

MN-MRPC serves Minnesota in a non-partisan manner and enjoys the mindful support of the legislature, citizen members, five state agencies, and a National Park who participate because cooperatively their respective missions are better met because of Great River Road benefits.

While this work has been accomplished with the help of all Commission members, Minnesota Statute 161.1412 assigns responsibility for managing the Great River Road to MnDOT because it is first and foremost a series of roads in the very complex nation-wide Mississippi River transportation corridor. MnDOT works in partnership with MN-MRPC and MRPC to provide a continuous, safe, recognizable 10-state parkway providing access to America's Mississippi River.

4.2.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

MN-MRPC Organization and Mission

During the CMP development process, the Minnesota and National MRPCs and the Project Advisory Team confirmed that MN-MRPC mission, membership and organizational structure requires no revision in order to guide the next 15 years of Great River Road corridor management.

MN-MRPC Term

Explore longer terms or establish the Commission in permanence. The MN-MRPC is scheduled to sunset in 2020. The current short timeframe brings uncertainty to Commission funding, staffing and multi-year and phased project implementation. Further, potential grant opportunities may be precluded when sunset asserts the Commission will not exist to carry out proposed projects over the fifteen years this CMP encompasses.

MN-MRPC Highway Purpose

Revise MN Statute 161.20 Subd. 3 to delete "Mississippi River Parkway Commission" as the Commission actively and in an on-going manner does further a [highway purpose](#) and does aid in the construction, improvement, or maintenance of the highway system.

4.2.2.1 MEMBER AGENCY CONTRIBUTIONS

MN-MRPC member agency contributions vary by expertise and resources needed to accomplish corridor management plan implementation. The following recommendations offer opportunities for each member agency to:

- Leverage CMP implementation outcomes from work they are already doing
- Improve inter-agency coordination
- Plan for additional targeted effort to achieve new mutually beneficial outcomes identified in this plan