metropolitan Council, c/o Mr. James Uttley, AICP Planning Analyst, Planning and Growth Management Dept., Mears Park Center, 230 East 5th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101;
 - I. Washington County, c/o Ms. Myra Peterson, Chairperson, Washington County Board, Office of Administration, P. O. Box 6, Stillwater, MN 55082-0006.
6. The Town Attorney is hereby directed to file this Resolution with the Minnesota Department of Administration, Municipal Boundary Adjustments Office, for incorporation of the Town pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.02 and to mail a copy of this Resolution to all of the parties entitled to notice listed above.

Passed and adopted by the Town Board of New Scandia Township this 20th day of December, 2005.

ATTEST


Dolores Peterson, Town Clerk


Dennis D. Seefeldt, Chairman

DATE: January 10, 2006

TO: Christine Scotillo, Executive Director
Municipal Boundary Adjustments Unit
Office of Administrative Hearings
State of Minnesota

FROM: James Uttley, AICP, Planning Analyst
Planning and Growth Management Department (651-602-1361)

SUBJECT: Information Submission
MBA Docket No. I-69 New Scandia Township Incorporation
Metropolitan Council Review No. 19677-1
Metropolitan Council District 12 (Chris Georgacas; 651-292-8062)

BACKGROUND

In accord with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Metropolitan Council (Council) and the Minnesota Municipal Board (MMB) of June 28, 1983, Council staff prepares an Information Submission for any MMB, now MBA (Municipal Boundary Adjustments, Office of Administrative Hearing, State of Minnesota), contested case hearing within the Metropolitan Area. The Information Submission presents demographic, land use, environmental and regional utility information for the jurisdiction(s) involved in the hearing. Most of the information comes from local comprehensive plans, and the Council's Metropolitan Development Guide, which includes the *2030 Regional Development Framework (Framework)* and the Council's metropolitan system plans for Parks, Transportation (including Aviation and Transit) and Wastewater. Municipal incorporation petitions are handled as if they are contested cases and an Information Submission is prepared for use of the MBA and parties in the hearing.

New Scandia Township is a community of approximately 39 square miles or 25,078 acres in size located in the northeast corner of Washington County. It is bordered on the east by the St. Croix River and Wisconsin. It is bordered on the southeast by the City of Marine-on-the-St. Croix and on the south by May Township. New Scandia is bordered on the southwest by the City of Hugo and on the west by the City of Forest Lake. All of these communities are located in Washington County, one of the seven counties that make up the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. See Figure 1 and 2. Chisago County is located to the north of New Scandia. Jurisdictions in Chisago County are not identified in Figures 1 and 2, as they are outside of the Council's jurisdiction.

More than 3,700 acres of the Township are in lakes, wetlands and floodplain. The Township is a mix of land uses. In 1998, at the time of the Council's review of the Township's most recent comprehensive plan, 47 percent of the land was agriculture or natural areas such as woods; about 25 percent was in rural residential use. The township has a village center consisting of about 60 homes and 20 businesses within a one square mile area.

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

The Council adopted new forecasts for cities, townships and counties in the metropolitan area in January 2004 as part of its new *Framework*. The new forecasts extend to 2030 and anticipate the addition of nearly one million people to the region between 2000 and 2030. In the fall of 2005, the Council modified its adopted 2004 forecasts for New Scandia Township. The modified forecasts are shown in Table 1.

In 2000, there were an estimated 3,692 people living in 1,294 households and 255 people employed in jobs in the Township. By 2030, the Township is forecasted to add approximately 5,400 people in 2,100 households and 610 jobs.

The Council's forecasts are based on the Township's intention to remain substantially rural and without any urban services through 2030. If the township's proposed incorporation is based on its intention to become substantially more urban by 2030 than the Council's *Framework* proposes, the Council's forecasts and its related metropolitan system plans, which are based on the *Framework*, will need to be re-examined.

Table 1					
New Scandia Township					
	1990*	2000*	2010	2020	2030
Population	3,197	3,692	4,370	5,000	5,400
Households	1,060	1,294	1,590	1,890	2,100
Employment	387	255	420	520	610

*Actual U.S. Census counts

REGIONAL POLICY

The *Framework*, which was adopted by the Council in January 2004, presents the Council's most recent "vision" for the region. Figure 1, which is based on a map contained in the *Framework* entitled "2030 Framework Planning Areas", shows the Township as primarily *diversified rural* and *regional natural resource areas* (including terrestrial and wetland areas)." See Figure 1.

The term *diversified rural* as used in the *Framework* implies that a community is rural. Diversified rural areas include a mix of a limited amount of large-lot residential and clustered housing with agricultural and other rural uses. Growth in the diversified rural areas should be consistent with regional forecasts, at densities of no more than 1 housing unit per 10 acres. Regional infrastructure investments in the *diversified rural area* will consist of expenditures for parks, open spaces and green corridor connections – including acquisition and development of regional parkland to serve the residents of the region. New Scandia Township is not proposed to get any urban services through 2030.

Framework policies related to *regional natural resource areas* says that the Council will "work with local and regional partners to reclaim, conserve, protect and enhance the region's vital natural resources."

REGIONAL SYSTEMS

Figure 2 shows existing and planned regional systems in the New Scandia Township and portions of surrounding communities in the Metropolitan Area (excluding adjacent portions of communities located in Chisago County. Regional systems include aviation, parks, transportation and wastewater services.

Aviation

There are no existing or planned airports or aviation facilities located in New Scandia Township. The proposed incorporation is not expected to impact the regional aviation system.

Parks

There is one existing regional park reserve within the Township, Big Marine, which is located mostly in May Township but includes lands in New Scandia Township on the southeast and southwest shores of Big Marine Lake. William O'Brien State Park and Falls Creek Scientific and Natural Area (state-owned) provide outdoor recreation opportunities and natural resource conservation for the public and is

considered part of the regional recreation open space system. The proposed incorporation is not expected to impact the regional aviation system.

Transportation

The Council's Transportation Policy Plan (TPP) identifies no principal arterials in New Scandia Township. State Trunk Hwy (STH) 97, STH 95, County State Aid Hwy (CSAH) 3 and CSAH 15 south of STH 97 are designated as "A-minor" arterials. CSAH 15 and CSAH 1 north of STH 97 and CSAH 50 west of CSAH 15 are designated as "B-minor" arterial highways in New Scandia Township.

New Scandia Township is presently outside the regional transit taxing district and has no regular transit service at this time or planned for the future. There is a rural dial-a-ride service is provided by Human Services Inc.

Wastewater Services

The Council has no plans to provide wastewater services to the community within the 2030 planning period. New Scandia Township is defined as a diversified rural community and needs to accommodate growth to not exceed the Council's forecasts and cluster development not to exceed one unit per ten acres.

LAND USE PLAN

New Scandia Township's 2020 comprehensive plan was reviewed by the Council on September 10, 1998. At that time, the Council's plan review noted that

The township's existing development already exceeds an overall 1/10 density, and has about 1,197 existing households in older developments located within the village center, the communities of Copas and Otisville on the St. Croix River, and around the larger lakes (Big Marine and Bone).

The 2020 comprehensive plan showed the following existing and proposed future land uses.

EXISTING LAND USE	Acres	%	FUTURE LAND USE	Acres	%
Agriculture, Natural Area	11813	47	General Rural, Agriculture	16510	66
Residential	6209	25	Semi-Rural	2104	9
Business, Mining	355	1	Village Center	483	2
Public, Semi-Public	1888	8	Village Center Expansion	548	2
Utilities	21	<1			
Water	2746	11	Water	2774	11
Wetlands	991	4	Public	1603	6
Right-of-way	1055	4	Right-of-way	1056	4
Total Acres	25078	100	Total Acres	25078	100

The Council's review of the Township's 2020 comprehensive plan noted the following:

The plan's future land use strategy for the Village Center (village: 483 acres; expansion: 548 acres) is consistent with a rural growth center concept, although the Regional Growth Strategy does not identify Scandia as a rural center. The Blueprint defines rural growth centers as incorporated areas that provide central sewer service, and encourage additional growth provided that the community can finance and administer services using local resources.

The plan proposes to expand the village center, identify it as a service and social center, allow gradual, contiguous development on 2.5-acre lots (with septic systems), provide a

local street pattern and limit commercial development only to areas inside the village area. The expansion area yields about 280 developable acres, accommodating about 120 additional units. In the interim, the expansion area will be limited to a 4/40 density; this is consistent with the Council's rural density policies.

As noted above, while the Township's current comprehensive plan proposes the creation of a small rural center within the Township, New Scandia Township does not now nor is about to become, urban or suburban in character. If it did so, it would be inconsistent with the Council's existing land use policy.

Communities in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area are required by statute (MS §476.864, Subd. 2) to review and, if necessary, amend their comprehensive plans every ten years. On September 12, 2005, the Council sent out System Statements to local communities to begin the next round of comprehensive plan updates.

Communities had 60 days thereafter to request changes to the contents of the system statements and attempt to negotiate mutually agreeable changes. New Scandia Township did so and the Council revised the portion of the system statement related to forecast, slightly increasing household and population forecasts during the planning period. The remainder of the system statement remained as it was originally drafted. Attachment 1 is a copy of the revised System Statement that was sent to New Scandia Township. It presents the most current regional system plan data for the City's use in updating its current comprehensive plan.

