

# Controlled Access Highway Approval Overview

Transportation Committee

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## 2011 Minnesota Statutes

### 473.166 CONTROLLED ACCESS; APPROVAL

“No project may be undertaken unless the Council determines it is consistent with the (transportation) policy plan.”

## Controlled Access Approval Needed for:

- Construction of new, controlled-access highways (freeways)
- Construction of significant changes to the highway (addition of lanes; new or modified interchanges)

## Controlled Access Approval History:

- Original enactment: 1975
- First approval requests for new highways
- Recent requests for new/modified interchanges, adding lanes
- One or two requests a year

## Controlled Access Approval Review Procedures:

- MnDOT submits preferred alternative and project design to Council
- Council reviews for consistency with regional transportation policies and transit
- Significant project changes resubmitted to Council for review