Highway 252 Roadway Configuration

Maintain Existing

Maintain the roadway that exists today, which varies between four and six lanes along its length.

4-Lane Expressway and 6-Lane Expressway

Convert Hwy 252 to an expressway of either four or six lanes. An expressway is a <u>signalized</u> roadway with <u>at-grade</u> intersections meaning all aspects of the intersections are at the same level. There would not be over or underpasses.

Super 2 Highway

Another element idea under consideration for Hwy 252 is a highway corridor with <u>traffic signals</u> that includes both at-grade intersections and grade separated express lanes.

4-Lane Freeway and 6-Lane Expressway

Finally, another element under consideration is either a 4 or 6 lane freeway, with limited access and **grade-separated** interchanges, similar to I-94.

Highway 252 Access Elements

Maintain Existing

Current conditions are stoplights with access from all four directions.

Roundabout

Roundabouts allow for equal access to the intersection from all directions and are unsignalized.

Reduced Conflict Median U-Turn

Traffic traveling north and south along Highway 252 would flow freely while those turning off of 252 would have left turn lanes.

Displaced Left Turn

Traffic signals determine speed of traffic along the roadway. Those turning off of 252 would have left turn lanes branch off prior to the intersection.

Right In Right Out

Traffic is allowed to turn right to get on and off but no cross highway turning movements would be allowed.

Continuous Green T

All movement to and from one side of the intersection would be allowed. There is no traffic control for those traveling along the corridor along the side that does not have access.

Echelon Interchange

Signaled intersection above a free flow highway. Ramps lead turning movements above the highway.

I-94 Roadway Configuration

Maintain Existing

I-94 roadway configuration would not change

Additional Lane Southbound

Adding an additional lane in the southbound direction towards Downtown Minneapolis

Additional Lane Southbound and Northbound

Adding an additional lane in both the northbound and southbound directions from I-694 to Dowling Avenue

Managed Lane

The managed lane concept will be analyzed in two ways

- 1. Converting an existing lane on I-94 to a managed lane (I-94 only)
- 2. Adding a managed lane to I-94 and/or Hwy 252

If a managed lane is added, MnDOT will analyze a possible direct connect into and out of downtown Minneapolis.

Walking and Biking Elements

Enhance Existing Multi-use bridges

No new bridges would be added. Improvements would be made to existing bridges.

Construct New Multi-use bridges

Construct new multi-use bridges that include sidewalk and trail facilities.

Construct Dedicated Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridges

Construct bridges that are dedicated to pedestrian and bicycle bridges.

Transit Flements

Maintain Current Level of Service

There would be no changes to transit service

Improve the Local Bus Service

Local bus routes would be reexamined and improvements would be made to frequency and amenities.

Upgrading Express Bus Service

Express bus service to downtown Minneapolis would be evaluated to provide more frequent trips or longer hours of operation.

Bus Rapid Transit

Provide Bus Rapid Transit with improved speed and reliability of transit service.