LIST OF FIGURES

- Figure 1 -- Location map showing New Scandia Township and nearby communities, and the Council's 2030 Framework Planning Area designations.
- Figure 2 -- Regional Systems map showing regional systems serving the New Scandia Township and nearby communities.
- Figure 3 -- 2003 Orthophoto showing the New Scandia Township and nearby communities.

LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – System Statement for the New Scandia Township issued by the Metropolitan Council on September 12, 2005 as modified November 30, 2005.

Figure 1. Location Map and 2030 Framework Planning Areas, New Scandia Township

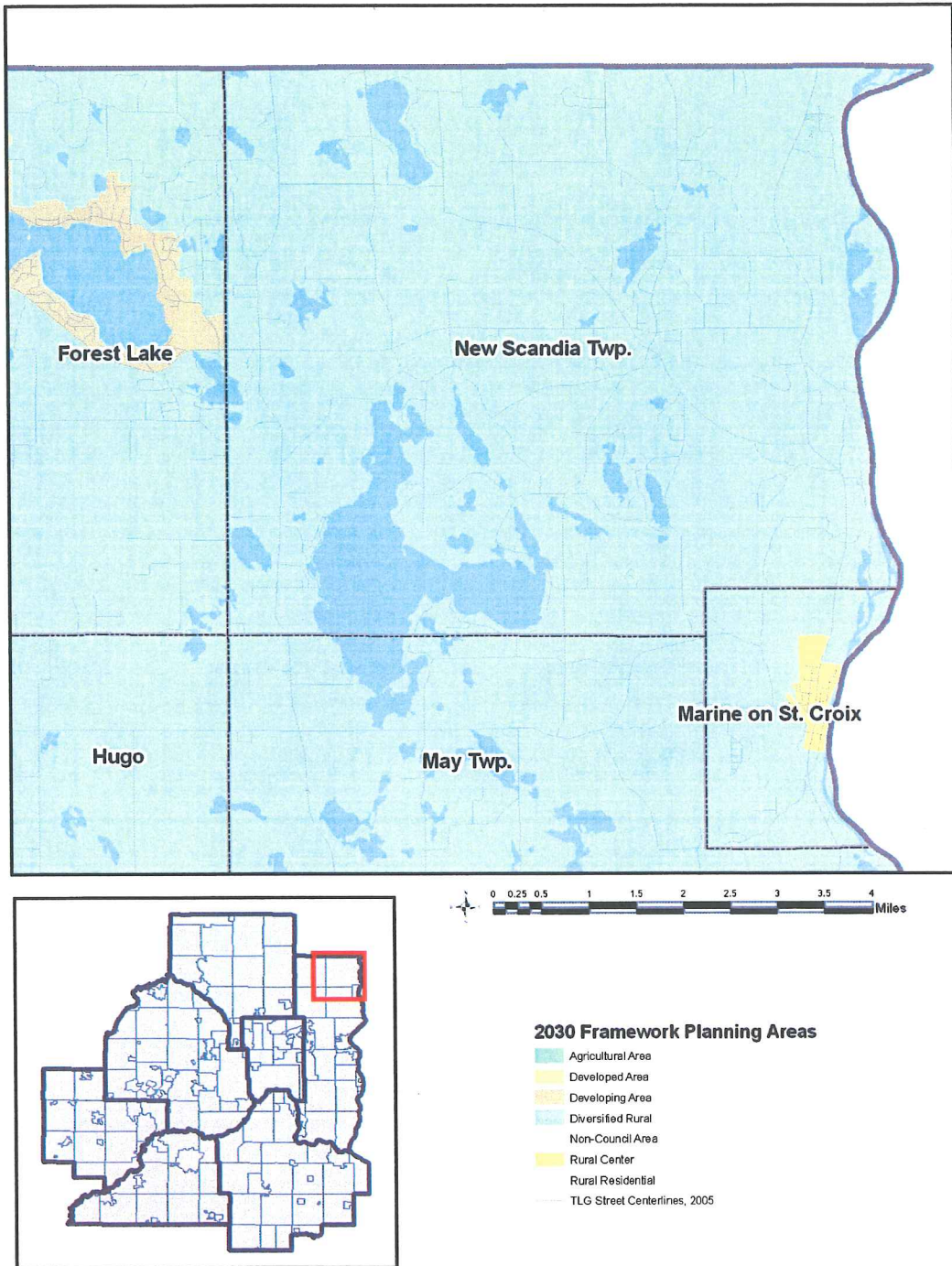
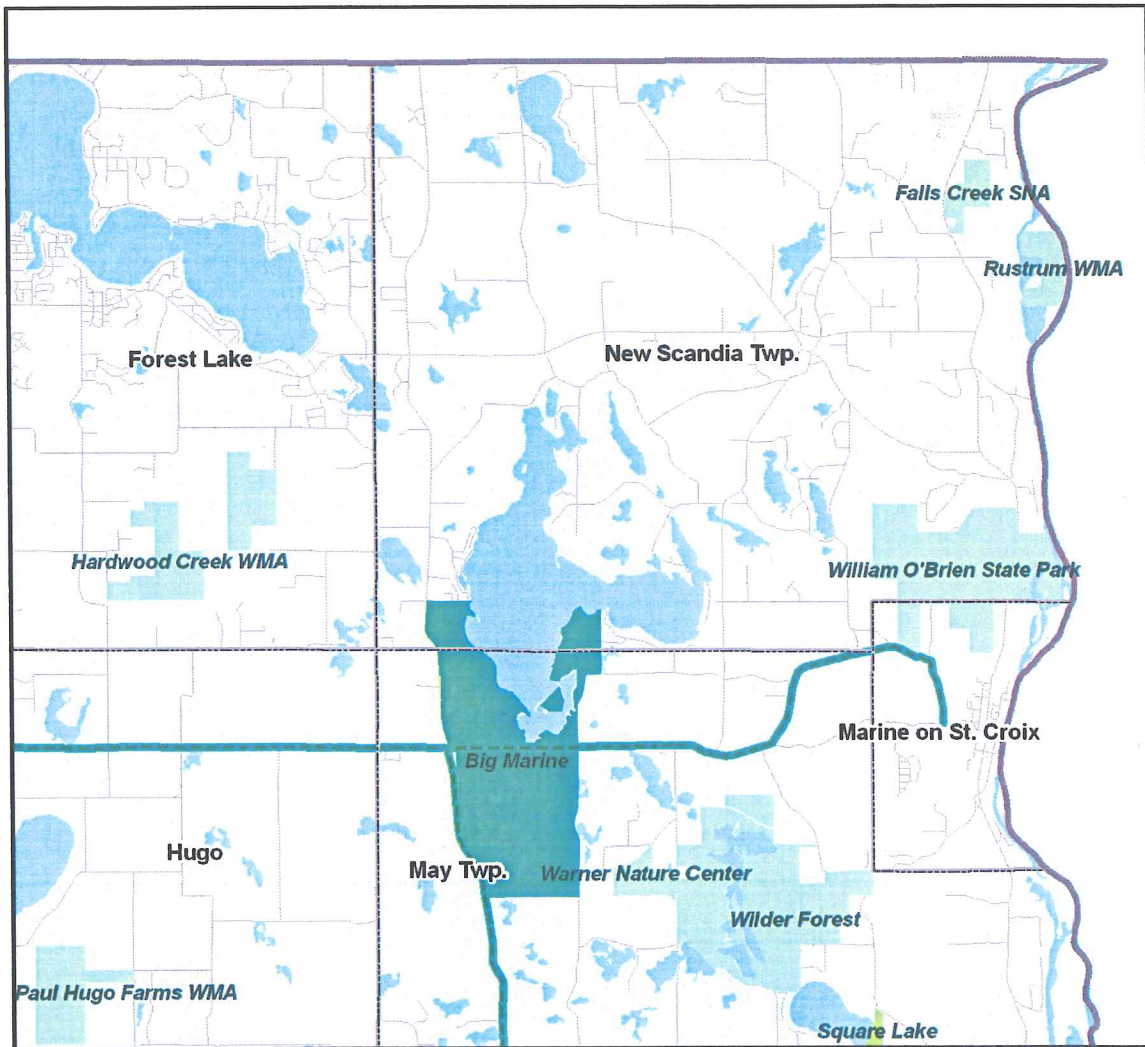


Figure 2. Regional Systems Map, New Scandia Township



Regional Systems

Wastewater Services

- Interceptors
- M Meters
- FS Lift Stations
- ☐ Treatment Plants

Recreation Open Space

- Park Reserve
- Regional Park
- Special Recreation Feature
- State and Federal Land

