

**2006 Preliminary Requests from Political Subdivisions, Updated** — received under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.86

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**City of Bemidji**

**Paul Bunyan Trail TH197 Overpass**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$500,000**

This request is for \$500,000 in State funding to design and construct a bridge over TH197 as a part of the Paul Bunyan State Trail. Current traffic counts by Mn/DOT show approximately 22,000 vehicles per day and the highway is six lanes wide where the crossing needs to be constructed. The Paul Bunyan State Trail is a regional and statewide asset that when complete will run from the cities of Brainerd-Baxter to Bemidji and Bemidji State Park.

**City of Burnsville**

**Burnsville/Savage/EKS Water Treatment Plant**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$3,000,000**

City of Burnsville is requesting support from the State of Minnesota in the amount of \$3,000,000 from the 2006 Capital Budget to construct a new water treatment plant. The new treatment plant will utilize water currently discharged to the Minnesota River from EKS quarry operations. This recaptured resource would be used as potable water distributed through the existing public municipal distribution system.

**City of Carlton**

**Water Tower Improvements Project**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$250,000**

This request will address storage issues and the recommendation to construct a new-elevated water storage tower to serve the Carlton area. The new water tower will be hydraulically designed to serve not only the City of Carlton, but the surrounding communities including; City of Thomson, Twin Lakes Township and Jay Cooke State Park.

**Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District**

**Mercury Treatment Components / South Plant  
Expansion**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$2,500,000**

This request is for \$2,500,000 in State funding to design and construct a mercury treatment filtration system, modification to the effluent discharge point and expansion of pumping station, chlorination basin and the effluent aeration structure at the Hibbing South Plant. The project is needed because the Sewer District is within the Lake Superior watershed and the wastewater treatment facilities need to meet the requirements of the Great Lakes Initiative Guidance and the Lake Superior Bi-National Program. The expansion components of the project will provide a District wide benefit for future consolidation of wastewater effluent at one discharge location, meaning future elimination of discharge points for the City of Chisholm and the City of Buhl.

**Central Minnesota Regional Parks & Trails Coordination Board**

**Central MN Regional Parks and Trails Projects**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$3,195,000**

This request is for \$3,195,000 in state funding for trail improvement, regional park improvement, and parkland acquisition projects. Projects include: Kraemer Lake site acquisition; Xcel Regional Trail design and construction, Great Northern Trail construction, and River Bluffs Regional Park improvements.

**City of Cottage Grove**

**Cottage Grove - Trunk Highway 10/61 Corridor  
Vista Enhancement**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,000,000**

This request is for \$2,500,000 in state funding (\$1,000,000 of this in 2006), to complete pre-design, design and construction of planned improvements in the publicly owned areas adjacent to and within one half mile to the north and south sides of Trunk Highway 10/61 between the 70th Street overpass, and Jamaica Avenue underpass.

**Dakota County**

**Multi-Jurisdictional Communications and Public Safety Support Center in Dakota County**

**Priority: #1 (of 7)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$13,860,000**

This request is for \$13,860,000 in state funding to design and construct a Multi-Jurisdictional Communications Center and a Public Safety Support Center. The Communications Center will primarily serve as a dispatch center for an APCO 25 compliant digital trunk radio system that is integrated with the Minnesota regional public safety radio network. The Public Safety Support Center will include: space for the County Special Operations Team and Drug Task Force; storage of mobile command vehicles and other specialized equipment; a centralized booking/holding facility; a law enforcement indoor firing range for multijurisdictional use and training; and space to support training, major investigations, and a centralized Emergency Operations Center.

**Dakota County**

**Cedar Avenue Transitway, Phase 1**

**Priority: #2 (of 7)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$5,000,000**

This request is for \$5,000,000 in state funding to complete the estimated state share of funding for Phase I of the Cedar Avenue Transitway. The Cedar Avenue Transitway project will involve development of Bus Rapid Transit in the Cedar Avenue Corridor south from the Mall of America to Lakeville. Phase 1 includes: shoulder improvements for bus use on CSAH 23 in Apple Valley; Cedar Grove Transit Station; Cedar Grove access preliminary engineering; 180<sup>th</sup> Street Area Transit Station; and Apple Valley Transit Station.

