



April 6, 2021

To: House Transportation Committee

Dear Chair Hornstein and Members:

On behalf of the Minnesota Association of Small Cities, we support HF1684, the House Transportation Omnibus. The bill as amended includes ongoing dedicated funding for the Small Street Assistance Fund.

Minnesota cities with populations under 5000 are not eligible for MSAS funding. As a result, we are the ONLY local government entity without dedicated ongoing revenue. Our transportation infrastructure needs are significant when local sources of funding are already waning. Without a dedicated funding source for small cities roads continue to fall further out of repair.

The House bill would provide \$29.1 million in dedicated funding for FY22-23. This funding level is in line with our need of at least \$15 million of dedicated revenue. We understand that these amounts are anticipated to grow in future years.

With over 12,000 lane miles across our 705 cities serving a population of over 660,000 Minnesotans and thousands of small businesses supporting our transportation needs is the top priority for Minnesota Association Small Cities. Thank you for your support of this legislation and dedication of ongoing revenue for the Small Streets Assistance Fund.

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