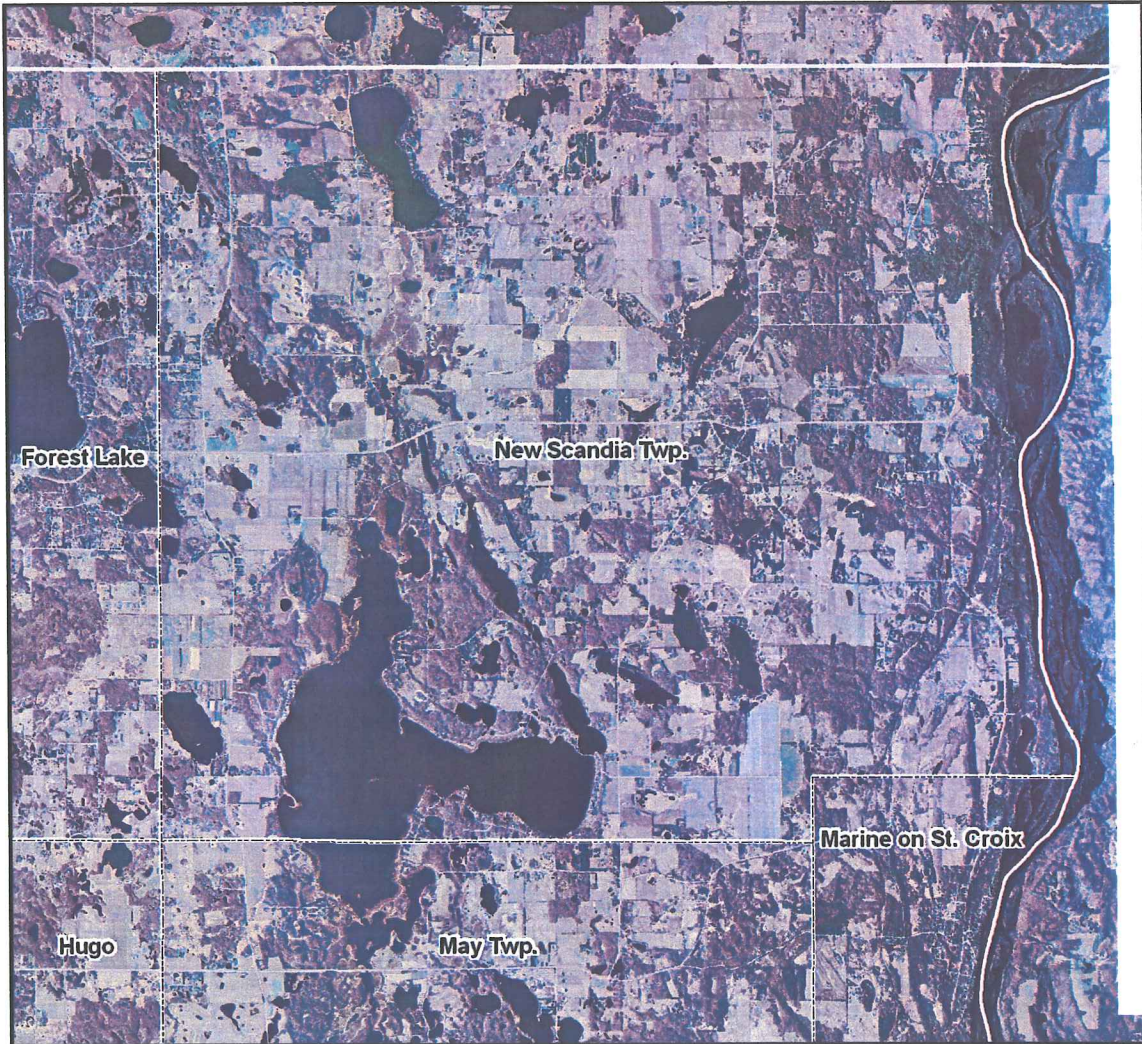
Regional and State Trails

- Regional Acquisition
- Regional Existing
- Regional Planned
- Regional Proposed
- State Existing

Transportation

- Interstates
- US Highways
- State Highways
- County Roads
- TLG Street Centerlines, 2005

Figure 3. 2005 Color Aerial Photography, New Scandia Township



2005 Color Orthophoto (MARKHURD)

TLG Street Centerlines, 2005



System Statement

New Scandia Township

Following the January 2004 adoption of the 2030 *Regional Development Framework*, and the more recent adoptions of the *Transportation Policy Plan*, the *Water Resources Management Policy Plan*, and the *Regional Parks Policy Plan*, the Metropolitan Council is issuing system statements pursuant to state statute.

Receipt of this system statement and the metropolitan system plans triggers communities' obligations to review and, as necessary, amend their comprehensive plans within the next three years. The complete text of the 2030 *Regional Development Framework* as well as complete copies of the recently adopted metropolitan system plans are available for viewing and downloading at <http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/timeline.htm>. Paper copies are available by calling the Council's Data Center at 651-602-1140.

Metropolitan system plans are long-range comprehensive plans for the regional systems – transportation and airports, wastewater services, and parks and open space, along with the capital budgets for metropolitan wastewater service, transportation and regional recreation open space. System statements explain the implications of metropolitan system plans for each individual community in the metropolitan area. They are intended to help communities prepare or update their comprehensive plan, as required by the Metropolitan Land Planning Act:

Within three years following the receipt of the metropolitan system statement, every local governmental unit shall have prepared a comprehensive plan in accordance with sections 462.355, subdivision 4, 473.175, and 473.851 to 473.871 and the applicable planning statute and shall have submitted the plan to the Metropolitan Council for review pursuant to section 473.175.

Local comprehensive plans will be reviewed by the Council for conformance with metropolitan system plans, consistency with Council policies and compatibility with adjacent and affected governmental units.

The system statement includes forecasts at densities that assure regional growth is achieved consistent with adopted policies. These forecasted densities help ensure regional services and costly regional infrastructure can be provided as efficiently as possible, and that development and growth within the metropolitan area occur in a coordinated manner. The system statement also contains an overview of the transportation and aviation, transit, wastewater, and regional parks system plan updates, and system changes affecting each community.

Forecasts.

The following forecasts are part of the 2030 *Regional Development Framework* (adopted January 14, 2004 and updated on August 24, 2005). They are used by the Council to plan

for its regional systems. Communities should base their planning work on these forecasts. However, given the nature of long-range forecasting, the Council will maintain an on-going dialogue with communities to consider any changes in growth trends or community expectations about growth that may have an impact on regional systems.

Forecast of population, households and employment:

New Scandia Township Development Framework Forecasts Through 2030					
	1990	2000	Revised Development Framework		
			2010	2020	2030
Population	3,197	3,692	4,370	5,000	5,400
Households	1,060	1,294	1,590	1,890	2,100
Employment	387	255	420	520	610

For numbers greater than 5,000 numbers are rounded to the nearest hundred; for numbers less, to the nearest ten.

The Council forecasts growth at appropriate densities for communities in order to protect the efficiency of wastewater, transportation and other regional system investments, and to help ensure the metropolitan area can accommodate its projected growth by the year 2030.

Growth management.

The Regional Development Framework sets an overall minimum residential density standard of 3 to 5 units per acre in developed and developing areas where urban service is located or planned. The average minimum standard of 3 units per acre is important to the efficient use of regional systems, including wastewater system investments. Communities that significantly over-utilize or under-utilize regional systems can cause inefficiencies in the use of regional resources. Additionally, achieving housing at these density levels may help communities meet their obligations under the Metropolitan Land Planning Act to plan to and address their housing needs.

Geographic planning area.

New Scandia Township is designated as a "diversified rural" geographic planning area in the *2030 Regional Development Framework*. Geographic planning areas are shown on the 2030 Planning Area map. The planning area sets overall densities that the planned development patterns in your community should maintain. (If there are discrepancies between the 2030 Framework Planning Area map, and the metropolitan systems plans because of adjustments that occurred subsequent to the adoption of the *2030 Regional Development Framework* document, communities should follow the specific guidance contained in this system statement.)

Diversified rural areas include a mix of a limited amount of large-lot residential and clustered housing with agricultural and other rural uses. Growth in the diversified rural areas should be consistent with regional forecasts, at densities of no more than 1 housing unit per 10 acres.

Specific strategies for the diversified rural planning area are found on page 32 of the *2030 Regional Development Framework*.

System statement review process.

If your community disagrees with elements of this system statement, or has any questions about this system statement, we urge you to contact your sector representative, Bob Mazanec, 651 602-1330, to review and discuss potential issues or concerns.

The Council and local units and districts have historically resolved questions about forecasts and other components of the system statement through discussions.

Request for hearing.

If a local governmental unit or school district and the Council are unable to resolve disagreements over the content of a system statement, the unit or district may by resolution request that a hearing be conducted by the Council's Land Use Advisory Committee or by the state Office of Administrative Hearings for the purpose of considering amendments to the system statement. According to Minnesota Statutes section 473.857, the request shall be made by the local unit or district within 60 days after receipt of the system statement. If no request for a hearing is received by the Council within 60 days, the statement becomes final.

System statement issue date:

The official date of the issuance of this system statement is September 12, 2005.

Regional Parks System Statement

New Scandia Township

Key Changes in the Plan

The *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* adopted by the Metropolitan Council in June 2005 is the metropolitan system plan for regional recreation open space with which local comprehensive plans must conform. This system statement summarizes significant elements of the metropolitan system plan and highlights those elements that apply specifically to your community. In addition to reviewing this system statement, your community should consult the entire *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*, the *2030 Regional Development Framework* and other pertinent regional planning and policy documents to ensure your community's local comprehensive plan and plan amendments conform to the metropolitan system plans. A PDF file of the entire *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan*, the *2030 Regional Development Framework*, the *Local Planning Handbook* and other regional planning and policy documents of the Metropolitan Council are available online at the Metropolitan Council's website:

<http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/timeline.htm>.

To meet the needs of the region in 2030, the *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* includes the following changes to the current regional parks system.

