

# **Rep. Erin Koegel**

## **STATEMENT**

### **Minnesota House of Representatives**

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**Rep. Koegel responds to passage of Transportation Finance bill**

St. Paul, Minn. – On Tuesday, the Minnesota House of Representatives passed the Transportation Finance omnibus legislation as part of a broader package including Health and Human Services.

Rep. Erin Koegel, DFL-Spring Lake Park, released the following statement:

“Minnesota’s infrastructure has been in need of significant upgrades for a long time. Too many of the roads, highways, and pathways we rely on to get to work, get groceries, and take our kids to school are unsafe.

“I offered two amendments to make this bill better. The first would have funded studies and safety improvements for the drivers, pedestrians, and transit users along dangerous sections of Hwy. 47, Hwy. 65, and Hwy. 1. Numerous fatalities along Hwy. 47 tells us what many residents already know: we have work to do on making these roadways safer and less congested.

“My second amendment was adopted, prohibiting handheld cell phone use in work zones. Keeping construction workers and drivers passing through work zones safe is a high priority. This amendment’s importance was underlined by the Transportation Finance Chair prior to its passage with broad bipartisan support. I look forward to it becoming law.”

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