

# Say **NO** to a New Tax on Housing, Nonprofits, Businesses, and Property Owners

## Vote **NO** to HF 527 (Masin)

The proposed language provides new authority for city councils to impose an additional tax on growing businesses, non-profits, and housing developments. The proposal creates an end-run around requirements imposed upon cities under the special assessment laws designed to protect property taxpayers.

### Local governments already have multiple options to fund local transportation projects including:

- General Property Tax Revenue
- Special Assessments
- State Transportation Aid
- Special Service Districts
- Tax Increment Financing
- Property Tax Abatement
- Local Option Sales Tax

### Minnesota Courts Have Spoken on this Issue

A handful of cities have been attempting to impose these fees without legal authority. In 2018, the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled unanimously and struck this down in *Harstad v. City of Woodbury*.

At a time when costs to growing businesses, non-profits, and housing developments are already at all-time highs-adding an additional tax is the **wrong** approach. Local governments have multiple options to fund local transportation projects that are both transparent and accountable to taxpayers and property owners. Creating a new tax on housing, non-profits, businesses, and property owners is **wrong** for Minnesota.

