

# ***Making Transportation Work for Minnesota***

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# We know what's ahead

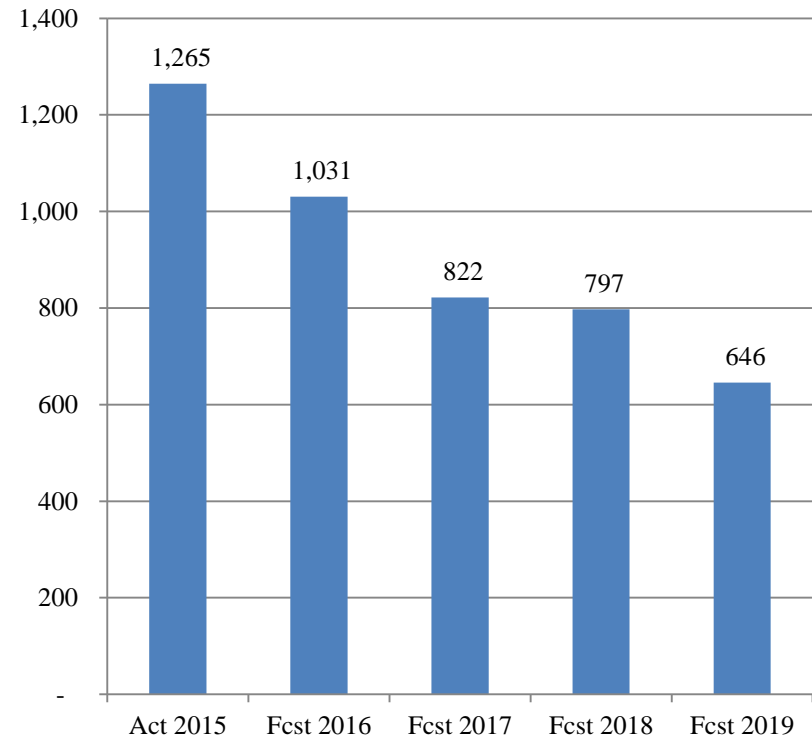
- Freight truck and rail traffic to increase 30 percent by 2030
- 850 bridges will require significant work by 2025
- 1 million new Minnesotans by 2040
- 32% increase in the number of hours stuck in metro area traffic congestion by 2025
- Local roads and bridges unfunded need=\$18 billion over 20 years
- More than 600 identified state road and bridge projects go unfunded



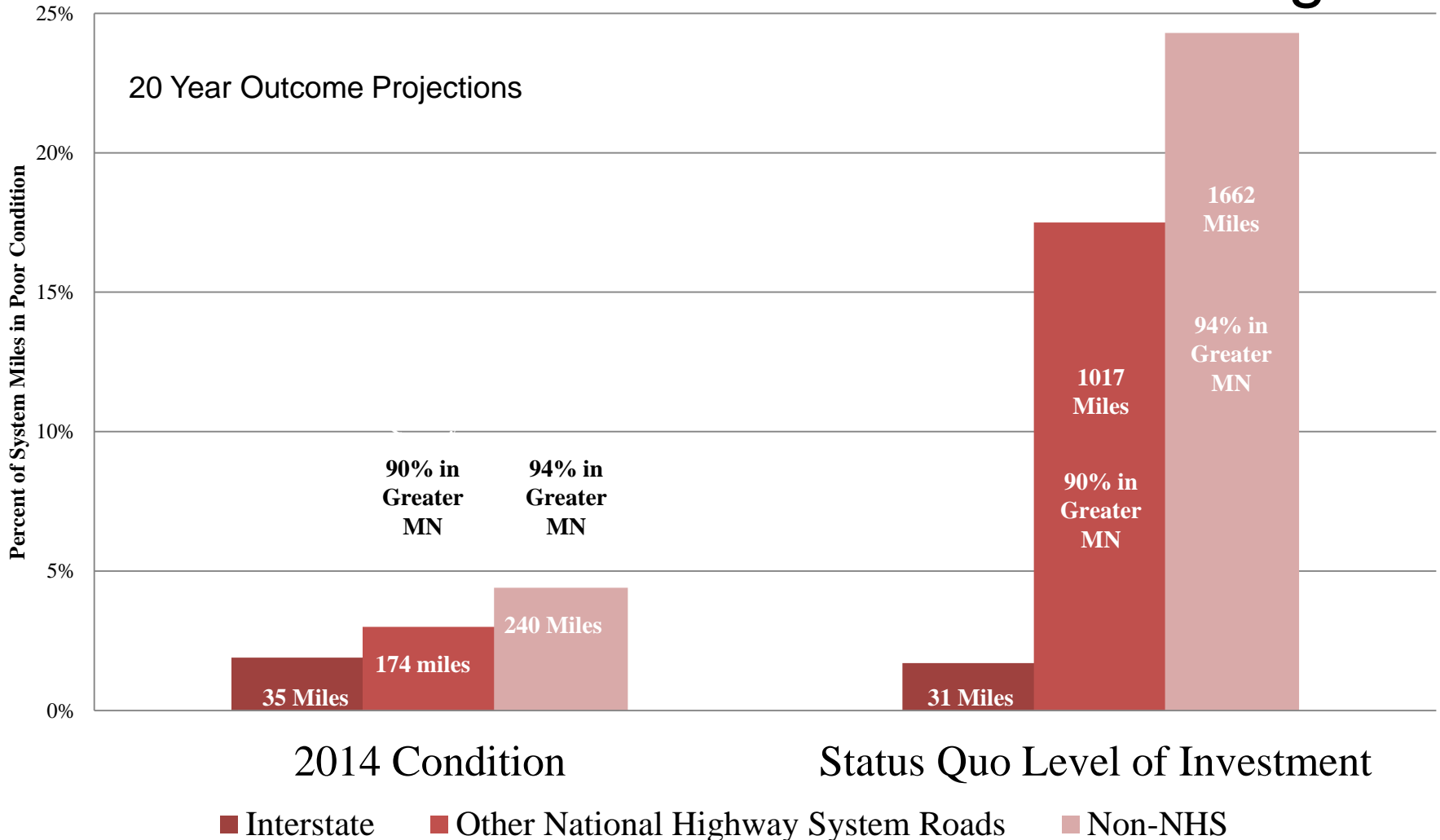
# We are on the Edge of a Fiscal Cliff

- Road and bridge funding drops 18 percent next year
- 49 percent less by 2019
- Maintenance will suffer
- Shorter term fixes
- Limited resources for expansion

MnDOT Construction Outlook  
(Funding in millions)  
Based on 16-19 Final STIP



# The Vast Majority of Poor Quality Roads will be in Greater MN with No New Funding



# What we need to do

- Long-term investment
  - Sustainable
  - Dedicated
  - Predictable
    - \$6 billion for state (ongoing)
    - \$2.36 billion for local governments (ongoing)
- This will provide
  - Fuel economic growth, support business expansion
  - Enhance safety for traveling public
  - Strong, well maintained infrastructure
  - Reduced costs with early fixes
  - Support to thousands of jobs in transportation sector