- ✓ **Designate two existing county parks and three trails as "regional."**
 - ◆ In Washington County, Pine Point Park
 - ◆ In Ramsey County, Tony Schmidt Park
 - ◆ In Ramsey County/St. Paul, three regional trails – Trout Brook, Summit Avenue, and Lexington Parkway
- ✓ **Acquire and develop three new parks. Search areas include:**
 - ◆ Northwestern Anoka County
 - ◆ Empire Township in Dakota County. Please note that the Metropolitan Council approved a park master plan and a boundary for the park has been established.
 - ◆ Blakeley Township in Scott County
- ✓ **Acquire and develop seven new trails. Search areas include:**
 - ◆ The Crow River, in Carver County and Three Rivers Park District
 - ◆ Both a north/south and an east/west trail traversing Dakota County
 - ◆ An east/west trail traversing Scott County
 - ◆ In Three Rivers Park District, a trail connecting parts of Baker Park Reserve; a trail connecting Baker and Crow-Hassan Park Reserves; and a trail connecting Crow-Hassan and Elm Creek Park Reserves
- ✓ **Acquire land within the current boundaries of 30 existing parks and four trails.**
- ✓ **Acquire natural-resource lands adjacent to six existing parks and six existing trails.**

To meet the needs of the region beyond 2030, the Council proposes four new regional parks or reserves and three new trails be acquired. These parks and trails would not be developed until after 2030, but the opportunity to acquire them will likely be lost if the lands aren't identified and purchased before 2030. The goal is to complete the acquisition of the regional park system and secure opportunities for future generations. Search areas include:

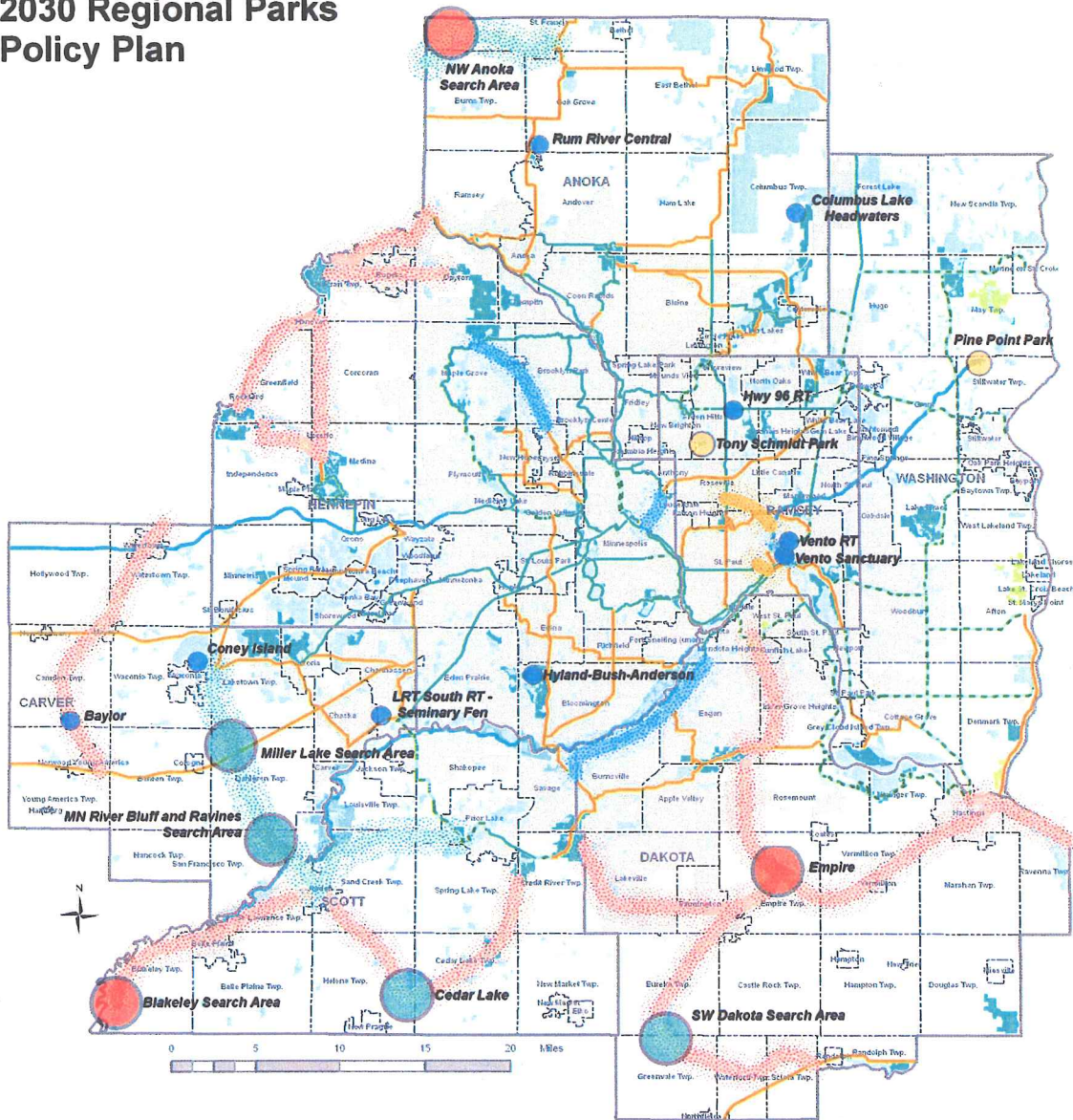
- ✓ **Parks – Miller Lake area and Minnesota River Bluff and Ravines in Carver County; southwestern Dakota County; and Cedar Lake area in Scott County.**
- ✓ **Trails – northwestern Anoka County; central to south Carver County; and Minnesota River to Spring Lake in Scott County.**

Figure 1: All additions and changes to Regional Park System Plan

Figure 1. Regional Parks System Statement

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2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan



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| Regional Park Search Areas * | Regional Trail Search Corridors * | Parks and Preserves | Lakes and Major Rivers |
| Boundary Adjustment | Boundary Adjustment | Federal Land | 2020 MUSA |
| Recognition of Regional Status | Recognition of Regional Status | Private Non-Profit | |
| New Unit | New Unit | Regional | |
| Completing the System | Completing the System | State Land | |
| | | Regional Trails | |
| | | Existing | |
| | | Planned | |
| | | Proposed | |
| | | State Existing | |
- * Search areas (parks) and corridors (trails) as shown are for planning purposes only and are not indicative of specific proposed park boundaries or trail alignments.



1. Regional Park System Plan Considerations Affecting Your Community

Regional parks and trails in your community

The following regional parks and trails within New Scandia Township as contained in the adopted *2030 Regional Parks Policy Plan* are listed below.

Table 1: Regional Parks and Trails in New Scandia Township

Regional Park or Trail Unit Name	Master plan boundary of unit is set. Comprehensive plan should acknowledge boundary	Master plan boundary is not set. Comprehensive plan should acknowledge general location with final boundary or alignment subject to park or trail master plan
Big Marine Park Reserve	X	

Big Marine Park Reserve – It has an approved master plan that defines the boundaries of the park reserve. The park reserve boundaries as shown in Figure 2 should be acknowledged in the township's comprehensive plan. Jim Luger, Washington County Parks Director is the contact person for Washington County Regional Park facilities in the May Township. He can be reached at 651-430-4325.

State lands

The following state park and open space unit provides outdoor recreation opportunities and natural resource conservation for the public and is considered part of the regional recreation open space system. This facility as shown in Figure 2 should be acknowledged in the township's comprehensive plan.

- William O'Brien State Park -- Minnesota DNR

For more information about this DNR site, call 651-296-6157.

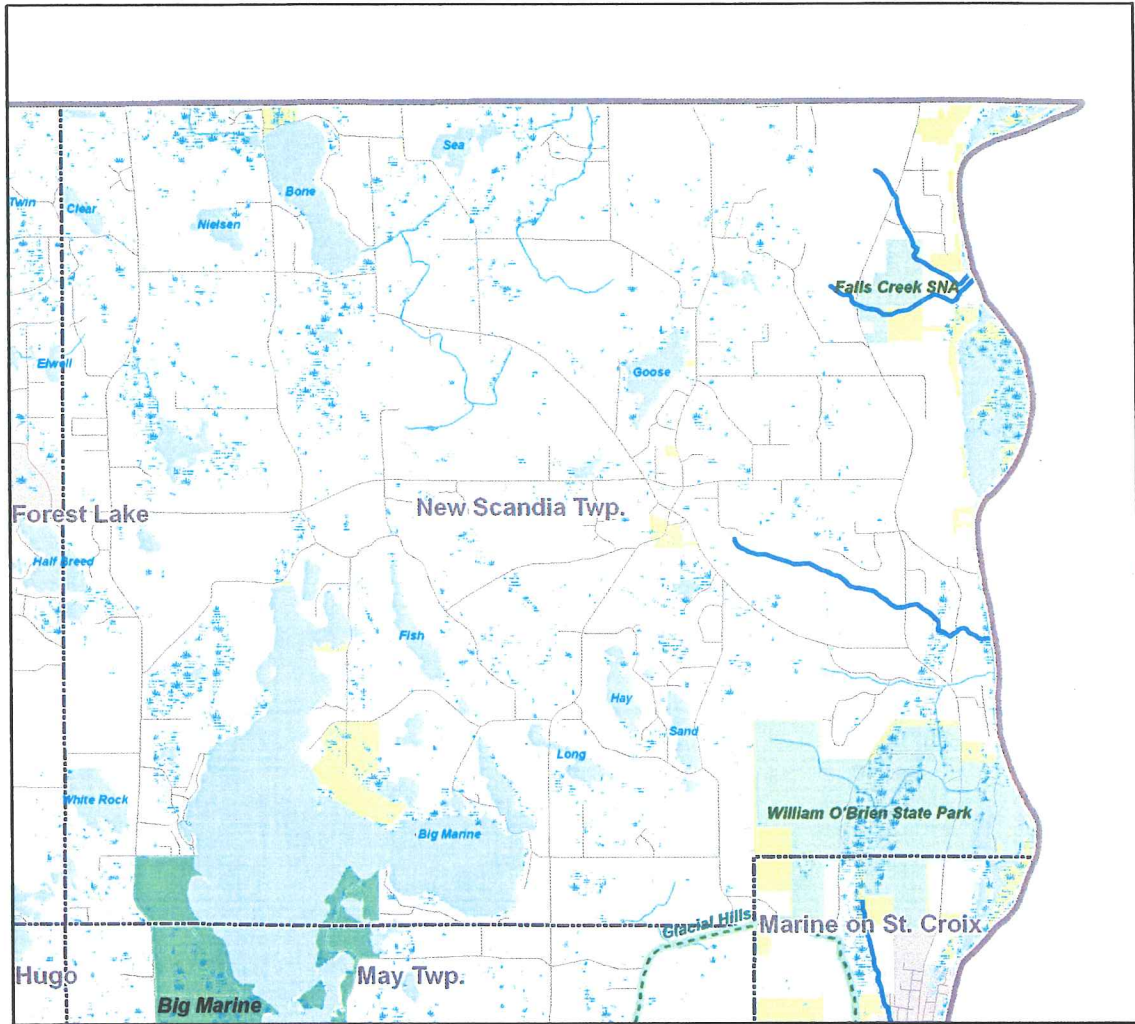
Figure 2 shows the location of all parks and trails listed above in New Scandia Township, plus any parks and trails adjacent to the township's border.

