Project Development Continuum

A consistent and predictable approach for how MnDOT engages with internal and external audiences to inform decision making and best meet the state's transportation needs.

	Technical Objectives	Stage	Engagement Objectives
State	Determine investment categories for Minnesota's highway system. Establish a vision for Minnesota's transportation system.	MNSHIP / SMTP / 20-YEAR PLANS	Set a direction for investment spending for the next 20 years. Collect people's opinions about what MN's transportation priorities should be.
Districts	Identify roads and bridges that are in need of upgrades. Work with local governments to align project timing and resources.	CHIP / 10-YEAR PLAN	Learn what local governments are planning so that project timing and budgets can be aligned.
Highways and Bridges	Identify other opportunities for this project to address community needs. Initiate the environmental process Develop purpose and need Collect baseline data Conduct agency and public scoping meetings Begin developing alternatives	SCOPING	Learn about local priorities. Encourage the community to weigh in on environmental and other project-related issues. Identify neighborhood and business preferences for mitigating construction impacts.
	Create a list of projects with identified funding that will occur in the next four years.	STIP / 4-YEAR PLAN	Share STIP with broad audiences explaining how and why projects were selected.
Projects	Identify key design elements within the project.	DESIGN	Identify public preferences for certain elements within a project, such as a bridge railing design, lane width, aesthetics, pedestrian access, landscaping, etc.
	Select a contractor who can perform the work required within the specified scope, schedule, and budget.	LETTING	Communicate contract award and DBE participation goals.
	Complete the work.	CONSTRUCTION	Follow through with mitigation and commitment plans. Identify preferences for how and how often people receive updates.
	Conduct maintenance to ensure safety and ongoing performance.	MAINTENANCE / OPERATIONS	Provide information; respond to issues/concerns.