

## ***2026 Legislative Priorities***

**MnDOT is projecting a funding need of \$57 billion between 2023 and 2042. With available funding of \$36.7 billion, that leaves a gap of at least \$20.3 billion over the next 20 years.** In addition, local governments have identified an additional \$5 billion in funding needs on the trunk highway system. The local road and bridge system has a funding gap of approximately \$1 billion per year.

For 2026, the Transportation Alliance is committed to supporting passage of a significant capital bonding bill with funding for transportation programs and projects. Our members are also committed to retaining the gains made in 2023 to ensure ongoing, dedicated funding increases.

### **Capital Bonding Needs in Transportation**

- Local Bridge Replacement Program - \$160 million - \$200 million (GO bonds)
- Local Road Improvement Program - \$150 million - \$200 million (GO bonds); (\$4.5M cash)
- Local Road Wetland Replacement Program - \$18.5 million GO bonds and \$16.5 million GF (Base funding should be included in the biennial state budget for this program)
- Corridors of Commerce - \$400 million (Trunk Highway Bonds)
- Bus Rapid Transit/Busway Capital Improvements - \$75 million (GO Bonds)
- Greater MN Transit Capital - \$10 million (GO Bonds)
- Port Development Assistance Program - \$45 million (GO Bonds)
- Minnesota Rail Service Improvement Program - \$20 million (GO Bonds)
- Highway Railroad Grade Crossing Devices - \$10 million (GO Bonds)
- Safe Routes to School - \$10 million (GO Bonds)
- Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program - \$5 million (GF)

### **Additional Funding Options**

- For the Road Maintenance fee or retail delivery fee - remove the \$100 price threshold, over which, orders are exempted from the fee.
- Accelerate the full dedication of the revenue from the sales tax on auto repair parts so that all of the revenue is fully dedicated as quickly as possible.
- Explore innovative funding options including appropriate EV and hybrid fees as well as a Road User Charge that will compensate for reduced revenue from the fuel tax in the future.
- Continue providing funds to match federal transportation and infrastructure dollars and to allow Minnesota to compete effectively for discretionary grant funds.
- Continue funding from the Trunk Highway Fund for the Corridors of Commerce program and the Transportation Economic Development (TED) program.

# ***Transportation Day at the Capitol***

February 19, 2026

**Northern Midwest Regional Council of  
Carpenters  
710 Olive Street, St. Paul**



9:30 am ***Welcome*** – **Tim Arvidson**, Stonebrooke Engineering & Alliance President

***2026 Session Preview*** – **Brian McDaniel**, Momentum Advocacy

10:00 am ***Update from MnDOT*** - Commissioner **Nancy Daubenberger**

10:15 am ***Transportation Revenue Update*** – **Margaret Donahoe**, Transportation Alliance

10:30 am ***Policy Issue Updates 2026***

Connected & Automated Vehicles Report – **Tara Olds**, MnDOT  
Electricity as a Fuel Report – **Margaret Donahoe**, Transportation Alliance  
GHG Emissions Assessment Update – **Joe MacPerson**, Anoka County  
**Jon Solberg**, MnDOT

11:30 am ***Lunch with Legislators***

- Senator Scott Dibble, Senate Transportation Committee Chair
- Senator John Jasinski, Senate Transportation Committee Lead
- Senator Ann Johnson Stewart, Senate Transportation Committee Vice Chair
- Senator Carla Nelson, Senate Transportation Committee
- Representative Brad Tabke, House Transportation Committee Co-Chair
- Representative Jon Koznick, House Transportation Committee Co-Chair
- Representative Fue Lee, House Capital Investment Committee Co-Chair
- Representative Mary Franson, House Capital Investment Committee Co-Chair

1:00 pm ***Workforce Development Initiatives***

**Abbey Bryduck**, Executive Director, MN Asphalt Pavement Association (MAPA)

**Megan Dayton**, Executive Director, American Council of Engineering Companies of MN (ACEC)

**Dallas Nustvold**, Apprenticeship Coordinator, LIUNA

**Joshua Wagar**, Workforce Planning & Management Director, MNDOT

**Concluding Remarks**