

2005-2006 Senate Transportation Committee  
Thursday, March 9, 2006  
3:00 PM  
Room G-15

Present

Bonoff  
Day  
Johnson, D.E.  
Koch  
Langseth  
McGinn  
Murphy  
Ortman  
Reiter  
Robling  
Senjem  
Vickerman  
Wiger

Absent

Chaudhary  
Dibble  
Jungbauer  
Marko  
Moua  
Rest

Sen. Murphy called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm.

**S.F. 2747 – Jungbauer**

Handouts A and B were distributed.

Testifying: Glenn Burke, So. St. Paul Airport  
1725 Henry Ave. S., So. St. Paul, MN

Sen. Jungbauer moved that the bill be recommended to pass and sent to the Finance Committee. The motion prevailed on a voice vote.

The Committee then took testimony, but no action, on the following bills:

**S.F. 2606 – Bakk**

Testifying in Support: Ken Buehler, Duluth Rail Museum  
506 West Michigan Street, Duluth, MN  
  
Mayor Herb Bergson, City of Duluth  
411 W. First Street, Room 403 Duluth, MN

Steve O'Neil, St. Louis County Commission  
100 N. 5th Avenue West, Duluth, MN

**S.F. 2790 – Marko**

Testifying in Support:

Mike Rogers, Wash. Co. Rail Authority  
14949 62nd Street North, Stillwater, MN

Myra Peterson, Washington Co. Comm..  
14949 62nd Street North, Stillwater, MN

**S.F. 2791 – Marko**

Testifying:

Donna Allen, Mn/DOT Office of Transit

**S.F. 2375 – Marko**

Handout C was distributed.

Testifying in Support:

Pat Rice, Cottage Grove Council Member  
516 80th Street South, Cottage Grove, MN

Ryan Schroeder, Cottage Grove City Admin  
516 80th Street South, Cottage Grove, MN

**S.F. 2335 – Marko**

Testifying in Support:

Myra Peterson, Washington Co. Comm.  
14949 62nd Street North, Stillwater, MN

Barry Tilley, Dakota Co. Board of  
Commissioners  
525 Park St Suite 310, St Paul, MN

**S.F. 2904 – Pogemiller**

Testifying in Support:

Mark Stenglein, Hennepin Co Comm.  
300 South 6th Street, Minneapolis, MN

Jim Grube, Hennepin Co. Engineer  
1600 Prairie Drive, Medina, MN

**S.F. 2549 – Fredrickson**

Testifying in Support:

Gene Short, Redwood Co. Commissioner  
PO Box 130, Redwood Falls, MN

**S.F. 2812 – Pappas**

Testifying in Support:

Rafael Ortega, Ramsey County Comm.  
15 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102

**S.F. 2597 – Pappas**

Handout D was distributed.

Testifying in Support:

Rafael Ortega, Ramsey County Comm.  
15 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102

Mayor Chris Coleman, City of St. Paul  
15 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102

Mayor RT Rybak, City of Minneapolis  
350 South Fifth St., Minneapolis, MN

**S.F. 2617 – Murphy**

Handout E was distributed.

Testifying in Support:

Carol Lovro, Assoc of Minnesota Counties  
125 Charles Ave, St Paul, MN

Greg Isakson, Goodhue Co Engineer  
PO Box 404, Red Wing, MN

**S.F. 2600 – Murphy**

Handout F was distributed.

Testifying in Support:

Myron White, Red Wing Port Authority  
419 Bush St, Red Wing, MN

**S.F. 2433 – Wergin**

Handout G was distributed.

Testifying in Support:

Judy Cain, Mille Lacs Area Tourism

**S.F. 2558 – Stumpf**

**S.F. 2559 – Stumpf**

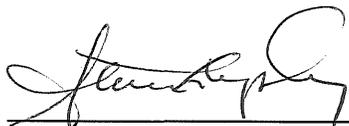
**S.F. 2664 – Skoglund**

Handout H was distributed.

