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Sen. Dibble & Sen. Jasinski, Co-Chairs

Senate Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs Dibble, Jasinski, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Minnesota County Engineers Association (MCEA), we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on SF285 (Jasinski), relating to cost participation requirements on trunk highway projects.

MCEA wants to thank Sen. Jasinski for his work on SF285 and for bringing to light the financial impacts facing local agencies when a trunk highway project impacts a county or city road. Counties understand that there will be some level of cost in these situations, but believe it is also important to recognize that each local agency faces a unique fiscal situation resulting in varying abilities to cost share on trunk highway projects.

Counties believe there are ways to improve the current process. MnDOT is updating its 'Cost Participation and Maintenance Responsibilities with Local Units of Government Manual', and as part of this update has convened a steering committee and local agency workgroup. MCEA members are part of this process and have been meeting since last spring to provide input and feedback to address these concerns. We support these efforts and believe it is important to let this process unfold. MCEA will continue working with MnDOT and other local agency partners on this issue going forward.

We appreciate Sen. Jasinski's work on SF285 and for the opportunity to share our comments on the bill and look forward to continued conversation.

Sincerely,

Lyndon Robjent, President
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