



February 16, 2023

Re: LMC Support of SF 676 and SF 677, as amended

Chair Pappas and members of the Senate Capital Investment Committee:

The League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed spending packages for public infrastructure projects found in SF 676 and SF 677, both authored by Chair Pappas. The League supports both bills as amended by their respective DE amendments and urges their passage, as they contain badly needed funding for public infrastructure. While we hope that by the end of the 2023 session the legislature is able to provide infrastructure funding equaling or exceeding the Governor's proposed capital budget, we see these bills as an extremely important start to covering the needs addressed there.

In particular, we appreciate the inclusion of capital investment resources for:

- local roads, bridges, wetland replacement, and other transportation and transit needs,
- city water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure,
- public housing rehabilitation and resources for public infrastructure to support residential development in Greater Minnesota,
- flood hazard mitigation,
- community tree planting, and
- important specific local projects identified in both bills

The League will continue to work with Chair Pappas, the rest of the legislature, and the administration to take advantage of the opportunity the state has this session to make historic levels of investment in addressing the public infrastructure needs of Minnesota. Thank you for your time and attention to these important projects and programs.

Sincerely,

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Anne Finn
IGR Deputy Director

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