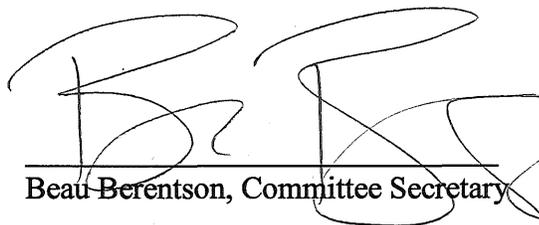
Testifying in Support:

Jon Wertjes, Minneapolis Public Works  
350 South Fifth Street, Minneapolis, MN

Sen. Murphy adjourned the meeting at 6:55.



Senator Steve Murphy, Chair



Beau Berentson, Committee Secretary

**SENATE TRANSPORTATION FINANCE DIVISION  
THURSDAY, MARCH 9, 2006  
ROOM G-15 CAPITOL  
4:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**SF 2747 (Jungbauer):** State airports fund money transfer offset

**SF 2606 (Bakk):** St. Louis county heritage and arts center renovation and Phase I northeast Minnesota rail initiative grant bond issue and appropriation

- Ken Buehler, Executive Director, Duluth Historic Union Depot (Power Point presentation)
- Mayor Herb Bergson, City of Duluth

**SF 2617 (Murphy):** Local key bridges replacement, rehabilitation and repair grants and local road improvement fund bond issue and appropriation

- Greg Isakson, Engineer, Goodhue County, Past President of County Engineers Association
- Carol Lovro, Association of Minnesota Counties
- Margaret Donahoe, The Minnesota Transportation Alliance

**SF 2335 (Marko):** Washington and Dakota counties regional travel demand study bond issue and appropriation

- Joe Harris, Dakota County Commissioner

**SF 2375 (Marko):** Cottage Grove trunk highway #10/61 corridor vista enhancement project grants bond issue and appropriation

- Pat Rice, Cottage Grove City Council Member
- Ryan Schroeder, Cottage Grove City Administrator

**SF 2791 (Marko):** Appropriating money for the state's share of a high speed rail line between St. Paul and Chicago

- Donna Allan, Transit Manager, MnDOT

**SF 2790 (Marko):** Appropriating money for Red Rock corridor transitway

- Mike Rogers, Washington County Regional Rail Authority

**SF 2597 (Moua) presented by Sen. Pappas:** Minneapolis-St. Paul central corridor transitway project bond issue and appropriation

- Rafael Ortega, Ramsey County Commissioner
- Mayor Chris Coleman, City of St. Paul
- Mayor R.T. Rybak, City of Minneapolis

**SF 2812 (Pappas):** Bonding for Union Depot

- Rafael Ortega, Ramsey County Commissioner

**SF 2904 (Pogemiller):** Appropriating money for bridge crossing Mississippi River in Hennepin County

- Mark Stenglein, Hennepin County Commissioner
- Jim Grube, Hennepin County Engineer

**SF 2433 (Wergin):** Mille Lacs county Soo line multiuse recreational bridge project state match bond issue and appropriation

- Bob Hoefert, Chair, Board of County Commissioners
- Jay Munson, Mille Lacs Department of Public Works
- Judy Cain, Director, Mille Lacs Area Tourism

**SF 2549 (Frederickson):** Minnesota Valley regional rail authority Gibbon to Norwood-Young America railroad track rehabilitation grant bond issue and appropriation

- Gene Short, Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority Commissioner/  
Redwood County Commissioner
- Bruce Pinske, Minnesota Shippers Association, Seneca Foods

**SF 2558 (Stumpf):** Kittson county local road improvements bond issue and appropriation

**SF 2559 (Stumpf):** Polk county ten ton road grant bond issue and appropriation

**SF 2664 (Skoglund):** Minneapolis grand rounds parkway lighting fixtures replacement bond issue and appropriation

- Jon Wertjes, Director of Transportation, Minneapolis Public Works

**SF 2600 (Murphy):** Port development assistance program bond issue and appropriation

- Myron White, Red Wing Port Authority