Figure 2: Map of New Scandia Township with regional parks and trails in the township and adjacent to the township

Figure 2. Regional Parks System Statement Map

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<p>Regional Park Search Areas *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary Adjustment Recognition of Regional Status New Unit Completing the System 	<p>Regional Trail Search Corridors *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boundary Adjustment Recognition of Regional Status New Unit Completing the System 	<p>Parks and Preserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Federal Land Private Non-Profit Regional State Land Local and County Land <p>Regional Trails</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing Planned Proposed State Existing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wetlands (NWI) Lakes and Major Rivers Minor Rivers and Streams Trout Streams 2020 MUSA TLG Street Centerlines (2005)
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* Search areas (parks) and corridors (trails) as shown are for planning purposes only and are not indicative of specific proposed park boundaries or trail alignments.

Proposed boundaries within park search areas pending master plan approval are highlighted in yellow

Wastewater System Statement -- *New Scandia Township*

Key Changes in the Plan

The revised *Water Resources Management Policy Plan*, adopted by the Metropolitan Council in March 2005, is the metropolitan system plan for metropolitan wastewater services with which local comprehensive plans must conform. This system statement summarizes significant elements of the metropolitan system plan and highlights those elements that apply specifically to your community. In addition to reviewing this system statement, your community should consult the entire *Water Resources Management Policy Plan*, the *2030 Regional Development Framework* and other pertinent regional planning and policy documents to ensure your community's local comprehensive plan and plan amendments conform to the metropolitan system plans. A PDF file of the entire *Water Resources Management Policy Plan*, the *2030 Regional Development Framework*, the *Local Planning Handbook* and other regional planning and policy documents of the Metropolitan Council are available online at the Metropolitan Council's Web site: <http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/overview.htm>.

The revised *Water Resources Management Policy Plan* incorporates the following changes:

- A coordinated approach to water supply planning in the metropolitan area with the goal of providing for a sustainable, reliable and secure supply of high quality water to support orderly economic growth and maintain the region's high quality of life.
- An approach to surface water management that ties together the control of pollution from point and nonpoint sources. Local surface water management plans will be reviewed for impacts on the regional wastewater system.
- A policy under which the Council will consider acquiring and operating local wastewater treatment plants in rural growth centers upon request where enough growth is projected to make it economically feasible for the Council to become involved.
- A plan that provides for cities to reduce excessive inflow and infiltration (I/I) of clear water into the metropolitan sewer system. A financial assistance/surcharge program is included that will provide a funding mechanism to help solve the I/I problem.
- A policy that continues to require inspections of individual sewage treatment systems (ISTS) at least once every three years by trained individuals. In addition, the Council has added further clarification on what is needed in a community's local ISTS management program.

System Plan Considerations Affecting Your Community

1. Metropolitan Sewer Service

The Council has no plans to provide wastewater services to the community within the 2030 planning period. New Scandia Township is defined as a diversified rural community and needs to accommodate growth to not exceed the Council's forecasts and cluster development not to exceed one unit per ten acres.

2. Management of Individual Sewage Treatment Systems

The Metropolitan Land Planning Act requires the sewer element (local sewer policy plan) of the local comprehensive plan to describe the standards and conditions under which the installation of individual sewage treatment systems will be permitted and to the extent practicable, the areas not suitable for public or private systems.

The new *Water Resources Management Policy Plan* states that the appropriate density for development with individual sewage treatment systems depends on the suitability of the soils to treat wastewater and whether space is available for a primary and back up drainfield. It is the Council's position that all municipalities and counties allowing individual sewage treatment systems should incorporate current MPCA regulations (Minn. Rules Chapter 7080) as part of a program for managing individual sewage treatment systems in the sewer element of their local comprehensive plan and implement the standards in issuing permits. New Scandia Township should adopt a management program consistent with state rules. An overview of New Scandia Township's management program must be included in the community's local comprehensive plan update. If adequate information on the management program is not included, the comprehensive plan will be found incomplete for review until the required information is provided to the Council.

3. Management of Private Wastewater Treatment Plants (Cluster Systems)

Small private treatment plants are located throughout the metropolitan area serving such developments as individual industries, mobile home parks, and other urban type uses. The Council will not provide financial support to assist communities if these systems fail.

New Scandia Township should include in the sewer element (local sewer policy plan) of its local comprehensive plan the conditions under which private treatment plants would be allowed. The use of private wastewater treatment plants must be consistent and compatible with the long-term regional wastewater system plan.

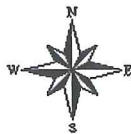
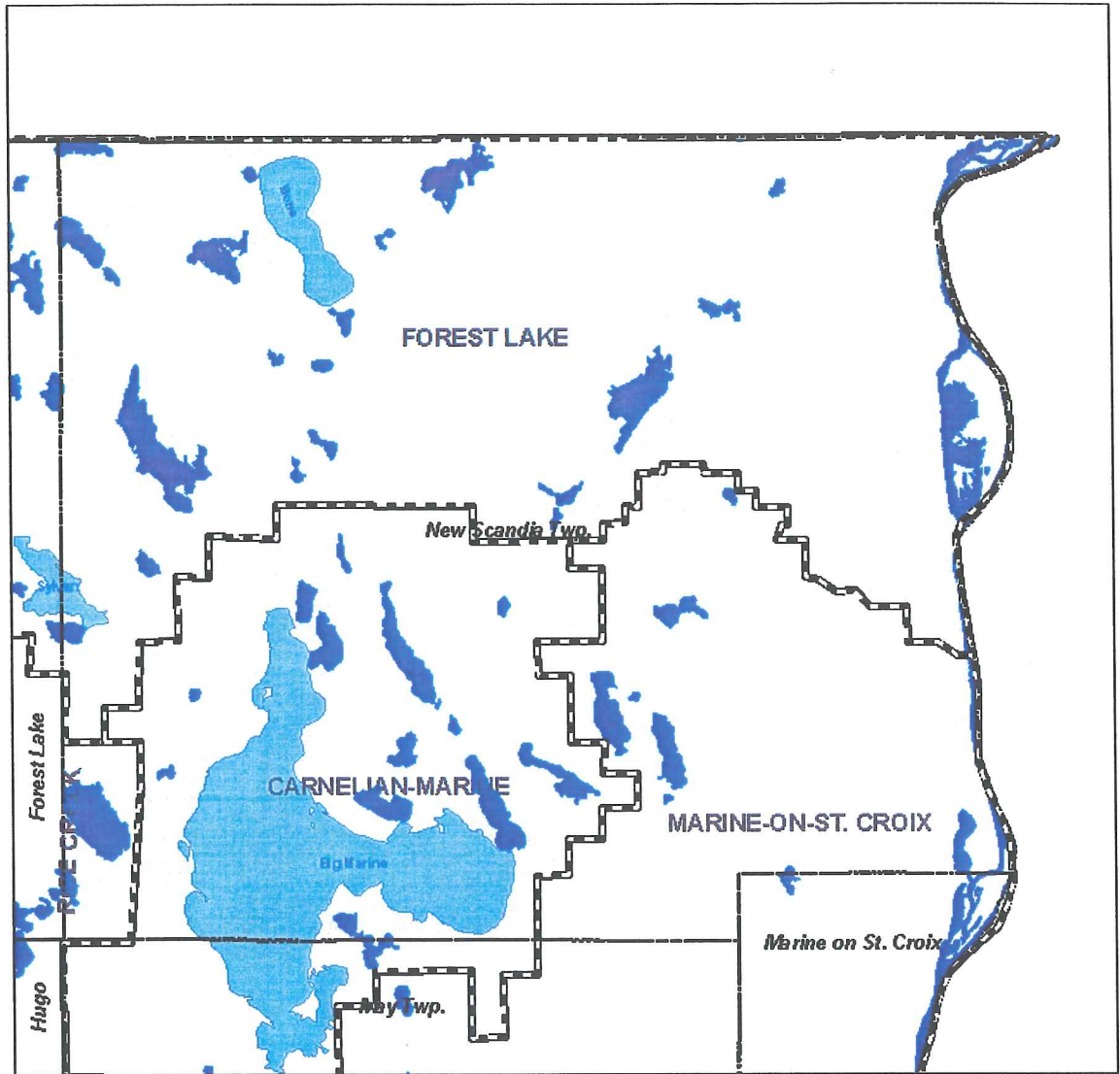
4. Surface Water Management

