



May 7, 2025

RE: 2025 Capital Budget Proposal

Dear Chair Pappas, Ranking Member Housley and Senate Capital Investment Committee Members:

On behalf of the Minnesota Transportation Alliance, I would like to thank you for your work in developing a capital investment proposal totaling \$1.35 billion to allow for needed public infrastructure investments in communities all across the state.

We believe that a core function of government is the maintenance and improvement of roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure. We strongly support the funding included in your proposal for the Local Road Improvement Program, the Major Bridge Replacement program, the Local Bridge Replacement Program, the Port Development Assistance program and Rural Transit.

Funding for local roads and bridges has been consistent and strongly supported for decades. State funding for transportation leverages significant federal and local dollars while providing funding needed for local governments to replace deficient bridges and repair deteriorating roadways or highways with safety issues. The list of road and bridge projects waiting for funding greatly exceeds the available funding every time these programs receive state dollars. Any level of funding for these programs will be put to work right away.

We know that investing in public infrastructure creates family-supporting careers, enhances economic growth and makes communities more livable for Minnesota residents. The lack of a bonding bill in 2024 has left many needed transportation improvements waiting and growing more expensive.

Transportation infrastructure truly serves a statewide function connecting the state together, moving people and freight with an industry that is ready to get to work building projects that are waiting for funding. The funding you provide will make a difference for the state's economy as well as the safety and effectiveness of the transportation system Minnesotans rely on every day.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Margaret Donahoe
Executive Director