BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION FUTURE

The State of Minnesota has an opportunity to both increase investments in our transportation infrastructure and transition to a more sustainable funding structure to support its future.

Investments in infrastructure **create and sustain construction careers; support safe, efficient movement of commerce; and encourage private development** and induced spending that benefits all Minnesotans.

Despite significant investments in Minnesota's transportation infrastructure over the past 15 years, needs remain. Minnesota must act now to fully leverage federal transportation investments and unlock billions of dollars in funding for infrastructure. The inaction from last session that stranded federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) dollars has created an imperative for early action during the 2023 session. The historic budget surplus presents a generational opportunity to make transformative investments in the state's infrastructure, transportation and future funding mechanisms.

WE ENCOURAGE STATE LAWMAKERS TO ACT NOW TO:

- Strategically invest cash and borrowing capacity in transportation options and infrastructure.

- Fully obligate and appropriate the increased federal resources already made available to Minnesota through the federal IIJA law and allocate state resources to match the increased federal investment over the five-year life of the IIJA law.

- Dedicate 100% of the statewide auto parts sales tax to the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund (HUTDF) to be used for roads and bridges.

- Explore and implement a mechanism to enhance electric vehicles' (EVs) contribution to the construction and maintenance of road and bridge infrastructure on par with gas-powered vehicles through the gas tax.

We stand ready to work with state lawmakers on these initiatives to build a safe, robust and secure transportation system in Minnesota.

The Transportation Advocacy Coalition (TAC) includes business and labor organizations that advocate for meaningful investment in Minnesota's transportation network.

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