In 1995, Minnesota Statutes section 473.859, subd. 2, was amended to make the local surface water management plan required by Minnesota Statutes section 103B.235 a part of the land use plan of the local comprehensive plan. Section 103B.235 provides that a local surface water management plan should be prepared once a watershed plan for the area has been approved. Section 103B.235 also generally identifies the content requirements for the plan. The local surface water management plan must be submitted to both the watershed management organization(s) within whose watershed the community is located and to the Metropolitan Council for its review. For guidelines on the contents of local surface water management plans, please refer to Appendix B2-b of the Council's *Water Resources Management Policy Plan*.

Council records indicate that New Scandia Township is in the Comfort Lake Forest Lake, Carnelian Marine, and Rice Creek Watershed Districts and the Marine on St. Croix Watershed Management Organization (see attached map). The Comfort Lake Forest Lake, Carnelian Marine, and Rice Creek watershed plans were approved by BWSR in 2001, 2000, and 1997 respectively. The Marine on St. Croix watershed plan is out for review and anticipated to be approved by BWSR in 2005 or 2006. Therefore, New Scandia Township will be required to update its local surface water management plan by the end of 2007 or 2008. The plan should be submitted to the Council for its review concurrent with the review by the watershed management organizations. Failure to have an updated local surface water management plan consistent with the local surface water management plan content requirements found in Appendix B2-b of the *Water Resources Management Policy Plan* will result in a metropolitan system impact.

The Council also updated its priority lake list that was first developed in the 1980s as part of the *Water Resources Management Policy Plan* update. There are three priority lakes, Big Marine, Bone and Sylvan, in New Scandia Township. The Council uses the priority lake list to focus its limited resources. The list is also used in the environmental review process. Where a proposed development may impact a priority lake, the project proposer must complete a nutrient budget analysis for the lake as part of the environmental review process.

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- Watershed Management
- Priority Water Features
- Community Boundary
- Parcel Boundary

Transportation System Statement -- New Scandia Twp.

Key Changes in the Plan

The revised *Transportation Policy Plan* adopted by the Metropolitan Council in December 2004, is the metropolitan system plan for airports and transportation with which local comprehensive plans must conform. This system statement summarizes significant elements of the metropolitan system plan and highlights those elements that apply specifically to your community. In addition to reviewing this system statement, your community should consult the entire *Transportation Policy Plan*, the *2030 Regional Development Framework* and other pertinent regional planning and policy documents, including the *Aviation Policy Plan*, to ensure your community's local comprehensive plan and plan amendments conform to the metropolitan system plans. A PDF file of the entire revised *Transportation Policy Plan*, the *2030 Regional Development Framework*, the *Local Planning Handbook* and other regional planning and policy documents of the Metropolitan Council are available online at the Metropolitan Council's Web site: <http://www.metrocouncil.org/planning/framework/timeline.htm>. The *Aviation Policy Plan*, adopted in 1996, is not available electronically, but a copy can be obtained by contacting the Metropolitan Council's Data Center at 651-602-1140.

The revised *Transportation Policy Plan* incorporates the following changes:

- The planning period has been extended from 2025 to 2030.
- No significant increase in the level of transportation funding was assumed.
- The expenditures shown in the *Transportation Policy Plan* must be constrained by the level of funding that is anticipated. However, the revised plan also examined two alternative scenarios – what could be built if highway revenues were increased by 30% over the next 25 years, and what it would cost to provide enough additional capacity to hold congestion to the 1998 levels.
- The highway expansion projects shown in the plan have changed little since the 2001 plan, due to this lack of additional resources. (See Fig 4-11 for highway expansion proposals.) Metropolitan Highway System Plan investment priorities no longer contain the “Improvements” category. Most improvement corridors are now designated “Management” corridors.
- The new investment timing provisions are contained in the Plan. Table 4-11 contains projects in Mn/DOT's Highway Work Plan (scheduled in 2009-2013) construction, reconstruction, and bridge replacement greater \$10 million. Table 4-12 contains Regional Priority Project to move into the 10-Year Highway Work Plan, if there are resources available in the 2005-2009 time period.
- Funds have also been allocated to obtain right of way for new crossings of the Mississippi River between NW Hennepin and Anoka Counties and of the Minnesota River in the vicinity of Chaska. Construction dollars for these projects are not foreseen before 2030.
- Chapter 5 contains new policies and procedures on managing the scope, cost and revenue sources of projects to insure that sufficient resources are available to implement the region's

transportation priorities as shown in this plan. This includes procedures to manage the use of Federal High Priority Project (HPP) funds and matching funds for these federal dollars. The Council and Mn/DOT will monitor scope and costs to ensure major projects continue to meet regional objectives in a cost effective manner.

- The plan envisions significant improvements in the bus system, including new express bus routes, arterial corridor enhancements, suburb-to-suburb service, transit stations, park-and-ride lots and other features. The goal is to increase transit ridership 50 percent by 2020 and double it by 2030.
- The plan proposes additional express commuter bus corridors as well as enhancement and expansion of existing bus service in freeway corridors. Within each corridor, express bus routes will be supported by park-and-ride facilities, circulator networks, and “transit advantages.”
- The plan includes construction of five new “transitways” on dedicated rights-of-way by 2020 to help slow the growth in traffic congestion and improve mobility, and three additional transitways by 2030. Unlike the 2001 plan, the technology for each corridor was not identified in the Plan; rather the most appropriate and cost-effective mode for any given corridor is best determined after extensive study of the individual corridor. Figure 4-2 (attached) shows the 2030 Transitway System and Express Commuter Bus System.
- The plan now includes detailed information on the facilities needed for transit passengers, such as stations and park and ride lots, as well as facilities needed to support the transit system, such as garages and bus layover sites (Figures 4-5 and 4-6). Communities should plan for development and redevelopment around stations and park-and-ride lots.
- Policy 18 (previously policy 17) on transportation and land use elements in local comprehensive plans was rewritten and more detail provided in some strategies as to what the Council expects in local comprehensive plans.
- The TPP now includes references to the regional aviation system as defined in the *Aviation Policy Plan*. The 1996 Aviation Policy Plan remains in effect with the exception of the *Land Use Compatibility Guidelines for Aircraft Noise*. These guidelines have been updated and included in the TPP as Appendix H.

System Plan Considerations Affecting Your Community

1. Metropolitan Highways

There are no metropolitan highways in the Township of New Scandia. Figure 4-11 shows the metropolitan highway system and highway investment priorities in the region.

2. Transit Routes and Facilities

New Scandia Twp. is outside of the Metropolitan Transit Taxing District. Therefore, there is no regular route transit service existing or planned in the township.

New Scandia Twp. is in Market Area IV. Service options for Market Area IV include dial-a-ride, volunteer driver programs, and ridesharing. Rural dial-a-ride service is provided by Human Services Inc.

3. Aviation Plan and Facilities

The TPP/APP includes policies and text on protection of the region's airspace resources. The airspace policy states that both Federal Aviation administration (FAA) and MnDOT Aeronautics safety standards must be a major consideration in the planning, design, maintenance and operation of air transportation facilities and services. There are no existing or planned aviation facilities within New Scandia Twp. However, each community has a responsibility to include airspace protection in its comprehensive plan. The protection is for potential hazards to air navigation including electronic interference. Airspace protection should be included in local codes/ordinances to control height of structures, especially when conditional use permits would apply. The comprehensive plan should include policy/text on **notification to the FAA** as defined under code of federal regulations CFR - Part 77, using the FAA Form 7460-1 "Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration". Instructions can be found at www.faa.gov/arp/ace/part77.cfm.

Flying in the metro region involves all types of aircraft including amphibian and float-equipped planes. Communities should recognize, for purposes of safe use of surface waters and compatible land use, that certain public waters within the seven-county metro area are designated by MnDOT Aeronautics as permitted seaplane use areas under state Rules. For a listing of authorized operating areas and other relevant information please refer to the following web site: <http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/8800/2800.html>.

