

6. Transportation

A strong relationship exists between land use patterns and transportation systems. Projected population growth, new land developments, and changes in land use and density will necessitate improvements to the highway system within Minnehaha County. Rail, air and surface transportation systems must be maintained and in some cases expanded to support residential growth and business development. On the other hand, construction of new highways and improvements to the existing system will influence the location and timing of future development. Land use and transportation planning must be coordinated if the goals and objectives of the plan are to be achieved.

The existing transportation system in rural Minnehaha County consists of roads and railroads which move people and goods within and through the county. Air transportation is another part of the system but this travel mode is not expected to impact rural development patterns during the planning period. The Sioux Falls Regional Airport will continue to serve the area's air transportation needs from its present location in the city. A small local airport located at the I-29/Tea interchange in Lincoln County just south of Sioux Falls provides private air service only. No other air facilities are anticipated to develop in the rural area during the planning period.