An uphill battle

Over the past 30 years, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has developed the nation’s most extensive system of freeway controls on the 500 miles of Twin Cities-area roadway. Even so, 123 miles were congested during morning rush hours in 1998, as shown below. Transportation officials say that with more and more vehicles on the road, meters can no longer prevent backups on some major routes. But they still think major benefits can be gained from metering.

*Hwy. 610 plans dependent upon road usage

Source: Minnesota Department of Transportation

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