**Dakota County**

**Empire Wetlands Wildlife Area and Regional Park**

**Priority: #3 (of 7)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$7,000,000**

This request is for \$7,000,000 in state funding to acquire a 780-acre property (Butler property) in Empire Township for a state wildlife area and regional park, using an innovative multi-agency approach to land protection, restoration, management and recreation. The 780-acre property is the strategic core of an overall concept to create a 4,000-acre contiguous natural landscape that contains forests, prairie, wetlands, a scenic lake, and the Vermillion River.

**Dakota County**

**Affordable Assisted Living Development**

**Priority: #4 (of 7)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$3,100,000**

This request is for \$3,100,000 in state funding to design and construct a 45-50 living unit affordable assisted living development project. In addition to affordable rents the development will offer traditional assisted living services through a contract with an experienced service provider.

**Dakota County**

**Regional Travel Demand Study**

**Priority: #5 (of 7)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$200,000**

This request is for \$200,000 in state funding to conduct a study of needs to meet travel demands between Washington and Dakota counties. This work would involve an update of the Metropolitan Council's regional travel demand model for Washington and Dakota counties. The project would be a joint effort of Dakota and Washington counties, MnDOT, and the Metropolitan Council, with the Metropolitan Council as the lead agency.

**Dakota County**

**From Brown to Green**

**Priority: #6 (of 7)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,100,000**

This request is for \$1,100,000 in state funding to provide 25% of the funding for a collaborative partnership with Dakota County and local cities that will clean up four priority contaminated waste sites each biennium. Targeted waste sites will be ones that: (1) when developed, will provide green space that supports local development plans, (2) assist in the development of affordable housing, and (3) give consideration to publicly-owned sites that will support these purposes.

**Dakota County**

**Dam Safety Grant for Byllesby Dam**

**Priority: #7 (of 7)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$500,000**

This request is for \$500,000 in state funding under the DNR Dam Safety Grant Program (Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.511, which provides for matching grants to local governments for dam repair or reconstruction).

**City of Dayton**

**Land Acquisition: Interchange I-94/Brockton Ln  
(Henn. County Rd 101)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,600,000**

This request is for \$1.6 million in state funding to acquire land for a future inter-change at I-94/Brockton Lane (Hennepin County Rd. No. 101) in the City of Dayton. The land for the interchange will be owned by the City of Dayton and be provided to MnDOT at no cost at an appropriate time when the interchange is constructed.

**City of Duluth**

**Skyline Parkway Corridor Preservation**

**Priority: #1 (of 3)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$500,000**

This request is for \$500,000 in state funding to predesign, design and construct roadway improvements, wayfinding signage and interpretive kiosks to Skyline Parkway. This request represents the first phase of a series of projects that would ultimately enhance and preserve the function, nature and character of the overall total corridor. Estimated project costs for the total project as identified are \$5,000,000 – half of which would be provided by the City of Duluth through a combination city and/or private funding.

**City of Duluth**

**Bayfront, slip #2, public water access**

**Priority: #2 (of 3)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$325,000**

This request is for \$325,000 in state funding for structural evaluation of existing slip walls, predesign, and design development for improvements relating to public water access to Superior Bay. The City of Duluth and the State of Minnesota through DNR's water access programs are promoting the public's utilization of Superior Bay, St. Louis River and Lake Superior for fishing, recreation and resource awareness.

**City of Duluth**

**Native American Heritage Center**

**Priority: #3 (of 3)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$100,000**

The request is for the pre-design and design of a multipurpose building to be located in the Spirit Mountain Recreation Area. The approximately 20,000 square foot building would house a Native American Cultural exhibit focusing on local tribes and the cultural importance of this area, a cross country skiing shelter/lodge and offices for the camp ground. This building would serve as the starting point for a proposed Heritage Walking Trail that would highlight local plants and animal communities and the cultural heritage of Native Americans.

**Duluth Entertainment & Convention Center (DECC) Authority**

**DECC / UMD Arena**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$33,736,659**

This request is for \$33,736,659 in state funding for design and construction for a new Duluth Arena. DECC manages the existing Duluth arena which will be 40 years old in 2006. The new arena will provide a new home for UMD Hockey and attract more and larger events to Northern Minnesota. The new arena will be located on the existing DECC footprint located on Duluth's waterfront.

## **East Range Joint Powers Board**

### **East Range Sanitary Initiative**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$350,000**

This request is for \$350,000 in State funding to perform an environmental assessment, pre-design, technology assessment, site location development, engineering, and surveying costs associated with the East Range Initiative to construct a central sanitary district.

