



CITY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA  
*Engineering Our Cities' Futures*

March 23, 2023

Chair Sandra Pappas  
Members of the Senate Capital Investment Committee

**RE: Support for S.F. 1021 (Dibble)—Local roads and bridges bond issue and appropriation**

Dear Chair Pappas and Members of the Senate Capital Investment Committee,

On behalf of the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) and the City Engineers Association of Minnesota (CEAM) we are writing to express our strong support for S.F. 1021, a bill that would provide \$150 million to the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) and \$200 million to the Local Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Account. These programs provide critical funding for transportation infrastructure in cities of all sizes statewide.

Minnesota has more than 141,000 miles of roadway, and more than 22,500 of these miles are owned and maintained by Minnesota's 855 cities. Cities have limited tools to fund transportation infrastructure, and most of this infrastructure is currently funded with property tax dollars. If enacted, S.F. 1021 would provide property tax relief in the communities that are successful in the solicitation process.

The funds are particularly useful to local jurisdictions because they are proceeds from general obligation bonds. This means they are not subject to the restrictions trunk highway bond proceeds have.

We respectfully request the committee's support for S.F. 1021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Finn".

Anne Finn  
Intergovernmental Relations Director  
League of Minnesota Cities

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jen Desrude".

Jen Desrude  
President  
City Engineers Association of Minnesota