

Transportation

Transportation Funding Must be a Priority this Session

Background:

A strong transportation system is one of the most effective economic development tools available to the State for sustaining and growing our economy. Efficient and reliable transportation systems enhance business productivity and competitiveness, in turn creating a wide array of jobs. Investment in transportation also improves the quality of life for the citizens of Minnesota by reducing time stuck in traffic, minimizing hazardous crashes, and providing independent mobility for everyone. Minnesota's transportation infrastructure is crumbling, creating unsafe conditions and negatively impacting our economy and quality of life. The Legislature needs to address this issue now.

The need for investments in our transportation infrastructure continues to grow while funding falls further and further behind. As outlined in the bipartisan report of the Transportation Finance Advisory Committee, Minnesota needs an additional \$1.0 billion per year in new funds just to maintain the current system and \$2.5 billion per year in new funds to create an effective multi-modal transportation system and elevate Minnesota's economic competitiveness with other states.

ACEC/MN Position

ACEC/MN supports a Real Solution for transportation funding that is:

- **LONG-TERM:** A multi-year commitment to consistent funding so that planning, design, and construction of infrastructure can be completed effectively and efficiently.
- **DEDICATED:** Funds are for transportation purposes only.
- **COMPREHENSIVE** and **BALANCED:** Addresses the needs for all modes of transportation in both urban and rural areas.

Action Requested:

Contact your legislators and explain the value of investing in our transportation infrastructure. Encourage them to find long-term funding solutions for the state's transportation needs.

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