## **City of Ely**

### **Joint Public Works Facility**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,500,000 – \$2,000,000**

This request is for \$1.5 – \$2.0 million in state funding to construct the Joint Public Works Facility, to house the road maintenance vehicles for the City of Ely, St. Louis County and Lake County, to be located on the east end of the city of Ely.

## **City of Fridley**

### **Springbrook Nature Center SPRING (Sanctuary Protection & Renewal Into the Next Generation) Project**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$2,500,000**

This request is for \$2,500,000 in state funding to predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip a **redeveloped** and **expanded interpretive center** and surrounding **landscaped and natural area** at Springbrook Nature Center, in Fridley, MN. The purpose of the SPRING project is to **enhance** Springbrook Nature Center as a learning center and as a destination and gathering place.

## **City of Gonvick**

### **Northern Emergency Training Administration Center (NETAC)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$2,000,000**

This request is for \$2,000,000 in state funding to design, construct, furnish and equip an emergency training administration center in Gonvick, MN for emergency first responders (i.e. law enforcement, hazardous materials/bio-chemical threats, fire departments, emergency medical services, and communications/technology). The center shall provide a collective unit of emergency information, expertise, and simulation whose purpose shall be to provide instruction per prevention, intervention, response, mitigation, and recovery due to natural disasters or terrorist acts, and its purpose in particular is to encourage, stimulate, and maintain excellence in first responder performance.

**City of Grand Rapids**

**City of Grand Rapids South Side Fire Hall**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1.03 million**

This request is for \$1,030,375 in State funding for the pre-design, design, construct, furnish and equipping of a new Fire Station facility for the City of Grand Rapids. The Purpose of this project is to provide fire service that represents the growth of commercial and residential growth on the south side of Grand Rapids, more specifically south of the Burlington Northern railroad tracks and the Mississippi River. This project addresses the increased space needs of the Fire Department. Currently, equipment acquisitions for the services the department provides exceeds the space availability.

**Hennepin County**

**Lowry Avenue Corridor**

**Priority: #1 (of 4)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$5,000,000**

Hennepin County is requesting \$5,000,000 in State Capital Bonding to acquire land and reconstruct Lowry Avenue in North Minneapolis from Girard Avenue to Theodore Wirth Parkway. Lowry Avenue will be reconstructed with wide sidewalks, landscaped boulevards, on-street bicycle lanes, and intersection improvements.

**Hennepin County**

**Lowry Avenue Bridge Replacement**

**Priority: #2 (of 4)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$5,000,000**

This request is for \$5,000,000 in state funding for the replacement of the Lowry Avenue Bridge spanning the Mississippi River on CSAH 153 in Minneapolis. The project is part of a larger corridor project that has a western terminus of Xerxes Avenue and an easterly limit of CSAH 88 (New Brighton Boulevard.) Bridge engineers had identified significant structural deficiencies requiring immediate repair.

**Hennepin County**

**Colin Powell Youth Leadership Center**

**Priority: #3 (of 4)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$6,350,000**

This request is for \$6.35 million in state funding to construct, furnish and equip a 76,700 square foot building. The Colin Powell Youth Leadership Center is a "container of collaboratives" with a group of youth-serving organizations coming together to leverage their impact by working together toward a common goal.

## **Hennepin County**

### **Hennepin County Center for Changing Lives**

**Priority: #4 (of 4)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$5,000,000**

This request is for \$5,000,000 in state funding to construct, furnish and equip four stories containing 64 new affordable and stable housing units some of which will be allocated for those experiencing long-term homelessness.

## **City of Inver Grove Heights**

### **Heritage Village Park on the Mississippi River**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$8,301,000**

This request is for \$8,301,000 in state funding for the development of Heritage Village Park on the Mississippi River, a park with regional, ecological and historical significance. The park will provide a major public access to the Mississippi River. The park design focuses on protecting and enhancing the natural resources represented by the river and the floodplain, while reconnecting the public to the Mississippi River.

## **Itasca County**

### **Public Infrastructure to support new Power Plant**

**Priority: #1 (of 2)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$4,620,000**

This request is for \$4,620,000 in State funding for pre-design and design of the infrastructure acquisition, construction and/or improvements to enable the construction and operation of the Mesaba Energy Project. The requested funding is targeted for roadway, rail and natural gas transportation infrastructure improvements; to extend or construct waste and potable water facilities to the Mesaba Energy Project site; and to provide for wetland mitigation, storm water runoff mitigation and right of way acquisition for above improvements.