Figure 4-2
2030 Transitway Corridors

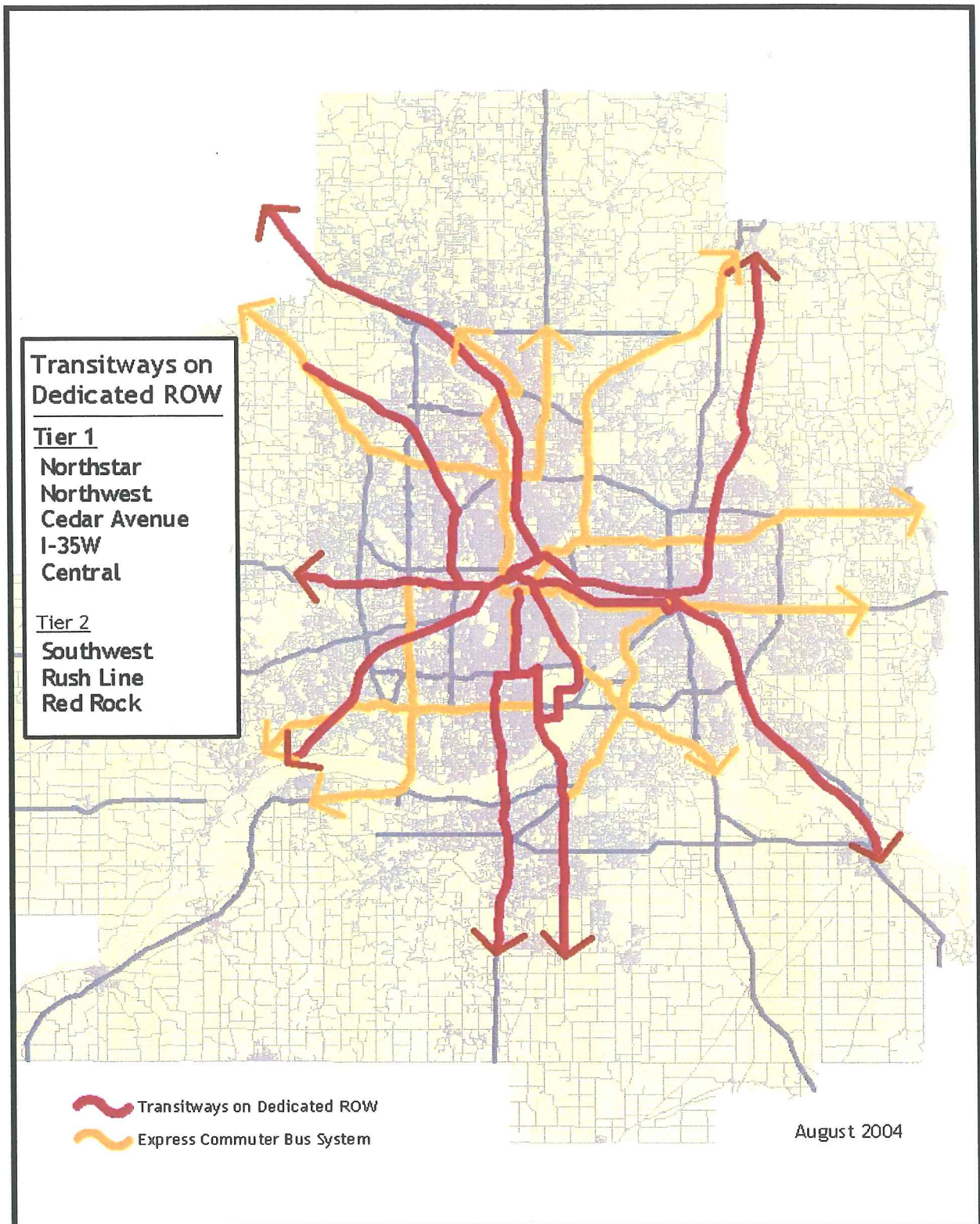
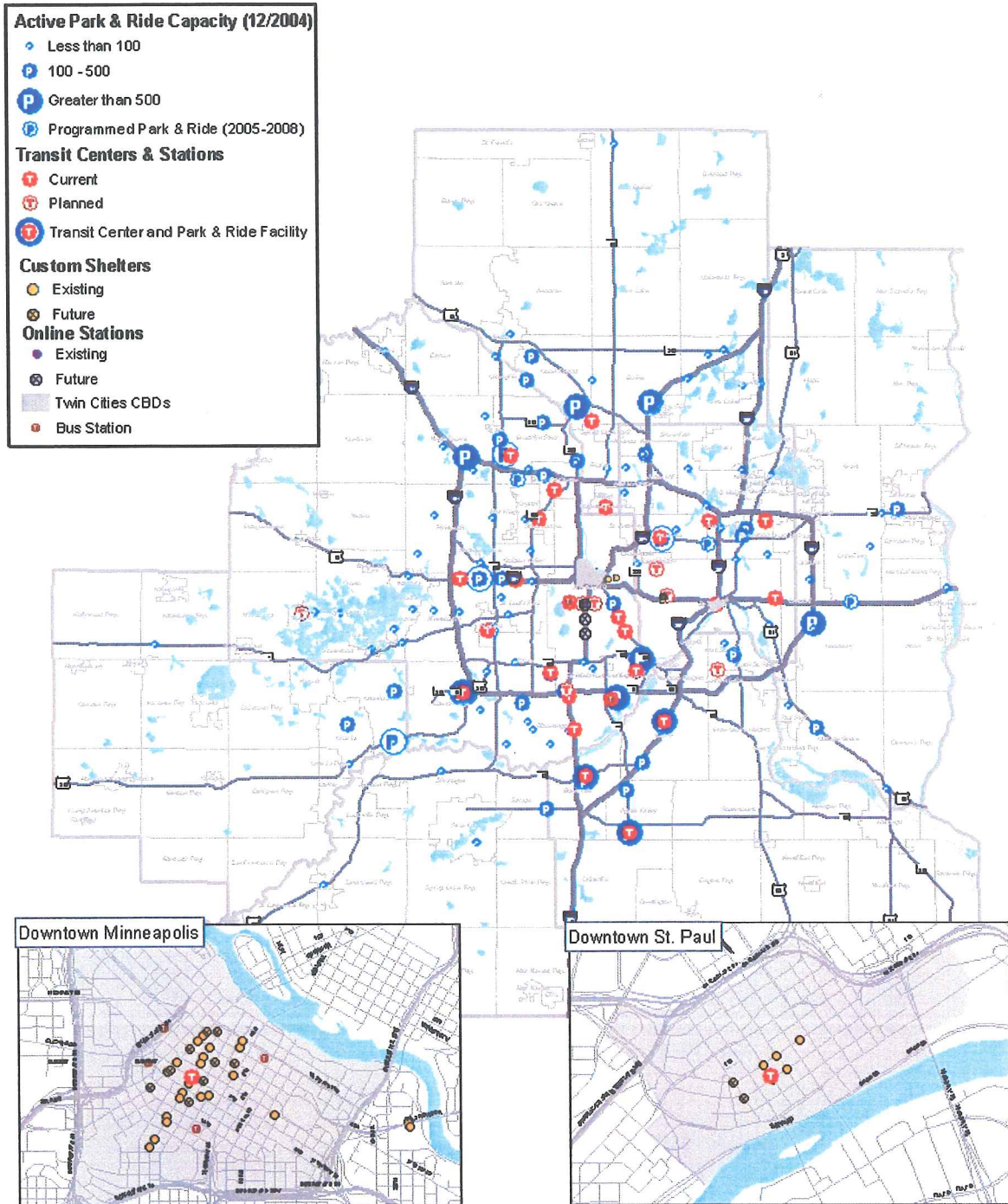


