

**2G. Consideration of renewing membership in the I-94 West Corridor Coalition for 2026 in the amount of \$7,741**

<p><b>Prepared by:</b> PW Director/City Engineer</p>	<p><b>Meeting Date:</b> 1/12/2026</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Consent Agenda Item</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Regular Agenda Item</b></p>
<p><b>Reviewed by:</b> Finance Director</p>	<p><b>Approved by:</b> City Administrator</p>	

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Motion to approve renewing I-94 West Corridor Coalition membership and paying contribution of \$7,741.

**PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL ACTION**

The City Council has approved annual membership in the coalition since 2013.

**REFERENCE AND BACKGROUND**

The I-94 West Corridor Coalition is focused on improving I-94 and its support facilities through both short and long-term improvements. With a unified voice, the organization advocates for solutions to address transportation concerns along the I-94 corridor between Maple Grove and St. Cloud.

The Coalition advocated for the I-94 Gap project between Albertville and Monticello which was awarded \$78 million in 2023. This funding completes capacity expansion between Clearwater and Highway 610 in Maple Grove.

The Coalition continues to advocate for the completion of the funded projects as well as for future projects which include improvements such as the Fish Lake interchange, completing the extension of six lanes west between Clearwater and St. Cloud as well as providing additional interchanges along the corridor to realize the benefits of the additional capacity improvements on I-94 in recent years.

Given our place along this critical corridor and its resulting impact on our community’s growth, Monticello’s participation in the coalition continues to benefit our long-term growth and development.

- I. **Budget Impact:** Membership dues are based on census population; Monticello’s contribution for 2026 is \$7,741. The funds have been budgeted for the year in the Public Works Administration department in the General Fund.

- II. **Staff Impact:** In collaboration with the council liaison to the organization, staff will continue to represent the City at I-94 Coalition meetings and events.
- III. **Comprehensive Plan Impact:** The Monticello 2040 Vision + Plan specifically cites a policy statement that the city “Continue to play a proactive role in regional planning initiatives and meet regularly with representatives from nearby townships, cities, Wright and Sherburne Counties and the Mississippi River Regional Planning Partnership.”

**STAFF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

City staff recommend membership renewal and associated financial contribution to the coalition.

**SUPPORTING DATA**

- Invoice for 2026

I-94 West Corridor Coalition

PO Box 95  
Rogers, MN 55374

# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
1/1/2026	2085

Bill To
City of Monticello Monticello City Hall 505 Walnut Street Monticello, MN 55362

Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
2026 Annual Membership Dues	15,482	0.50	7,741.00
<b>Total</b>			\$7,741.00

December 15, 2025

City of Monticello  
505 Walnut St  
Monticello, MN 55362



Local businesses, units of government, and organizations like yours are the lifeblood of Minnesota's economy, providing jobs and sustaining families in cities, towns, and neighborhoods like the ones in which we work and live. The vitality of our local businesses and communities depends significantly on the health of our infrastructure. It is because of this need that the I-94 West Corridor Coalition was formed, and that is why we are asking you to renew your membership for 2026.

The health and vitality of our infrastructure have a direct influence on the growth and sustainability of our communities. This understanding led to the formation of the I-94 West Corridor Coalition, a united partnership of local businesses and governments dedicated to addressing transportation concerns along the I-94 corridor from Maple Grove to St. Cloud. As we plan for 2026, we invite you to renew your membership and continue contributing to this essential work.

We've experienced major success along the I-94 Corridor over the past decade. This has resulted in significant reductions in travel delays, increased safety, decreased congestion, improved freight mobility, and an overall expansion of one of the most vital arteries in the Twin Cities.

2025 was particularly noteworthy with the first phase completion for the "I-94 Gap" Expansion Project (Albertville to Monticello) and the completion of the 94/610 extension, which marks the culmination of over 50 years of vision and perseverance. This project not only symbolizes the power of collaboration but also serves as a cornerstone for linking communities, reinforcing our local economies, and enhancing transportation safety across the northwest metro area.

As longtime advocates for this transformative project, the I-94 West Corridor Coalition is honored to have played a part in bringing this vision to life. The Highway 610 Extension stands as a testament to what's possible when communities work together to invest in the future of Minnesota's transportation system.

We now turn our attention to 2026! Our Coalition members and supporters continue to advocate for a stable, reliable, and dedicated transportation funding plan that accounts for the long-term transportation needs of our state. We've recently applied for Minnesota Corridors of Commerce Readiness Funding for the Maple Grove Fish Lake Interchange and 94 Expansion from Clearwater to St. Cloud.

It is due to the involvement of organizations like yours that the I-94 West Corridor Coalition enjoys remarkable support and success. The support of your organization and many others has been phenomenal, and we look forward to working together in 2026 with the renewal of your membership.

Please find enclosed an invoice for the renewal of your membership. As a member of the I-94 West Corridor Coalition, you will receive numerous benefits, including recognition on our website ([greenlight94.com](http://greenlight94.com)), email updates on coalition activities and news, invitations to exclusive events, and alerts about opportunities to deepen your involvement. Please feel free to contact us [info@greenlight94.com](mailto:info@greenlight94.com) or call the Coalition at 612-594-7557 for more information.

Be sure to also save the date for the 2026 Legislative Preview Breakfast on February 6th (Program begins at 8:00 AM) at Albertville City Hall (5959 Main Ave NE, Albertville, MN).

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can build a future that not only addresses today's transportation needs but also paves the way for growth and opportunity for all Minnesota communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Bost', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chair of the I-94 West Corridor Coalition