## **Itasca County**

### **Minnesota Steel Mill Infrastructure Project**

**Priority: #2 (of 2)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$52,000,000**

The \$52,000,000 requested will be used for acquisition, design and construction for a heavy haul public road, rail access and a 16" Natural Gas pipeline. These infrastructure projects will service a 2.5 million ton steel plant, which includes a taconite plant and direct reduced iron facilities.



**Koochiching County**

**Plasma Gasification Clean Center  
Demonstration**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$10,500,000**

This request is for \$10.5 million to construct and equip a new 10-megawatt waste-to-energy demonstration project for the generation of electricity and disposal of municipal solid waste.

**Lewis & Clark Joint Powers Board**

**Lewis & Clark Rural Water System**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$3.14 million**

This request is for \$3,137,111 in state general obligation bonds to acquire land, predesign, design, construct and equip a rural water system in Southwestern Minnesota. The goal of the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System is to develop an alternative and supplemental water supply for the benefit of communities and rural water systems in Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota.

**McLeod County Rail Authority**

**Glencoe Railroad Congestion Mitigation Project**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$700,000**

This request is for \$700,000 in state funding to acquire land, design and construct a new railroad switching yard facility in Glencoe, Minnesota. The cities of Minnetonka, St. Louis Park, and Hopkins (the cities) have been jointly working to eliminate noise disturbances to their residents living adjacent to segments of rail lines where rail car sorting operations are performed. The construction of the Glencoe switching yard was identified as the long-term goal that would completely eliminate the blocking operations from the residential communities.

**Midway Township**

**Reconstruction of St. Louis County Sanitary  
Sewer District No. 1**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$600,000**

This request is for \$600,000 in state funding to reconstruct an old leaking sanitary sewer system. This project will help reduce the amount of infiltration and inflow, which is of real concern in the Duluth area because it negatively affects water quality in the St. Louis River bay and in Lake Superior.

**City of Minneapolis**

**Minnesota Shubert Performing Arts & Education Center**

**Priority: not yet determined    Request for State funds in 2006: \$15,000,000**

This request is for \$15 million in state funding to help construct, furnish and equip the Atrium and Shubert Theater buildings of the Minnesota Shubert Performing Arts and Education Center. The Minnesota Shubert Center will provide a performing home to more than 20 Minnesota arts groups.

**City of Minneapolis**

**Heritage Park Redevelopment Project**

**Priority: not yet determined    Request for State funds in 2006: \$6,000,000**

This request is for \$6 million in state funding to acquire land and construct public infrastructure for Van White Memorial Boulevard – a parkway-style North-South greenway that will be transit-ready and include bike path connections.

**City of Minneapolis**

**University Research Park**

**Priority: not yet determined    Request for State funds in 2006: \$6,450,000**

This request is for \$6,450,000 in state funding to acquire land, predesign, design and construct roads in the SEMI/University Research Park area, located on the Minneapolis/St. Paul border, to facilitate redevelopment of the area. The city intends to designate the roads in the system as Municipal State Roads.

**Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board**

**Restoration of Lake of the Isles Regional Park**

**Priority: 1 (of 2)    Request for State funds in 2006: \$5,000,000**

This request is for \$5,000,000 in state funds to restore and area adjacent to the Lake of the Isles that has settled and eroded significantly. The west bay and north are of the lake are the sites of the most significant settling. To restore the park's historic aesthetic, necessitated by the park's listing on the National Register of Historic places, these sections have to be filled in.

**Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board**

**Grand Rounds Parkway Lighting**

**Priority: 2 (of 2)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,000,000**

This project is requesting \$1,000,000 for replacing the 35-year-old parkway lighting on the Minneapolis Grand Rounds Scenic Byway. The Grand Rounds Parkway System has a unique light fixture specifically designed for the Parkway in the early 1970's. The parkway is currently lit with 2,300 fixtures.

**Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority**

**Railroad Rehabilitation – Phase IV**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,000,000**

This request is for \$1,000,000.00 in State funding to provide a 20% match of a \$5,000,000.00 Federal grant to rehabilitate 33 miles of railroad track from Gibbon to Norwood Young America. The request is for a portion of a 94.4-mile short line railroad traversing 5 counties – Carver, Sibley, Renville, Redwood, and Yellow Medicine. This project will provide the needed upgraded track to transport ethanol from an existing facility located in Winthrop, which is expanding from 35 million to 100 million gallons of ethanol production per year.

**City of Mountain Iron**

**Sustainable & Renewable Energy Park**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$500,000**

This request is for \$500,000 in state funds to construct a new sustainable and renewable energy park for the development and promotion of businesses that specialize in sustainable and renewable energy to be located in the City of Mountain Iron. The development of this park would include site preparation, the installation of utilities and the construction of required access roads.

**Osseo Area ISD # 279**

**Northwest Hennepin Regional Family Service Center**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,500,000**

This request is for \$1,500,000 in state funding to design, construct and furnish a new Northwest Hennepin Regional Family Service Center in Brooklyn Center.

(Note: As provided under Minn. Stat. section 123B.71, the Osseo school district is required to provide review and comment information on this project to the Department of Education by June 30. The Department will evaluate the project and will approve or disapprove the project based on the review and comment criteria.)

**Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority**

**Central Corridor Transitway**

**Priority: 1**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$50,000,000**

This request is for \$50 million in state funding to match federal funds to conduct final design and begin construction of a busway or light rail transit line. The Central Corridor is the transportation corridor serving the St. Paul and Minneapolis downtowns as well as the University of Minnesota and the Midway area.

**Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority**

**Union Depot Multi Modal Transit Hub**

**Priority: 2**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$5,000,000**

This request is for \$5 million in state funding to acquire land and structures, to refurbish structures, and to initiate engineering and environmental work to revitalize Union Depot for use as a multi modal transit center in St. Paul.

**Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority**

**Rush Line Corridor**

**Priority: 4**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,000,000**

This request is for \$1,000,000 in state funding for Phase 1, to acquire land, design and construct park-and-pool or park-and-ride lots located along the 80-mile Rush Line Corridor along 1-35E/I-35 and Highway 61 from downtown St. Paul to Hinckley.

**City of Richfield**

**Richfield Recreation Asset Replacement Project – Phase 2**

**Priority: not yet determined**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$550,000**

This request is for \$550,000 in State funding for Phase Two of Richfield's Recreation Asset Replacement Plan; to pre-design, design, construct and equip the replacement of four athletic fields lost as a result of airport expansion at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport.

**City of Richfield**

**17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Parkway Airport Mitigation Project**

**Priority: not yet determined**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$4,632,000**

This request is for \$4,632,000 in state funding to acquire land, relocate residents, design and construct a new arterial street, 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The project funds will also be used to build a new north-south arterial, 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue that will separate commercial development from residential uses.

**City of Rochester**

**Regional Public Safety Training Center**

**Priority: #1 (of 3)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,771,000**

The Regional Public Safety Training Center (RPSTC) is a collaborative effort between Rochester Community and Technical College, Riverland Community College (Austin), Minnesota Army National Guard, Olmsted County and the City of Rochester. This multi-phase project proposal is designed to create a Regional Public Safety Training Center.

This request is for \$1,771,000 in state funding for Phase 1 of the project that will focus on constructing a Fire and Police Training tower a staging building adjacent to the existing Minnesota Army National Guard facilities in Rochester, roadway and utilities. The operational training programs for area fire departments and law enforcement agencies will be supported by this facility.

**City of Rochester**

**Bioscience Development Center**

**Priority: #2 (of 3)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$9,000,000**

The City of Rochester is requesting \$9 million of State funding from a combination of Bioscience Development Funds, Redevelopment Grant Funds and Infrastructure Grant funds to provide for a portion of costs for property acquisition, relocation, environmental remediation, demolition, site preparation and the design and construction of a bioscience development center, parking and pedestrian facilities. The project is intended to provide an opportunity for the development of a bioscience development center in close proximity to the University of Minnesota/Mayo Clinic Genomics Research Center.

**City of Rochester**

**National Volleyball Center Phase 2 expansion**

**Priority: #3 (of 3)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$3,500,000**

The City of Rochester requests \$3.5 million in State funding for the Phase II expansion of the National Volleyball Center. The expansion project will involve adding an additional 22,000 square feet of space to the existing facility. The existing facility covers 51,000 square feet including eight Olympic quality volleyball courts, spectator viewing area, concession stand, first aid room, office, men's and women's restrooms (3 fixtures each) and a small storage area.