Figure 4-5 Transit Passenger Facilities



**Figure 4-6
Transit Support Facilities**

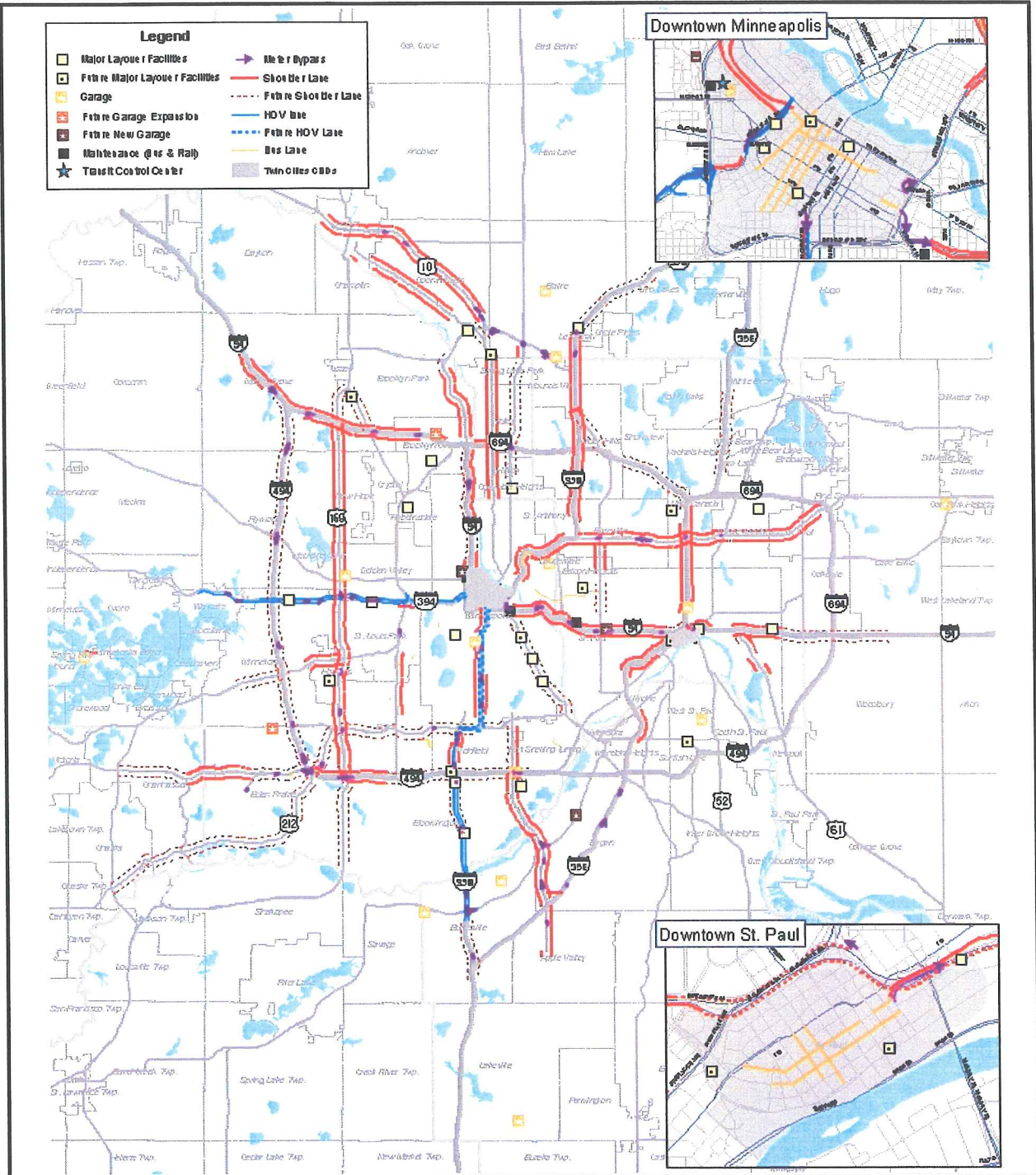


Figure 4-11
2030 Constrained Metropolitan Highway System Plan Investment Priorities

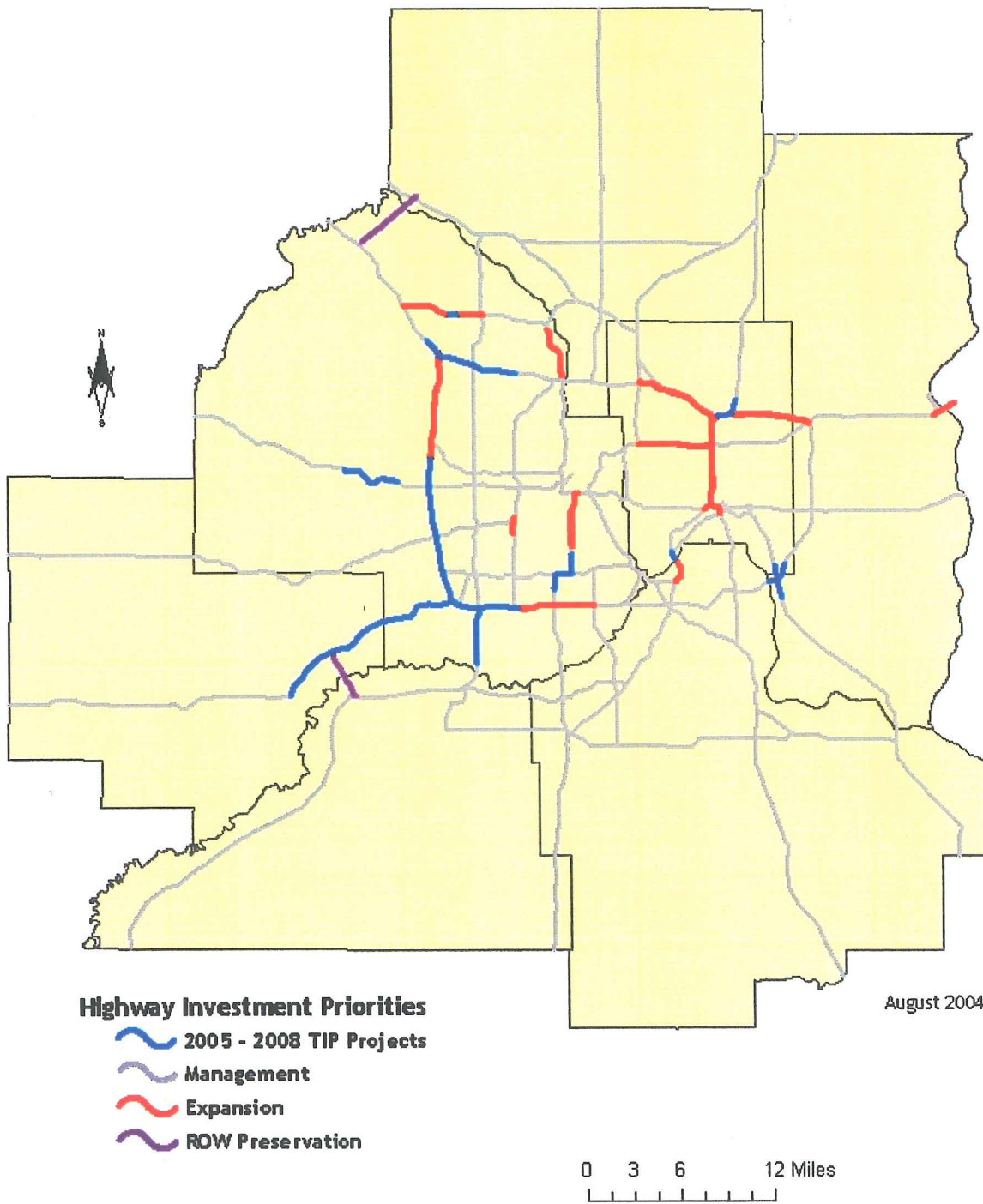


Table 4-11
MnDOT Highway Work Plan, 2009-2013
Major Construction, Reconstruction and Bridge Replacement Greater Than \$10 Million

Highway	Project Description	Program	Construction Fiscal Year	Project Cost Estimates				Total Project Cost (\$000)
				Design Estimate (\$000)	R/W Estimate (\$000)	Year-of-Construction Estimate (\$000)	Construction Engineering Estimate (\$000)	
35E	I-94 to Maryland Ave. in St. Paul, grading, surfacing, brs., etc., including Cayuga Br. and Phalen Blvd. connection	MC	2010	7,687	Limited	76,755	6,140	90,571
35W	At Lake St. in Minneapolis, reconstruct interchange (Ph. 1)	MC	2009	1,160	Continuous/ Major	11,600	928	13,688
35W	At Lake St. in Minneapolis, reconstruct interchange (Ph. 2)	MC	2010	1,785	Continuous/ Major	17,850	1,428	21,063
36	At Lexington Ave.. in Roseville, replace Br. 5723 and reconstruct interchange	MC	2009	1,380	Limited	13,804	1,104	16,289
100	36 th St. to Cedar Lake Rd. in St. Louis Park, grading, surfacing, Brs., etc. for 6-lane freeway	MC	2011	6,150	Continuous/ Major	61,500	4,920	72,570
169	Near CSAH 6 in Belle Plaine, grading, surfacing, Br., etc. for new interchange	MC	2010	1,904	Limited	19,040	1,523	22,467
694	E of I35W in Arden Hills to E of Lexington Ave.. in Shoreview, grading, surfacing, Brs., etc. to add third lane and correct weave at TH 10/51	MC	2012	6,960	Minimal/ Spot	69,596	5,568	82,123
TOTALS				27,015		270,145	21,611	318,771

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**Table 4-12
Regional Priority Projects to Move into
10-Year Highway Work Plan, 2005-2009**

Highway	Project Description
I-35E	TH 110 to TH 5, add one through lane
I-494	TH 55 to I-94, add one through lane
TH 610	CSAH 81 to I-94, Complete four-lane freeway
Total: \$ 300 million	

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RE: I-69 New Scandia Incorporation Request for Information

Dear Ms. Scotillo:

Thank you for the Notice of Hearing for the I-69 New Scandia Incorporation and the opportunity to provide information. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to determine from the hearing notice whether the boundary adjustment will have an adverse impact on any nearby farming operations. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) can only assume from the hearing notice that the boundary adjustment is to accommodate residential development. Based on that assumption, the MDA cautions against incorporation close to farming operations. This would have an adverse effect on the viability of the nearby farming operations. If any feedlot operations are nearby, housing or commercial developments in close proximity to existing feedlots is likely to result in complaints by new residents about odor, dust, noise, and hours of operation.

If it is found that the boundary adjustment should be ordered, then the MDA would like to suggest that the Town consider providing information to residents about living near farming operations recommends in order to help mitigate this potential conflict. Informing nonfarm residents about life in agricultural areas is a tool that has been used by local governments to help lessen potential conflicts between nonfarm residents and agricultural uses. For example, some counties require a statement to be recorded on property when development occurs near agricultural areas acknowledging the possible issues associated with living near a farming operation. Others require potential buyers of property to be given this type of information. Stearns County has developed a brochure called "What You Need to Know About Moooooving into the Country." The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation has also developed a brochure called "Moving to the Country" that you may wish to review and consider using. The Farm Bureau may be contacted at 651-905-2117.

Sincerely,



Becky Balk, Agricultural Land Use Planner
Agricultural Resources Management and Development Division

cc: Joe Martin, Assistant Commissioner
Paul Burns, Assistant Director
Bob Patton

**MINNESOTA STATE DEMOGRAPHER
2004 POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES**

WASHINGTON COUNTY	2004 POPULATION	2004 HOUSEHOLDS
New Scandia Township	3,970	1,412