

TRANSPORTATION & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Truly well placed, Owatonna is a “micropolitan” city located just 40 miles from three metropolitan areas — Mankato/North Mankato, Rochester, and the southern edge of Minneapolis/St. Paul/Bloomington.

Owatonna also is exceptionally well connected. Its transportation infrastructure provides ready access to markets, talent and suppliers. Its telecommunication capabilities provide high-speed, high-bandwidth connectivity that is competitively priced.

Transportation

Major Highways

Owatonna is located on Interstate 35, the major freeway connecting the Twin Cities to the north and Kansas City and Dallas/Ft. Worth to the south. The city is 35 miles north of Interstate 90, which links the East and West Coasts. The city is served by four interstate interchanges — two of which directly support its industrial areas.

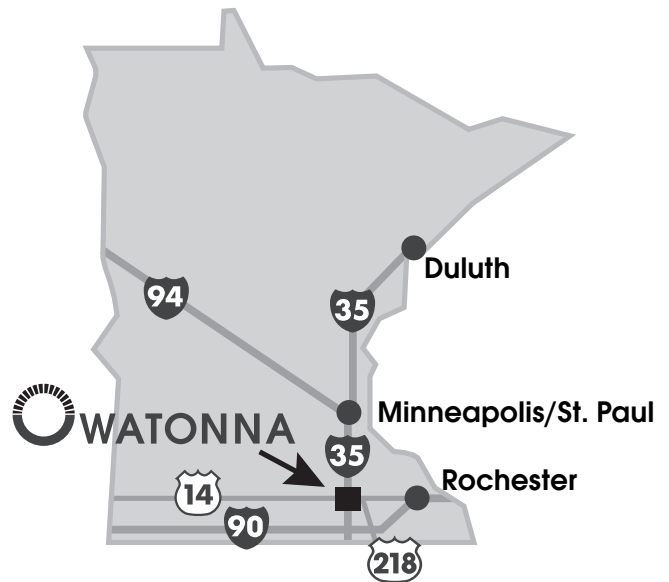
Owatonna also is located on U.S. Highway 14, which the State of Minnesota plans to expand to four lanes. The upgrade, will dramatically improve highway access in southern Minnesota and beyond. A planned interchange and connecting beltline road will deliver additional access into the growing Owatonna Industrial Park.

Rail Service

Three railroads serve Owatonna. The Union Pacific provides a north/south connection. The Dakota, Minnesota and Eastern (DM&E) operates an east/west route from Wyoming to the Mississippi River. The DM&E also owns the Iowa, Chicago and Eastern Railroad (IC&E) in Owatonna, offering convenient access to Twin Cities and Chicago markets.

Air Service

Owatonna has developed one of the premier small airports in Minnesota. Owatonna Regional Degner Airport's 5,500-foot lighted runway is long enough to land a 737 jet. Its precision instrument landing system, a rarity among small public airports, enables landings in all weather conditions. A second, 3,000-foot crosswind runway is scheduled to be added in 2008.



Telecommunications

Fiber Optic Infrastructure

Owatonna businesses can take advantage of the high-bandwidth capabilities typically found in large metro areas. Major carriers have substantial infrastructure, including basic T-1 lines, DS-3 lines, OC-48 lines, and even OC-192 lines. Thanks to Owatonna's extensive fiber optic infrastructure, carriers can provide high-speed, high-bandwidth services at competitive prices.

Internet Service

Internet Service Providers are diverse in offerings and exceptional in capabilities — many offering up to 150 mbps.