**City of Roseville**

**John Rose Minnesota OVAL Improvements**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$960,000**

This request is for state funding for a series of capital improvements and renovations to the John Rose Minnesota OVAL Skating Center in Roseville. The capital improvements include: building entryway improvements; scoreboard replacement; bleacher seating & resurfacers pad heating; installation of gas fireplace and snow melt pit; renovation of banquet facility kitchen and bathrooms; sound system upgrade; installation of facility monitoring equipment; and replacement of Oval tarmac, skate park equipment, and rink divider pads.

**Scott County**

**Public Safety Training Facility**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$4,000,000**

This request is for \$4,219,863 in state funding to complete the predesign/design work, refurbishing of existing spaces, the construction of new spaces, and the purchase of furnishings and equipment for a regional Public Safety Training Facility. The proposed Public Safety Training Facility would provide a resource within – yet on the outskirts – of the Twin Cities metropolitan area for specialized and legally required training.

**City of South St. Paul**

**Closure/Remediation of Port Crosby Landfill**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$4,500,000**

The City of South St. Paul respectfully requests \$4.5 million from the State of Minnesota for the closure/remediation of the Port Crosby site, shoreline stabilization, and the closure of a storm water drainage ditch on the property. This Capital Project Request is to pay for the balance of expenses associated with closure/capping and remediation of approximately 80 acres of the city-owned Port Crosby property in South St. Paul. Closure of the site is the fifth component of a six-step process for converting this construction/demolition debris landfill into a regional recreational area.

**City of St. Cloud**

**St. Cloud Civic Center Expansion**

**Priority: #1 (of 3)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$10,000,000**

This request is for \$10 million in state funding to plan, design, acquire land and prepare the site for the expansion of the St. Cloud Civic Center. The existing facility opened in 1989 and contains 103,000 sq. ft. of space. The proposed expansion would add the following building elements to the existing Civic Center facility: construct 35,000 sq. ft. of exhibit and trade show space; construct 27,000 sq. ft. Lobby / Prefunction / Loading / Service space; renovate 36,000 sq. ft. of existing exhibit and ballroom space; renovate 3,400 sq. ft. of existing Breakout / Meeting Room space; and construct parking ramp (400 stalls).

**City of St. Cloud**

**St. Cloud Regional Airport Property Acquisition    Priority: #2 (of 3)                      Request for State funds in 2006: \$2,000,000**

This request is for \$2,000,000 in state funding to purchase approximately 800 acres of land adjacent to airport property. As the St. Cloud Regional Airport expands, there is a need to control the land around the airport and within the runway safety zones to allow for the safe operation of aircraft into and out of the airport. The purchase of this land will enable the airport to control the development of adjacent property and ensure a compatible land use as it pertains to airport operations. There is also a need to purchase land to accommodate future growth of the airport.

**City of St. Cloud**

**River Bluffs Regional Park Improvements                      Priority: #3 (of 3)                      Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,200,000**

This request is for \$1,200,000 in state funding to help provide improvements to this regional park. The restoration and protection activities include prairie, oak savanna, wet meadows, and woodlands as well as park improvements that include service/public road access, parking, trails, signage, and a small open air observation shelter at a river overlook, nature center, picnic facilities, playground, canoe launch, and fishing pier.

**St. Louis County**

**Boundary Waters Connection of the Mesabi Trail                      Priority: 1 (Tied with 2 other projects)                      Request for State funds in 2006: \$950,000**

This request is for \$950,000 in state funding to secure the right of way, design, engineer, and construct the 17-mile section of the Boundary Waters Connection of the Mesabi Trail located between Bear Head State Park and the International Wolf Center in Ely. Federal transportation funds will be used for the 50% non-state match requirement.

**St. Louis County**

**Excelsior Energy Coal Gasification Facility Infrastructure Improvements                      Priority: 1 (Tied with 2 other projects)                      Request for State funds in 2006: \$2,310,000**

This request is for \$2,310,000 in state funding for the pre-design and design costs of the infrastructure acquisition, construction and/or improvements that will enable the construction and operation of the Mesaba Energy Project. The requested funding is targeted for roadway, rail and natural gas transportation infrastructure improvements; to extend or construct waste and potable water facilities to the Mesaba Energy Project site; and to provide for wetland mitigation, storm water runoff mitigation and right of way acquisition for above improvements.

