



# Governor Walz & Lieutenant Governor Flanagan's 2025 Capital Budget

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# Overview

- Minnesota has the 4<sup>th</sup> largest roadway system in the country
- Over 143,000 centerline miles on trunk highways and local roads
- 3 active Lake Superior and 4 Mississippi River system ports
- 34 transit providers serving all 80 non-metro counties
- 133 publicly owned state-funded airports
- 4,534 rail line miles serving 21 railroad companies

Figure 1-6: Minnesota's State Highway Network



# Highway Railroad Crossing Warning Devices

- **\$1.8 million in GO Bonds** to replace aging or outdated railroad crossing gates and signal warning systems around the state
- Reliability of grade crossing warning devices is important to the safety of the traveling public
- Projects are selected based on roadway traffic volume, safety concerns, and train count/speed
- 750+ signal systems out of normal lifecycle (20 years)
- Previous appropriations:
  - \$1 million GO Bonds in 2017
  - \$3.6 million GO Bonds in 2023

# Port Development Assistance Program

- **\$2.8 million in GO Bonds** to support the infrastructure needs of publicly owned ports on the Great Lakes and inland river navigation systems
- Expedites the movement of commodities and passengers on the commercial navigation system
- Enhances the commercial vessel construction and repair industry
- Promotes economic development in and around ports and harbors
- Previous appropriations:
  - \$14 million GO Bonds in 2020
  - \$18.1 million GO Bonds in 2023

# 2023 Capital Funding

Capital investment bills allocated **\$402.714 million** to MnDOT for:

- Named road projects - \$146.54M
- Named bridge projects - \$37.2M
- Named air, active, rail, modal projects - \$29.123M
- Local Road Improvement - \$84.954M
- Local Bridge Replacement - \$67M
- Highway-railroad grade crossings - \$3.6M
- Port Development Assistance - \$18.097M
- Safe Routes to School - \$2.4M
- Active Transportation - \$1.2M
- Minnesota Rail Service Improvement - \$9.6M
- Greater Minnesota Transit - \$3M

Transportation omnibus budget bill authorized **\$599.2 million** in trunk highway bonding including:

- State road construction - \$200M
- Corridors of Commerce - \$153M
- MnDOT facilities - \$87.44M
- Named road projects - \$158.15M

# Thank You!

# Appendix

# Recommendations - Budget

Fund	FY 26-27	FY 28-29	Recommendations
GF	442	592	Operating Adjustment
THF	54,963	65,604	
THF	472,088	229,466	State Road Construction Appropriation Increase
THF	650,000		Blatnik Bridge Spending Authority
SAF	5,300	5,300	Aeronautics Revenue Restructure
THF	68	68	Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Grant Increase
THF	6,000	6,000	Corridor Planning
THF	1,530	1,530	Recruitment and Retention
THF	6,400	6,400	Facilities Modernization
<b>GF</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>592</b>	
<b>SAF</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>2,650</b>	
<b>THF</b>	<b>1,136,086</b>	<b>243,464</b>	

\*Dollars in thousands



# Recommendations - Technical

Recommendation	Type
Metropolitan Council Sales Tax Loan to MnDOT	Language Change
Landscape Partnership Appropriation Modification	Language Change
Environmental Product Declarations Appropriation Modification	Language Change
Upper Sioux Property Conveyance Appropriation Extension	Extension
Amtrak Second Daily Train Appropriation Extension	Extension
Amtrak Federal Aid Match Appropriation Extension	Extension
Reconnect Rondo Appropriation Extension	Extension
Metropolitan Planning Organization Greenhouse Gas Modeling Appropriation Extension	Extension
Highways for Habitat Appropriation Extension	Extension
Coordinated Drone Fleet Definition and Registration	Policy
Office of Sustainability and Public Health (OSPH) Grant Making Authority	Policy
Active Transportation Solicitation Frequency	Policy
Short Line Railroad Infrastructure Modernization Credit Transfer	Policy

# Trunk Highway Fund Balance

	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29
<b><u>Nov '24 Forecast</u></b>	<b><u>462,581</u></b>	<b><u>187,804</u></b>	<b><u>258,071</u></b>	<b><u>364,492</u></b>	<b><u>506,578</u></b>	<b><u>708,584</u></b>
Reserved	129,841	123,776	126,466	123,734	123,946	126,631
<b>Unreserved</b>	<b>332,740</b>	<b>64,028</b>	<b>131,605</b>	<b>240,758</b>	<b>382,632</b>	<b>581,953</b>

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