

April 24, 2023

RE: SF3157

Dear Chair Marty and Senate Finance Committee Members:

On behalf of the member organizations of the Minnesota Transportation Alliance, I am writing to urge your support for SF3157 the Omnibus Transportation Appropriations bill.

Unfortunately, the cost of road repair continues to rise and infrastructure continues to age and deteriorate while state revenue sources are not keeping up. The traditional user fees that Minnesotans have dedicated to fund roads, bridges and transit are falling below forecast.

Revenue Source	February 2022	November 2022	February 2023	\$ Amount Change
	FY24/FY25	FY24/FY25	FY24/FY25	
Fuel Tax	\$933M/\$940M	\$911M/\$905M	\$913M/\$902M	-\$20M/-\$38M
Tab Fees	\$920M/\$948M	\$874M/\$909M	\$875M/\$910M	-\$45M/-\$38M
MVST (HUTDF)	\$637M/\$649M	\$607M/\$616M	\$593M/\$601M	-\$44M/-\$48M
MVST (Transit)	\$424M/\$432M	\$404M/\$410M	\$395M/\$400M	-\$29M/-\$32M
MVLST	\$76M/\$76M	\$58/M/\$57M	\$52M/\$52M	-\$24M/-\$24M
Auto Parts/Rental	\$199M/\$202M	\$196M/\$198M	\$198M/\$200M	-1M/-\$2M

The Minnesota Transportation Alliance members urge you to support SF3157 which will update and adjust the tab fees and motor vehicle sales tax while also providing one-time and ongoing general fund dollars that are needed to both match federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act dollars and make needed improvements in the safety and mobility of the transportation system.

We also strongly support the full dedication of the sales tax on auto repair parts for transportation and would urge consideration for how to make that dedication happen as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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