## **St. Louis County**

### **Northeastern Minnesota Rail Initiative**

**Priority: 1 (Tied with 2 other projects) Request for State funds in 2006: \$2,575,421**

This request is for \$2,575,421 to do infrastructure work and repairs and for engineering to support the eventual establishment of Commuter Rail in Duluth and return Intercity Train Service between Northeastern Minnesota and the seven county Metro Area.

## **City of St. Louis Park**

### **Trunk Highway 7 / Wooddale Intersection Reconstruction**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,000,000**

This request is for \$1,000,000 in state funds to aid in financing the reconstruction of the at-grade intersection of Highway 7 and Wooddale Avenue in St. Louis Park to a grade separated intersection. This project will allow for the separation of regional and local traffic.

## **City of St. Michael**

### **Ancillary Improvements Adjacent to State Trunk Highway 241**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$2,604,766**

The City of St. Michael is seeking \$2,604,766 in state 2006 Capital Budget funding to upgrade connecting roads and turn lanes adjacent to TH-241; construct a pedestrian tunnel; and relocate utilities, as part of an overall four-lane improvement of the highway from I-94 to 4th Street. This request relates to the ancillary improvements adjacent to the trunk highway, such as frontage roads, utility relocates, and a pedestrian tunnel; and does not include Trunk Highway improvements.

## **City of St. Paul**

### **St. Paul Bioscience Corridor Development**

**Priority: to be determined Request for State funds in 2006: \$20,000,000**

This request is for \$20 million in state funding for predesign, design, construction, and equipment for various transportation, development and redevelopment infrastructure required to support bioscience development in the Saint Paul Bioscience Corridor. Improvements will include one or more of the following: an education and training facility for future employees of bioscience companies; construction of roadways and related facilities; construction of public transit facilities; and infrastructure improvements.



**City of St. Paul**

**Como Zoo Exhibit Renovation**

**Priority: to be determined**

**Request for State funds in 2006: to be determined**

This request is for a yet-to-be-determined amount of state funding to pre-design, design, construct, furnish and equip a new polar bear exhibit and an outdoor gorilla exhibit. The current polar bear exhibit is inadequate to exhibit bears from the animal care, zookeeper, and visitor perspectives. The outdoor gorilla exhibit renovation will expand the existing small exhibit space into more natural environment for the animals.

**City of St. Paul**

**Ordway Center Renovation**

**Priority: to be determined**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$12,000,000**

This request is for \$12 million to predesign, design, construct, furnish and equip a renovation of Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in St. Paul. The renovation will include: fulfilling Homeland Security Department standards, connecting Ordway Center to St. Paul's skyway system, replacing seats, upgrading acoustics, and the creation, from underutilized space, of a multi-purpose community meeting room and special events space.

**City of St. Paul**

**Pierce Butler Route East Extension**

**Priority: to be determined**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$10,000,000**

This request is for \$10,000,000 of State funding to be used to acquire right of way, clean up the acquired property and to design the Pierce Butler Route extension between Grotto Street and Phalen Boulevard. The extension project will complete a 7½-mile long east-west arterial/industrial corridor connecting University Avenue and Transfer Road to Maryland Avenue and Phalen Boulevard.

The Pierce Butler Route extension is approximately 1.5 miles long. The project is currently planned to be constructed in two phases of approximately 0.75 miles each. This request is for Phase I.

**City of St. Paul**

**Upper Landing Revetment Phase 1 Completion /  
Great River Park**

**Priority: to be determined**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,600,000**

State funds of \$1.6 million for Phase I are requested to first complete the Upper Landing Revetment project. Additional monies are anticipated to aid in the purchase 3.75 acres of property; aid design, repair and construction of 47,455 linear feet (8.98 miles) of trail and 14,620 linear feet (2.77 miles) of road way, construction of a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge, new bluff/valley stair connection, and 13 interpretive areas, overlooks and access points

**Town of Thomson**

**Light Industrial Park**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$400,000**

This request is for \$400,000 in state funding to assist in installing infrastructure in a light industrial park. This includes a water pumping and distribution system, sanitary sewer and water lines, stormwater retention ponds and roads. The Town of Thomson is currently working towards the development of a new Light Industrial / Commercial Park. Seventeen acres of the Park are currently designated as "JOBZ" Tax Free Zone property. The Town has completed a Site Evaluation and Feasibility Study for the project

