

2026 TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Minnesota's transportation system forms the backbone of the state's economy, allowing for the movement of people and products throughout the state and beyond. The Minnesota Transportation Alliance works for the resources necessary to improve the safety and effectiveness of all modes of transportation.

Thanks to major funding legislation passed during the 2023 session, the funding gap for all modes of transportation has been reduced and new, dedicated funding will allow for better planning with stable funding.

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)