

## Highway Lane Miles

Per Capita—2007

The Mpls/St Paul region has the 8th largest highway system of the 25 most populous regions.

### Transit for Livable Communities

TLC is a non-profit organization that works to improve the quality of life in Minnesota communities by encouraging transit, walking, biking and transit-oriented development.

#### Our major policy initiatives include:

- Securing increased funding for transit, biking and walking.
- Encouraging development and zoning that supports walking, biking, and transit.
- Advocating for reform of state transportation funding, road design practices, and local parking policies.

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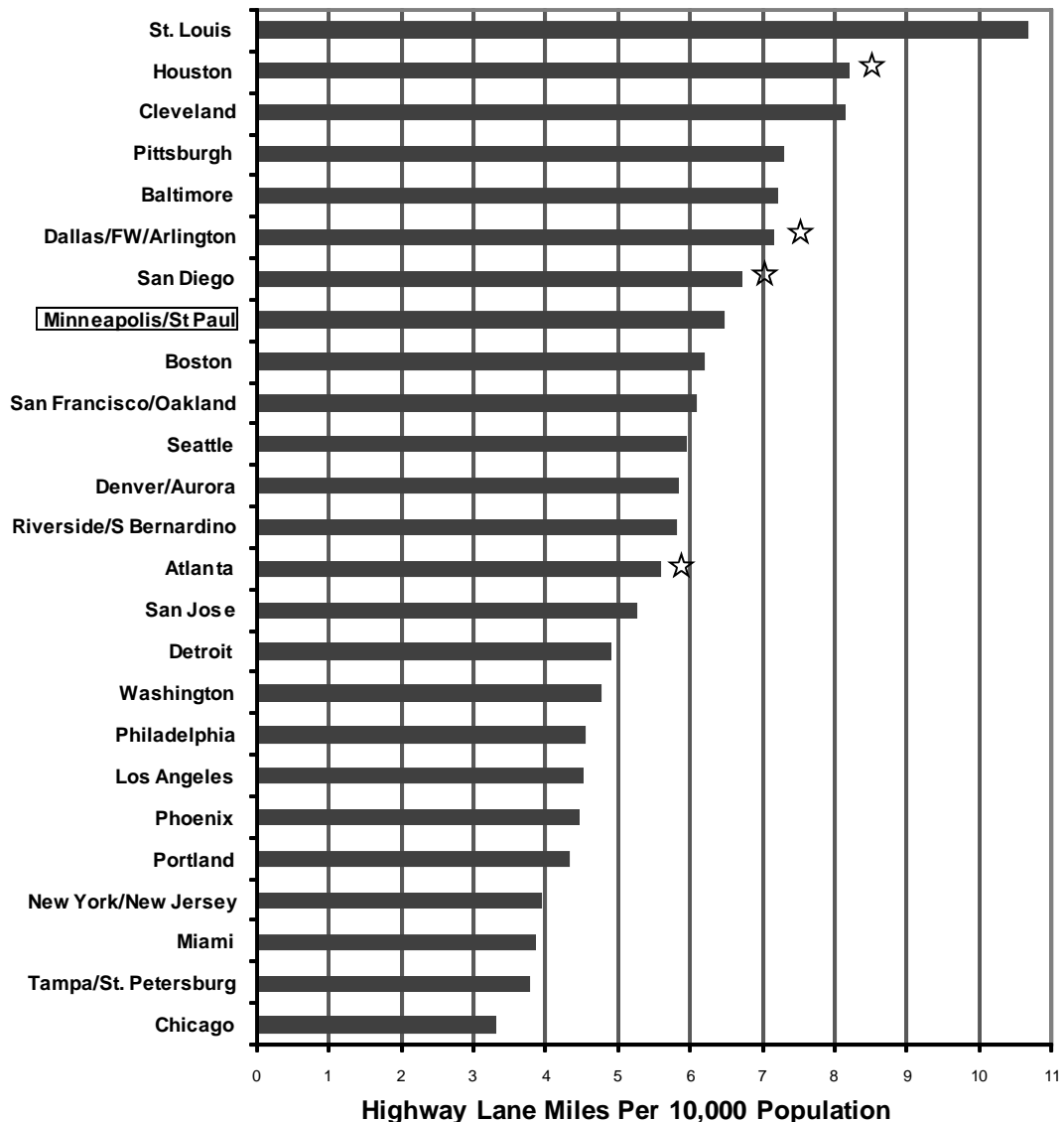
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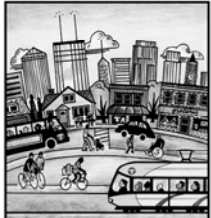


This bar chart shows that the highway system in the Twin Cities region is large compared with the most populous metropolitan regions. While the average number of highway lane miles per 10,000 population is 5.8, the Twin Cities figure is 6.5, 10 percent higher than average. Further, despite the relatively high number of lane miles in Atlanta, San Diego, Dallas, and Houston (all starred in the chart above), these regions are estimated to have a higher level of traffic congestion than the Minneapolis/St. Paul region.

Data sources: See reverse side

## Highway Lane Miles Per Capita in the 25 most Populous Regions

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- *Subsidies for Roads and Transit*
- *Sources of Funding for Transit in Peer Cities*
- *Revenues to Minnesota's Highway Users Tax Distribution Fund*
- *Transit Routes and Ridership in North American Cities*
- *New Rail Starts*
- *Denver Colorado: the Next Transit Metropolis*
- *Transit Funding in Peer City Regions*
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Metropolitan Area	Highway Lane Miles Per 10,000 Population	Highway Lane Miles	Population (thousands)
Chicago	3.32	5,964	17,976
Tampa/St. Petersburg	3.80	883	2,322
Miami	3.88	2,102	5,423
New York/New Jersey	3.96	7,213	18,196
Portland	4.35	785	1,805
Phoenix	4.48	1,549	3,459
Los Angeles	4.55	5,614	12,345
Philadelphia	4.55	2,409	5,291
Washington	4.79	2,077	4,332
Detroit	4.92	1,916	3,894
San Jose	5.27	898	1,703
Atlanta	5.60	2,508	4,477
Riverside/S Bernardino	5.83	1,118	1,917
Denver/Aurora	5.86	1,279	2,184
Seattle	5.97	1,854	3,108
San Francisco/Oakland	6.11	1,931	3,162
Boston	6.21	2,547	4,101
<b>Minneapolis/St Paul</b>	<b>6.50</b>	<b>1,637</b>	<b>2,519</b>
San Diego	6.75	1,991	2,951
Dallas/FW/Arlington	7.19	3,184	4,430
Baltimore	7.24	1,556	2,149
Pittsburgh	7.31	1,275	1,745
Cleveland	8.16	1,409	1,726
Houston	8.22	2,547	3,099
St. Louis	10.70	2,370	2,215
<b>Average of 25 Regions</b>	<b>5.82</b>		

#### Sources:

DOT Federal Highway Administration (<http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/policyinformation/statistics/2007/hm72.cfm>); 2007 data released in October 2008. Population figures are estimated for 2007 for urbanized areas, rounded to the nearest thousand.

Congestion index for cities is from Shrank and Lomax, 2005 Urban Mobility Report, Texas A&M University.