**Three Rivers Park District**

**Silver Lake Special Recreation Feature – Phase 1**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$2,300,000**

This request for \$2,250,000 in state funding is to design, construct, furnish and equip the following components of Silver Lake Special Recreation Feature – Phase 1 Development Site Components: Performing Arts Stage; Formal Gardens; Large Group Rental Space; Turf Hiking and Bituminous Bike/in-line Skate Trails; and Fishing Pier

**City of Virginia**

**Trunk Highway 53 Relocation EIS**

**Priority: 1**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$500,000**

The request is for \$500,000 in state funding to conduct an Environmental Impact Study for the relocation of TH 53 in Virginia. This study will identify a preferred preliminary alignment and profile for design development activities. The existing TH 53 alignment is located adjacent to the east side of existing EVTAC Taconite mining operations. The EVTAC mining plan includes mining the ore body under the existing alignment of TH 53 beginning as early as the Year 2012. The Laurentian Vision Study developed a series of long-range visions for reclamation of the mining area south of Virginia. This vision included the concept of relocating existing TH 53 to the west.

**City of Virginia**

**Virginia Regional Medical Center Helipad**

**Priority: 2**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$750,000**

The City of Virginia is requesting \$750,000 in state funding to construct a helipad and access elevator to be located on the roof of Virginia Regional Medical Center. The hospital is city owned and serves a geographical area of 900 square miles with a population of 68,000. For several years VRMC has been utilized by two major helicopter services to transport critical care patients, but has never had a suitable landing area for the helicopters.

**Washington County Regional Rail Authority**

**Red Rock Corridor Transitway**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$1,000,000**

This request is for \$1,000,000 in state funding in 2006 for the Red Rock Corridor to implement transportation improvements in the corridor and to continue planning activities for the eventual implementation of a transit alternative. The Red Rock Corridor is a 30-mile transportation corridor running from Hastings through downtown St. Paul to downtown Minneapolis traversing the counties of Dakota, Washington, Ramsey, and Hennepin. Activities to be funded out of the \$1,000,000 include matching federal funds, completing environmental documents, station area master planning, and improvements that benefit the mobility of the corridor.

**Western Mesabi Mine Planning Board**

**Canisteo Outflow Control**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$2,783,000**

This request is for \$2,783,000 in state funding to acquire land, permitting, predesign, design, construction, administration and supervision and the start-up period through acceptance of the project that comprises a water level and outflow control and conveyance system of the water level in the Canisteo mine pit in Itasca county.

**Town of White**

**Town of White Road / Recreation Trail Project**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$400,000**

This request is for \$400,000 in state funding in 2006, and another \$100,000 in 2008, to design and construct a new connection road system in the Town of White. It has been a part of the Town of White's planning to construct a new bituminous surfaced roadway, a connection of two existing bituminous paved recreational trails and a designated snowmobile route between County Highway 138 and State Highway 135 to open direct access between the City of Aurora and the Giants Ridge recreational facilities.

**City of Willmar**

**Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation**

**Request for State funds in 2006: not yet specified**

The City of Willmar intends to apply for funds under the 2006 Capital Budget Request to help with relocating its Waste Water Treatment Plant. Odor problems, capacity issues and permit requirements are driving the need for building and relocating the new plant. The City is currently trying to get a better idea of the actual cost by going through the planning process.

**City of Winona**

**Shakespearean Festival Economic  
Development Project (feasibility study)**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$250,000**

This request is for \$250,000 in state funding to provide matching funds for the feasibility study on a multi purpose theater and conference center facility, site selection, support facilities and preliminary design of such a facility. The study will focus on the appropriate size and economic potential of the Great River Shakespeare Festival.

**City of Wrenshall**

**Water Tower Improvements Project**

**Request for State funds in 2006: \$150,000**

This request is for \$150,000 in state funding to help address the water storage issues within the City by constructing a new-elevated water storage tower to serve the Wrenshall area. The new water tower will be hydraulically designed to serve the entire City of Wrenshall service area with adequate water pressures. The existing water system does not provide adequate water storage or provide acceptable system pressures and/or fire flows throughout the City of Wrenshall system.

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