

We oppose the proposed Constitutional Amendment.

Committees in both houses have advanced a proposed constitutional amendment to dedicate certain sales taxes that now go to the general fund to roads. We oppose this Constitutional Amendment.

1. It would harm education, health care, housing, human services, and local government

The Constitutional Amendment would permanently dedicate hundreds of millions of dollars annually from the state general fund to only roads – instead of funding other priorities like our public schools, nursing homes, services for people with disabilities, and public safety. The cost to the general fund is \$438 million in the 2022/2023 biennium rising to over \$650 million in the 2026/2027 biennium.

2. It ignores the real transportation needs of Minnesotans

The diverted funds would not adequately fund maintenance of our current transportation system, let alone improvements. And, the proposed amendment ignores funding the needs of all Minnesotans who want and need transportation choices.

3. It ties the Legislature's hands

Our state faces a variety of pressing issues dictated by the national and state economies and ever-changing priorities. We can't predict what challenges face Minnesota in the future. This proposed amendment ties the Legislature's hands and prevents it from directing these funds where they might be needed most.

Signed:

- **AFSCME Council 5**
- **Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities**
- **East Metro Strong**
- **Education Minnesota**
- **Growth & Justice**
- **ISAIAH**
- **Jewish Community Action**
- **Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota**
- **Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers**
- **Minnesota Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics**
- **Minnesota Association of School Administrators**
- **Minnesota Association of School Business Officials**
- **Minnesota Budget Project**
- **Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy**
- **Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless**
- **The Minnesota Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities**
- **Minnesota Head Start Association, Inc.**
- **Minnesota Housing Partnership**
- **Minnesota School Boards Association**
- **NAMI Minnesota**
- **Ramsey County Board of Commissioners**
- **Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce**
- **Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition**
- **Schools for Equity in Education**
- **SEIU Healthcare Minnesota**
- **Sierra Club Minnesota North Star Chapter**
- **TakeAction Minnesota**
- **Transit for Livable Communities & St. Paul Smart Trips**
- **Twin Cities Transit Rider Union**

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