

# Legislative Update

Transportation Advisory Board  
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# 2016 Session So Far

- Supplemental budget bills are being assembled in the House and Senate
  - Transportation and Tax bills are already in conference committees
- Bonding bills have not been released
  - The targets for House and Senate bonding bills are significantly different

# HF4 (Transportation Bill) Conference Committee

- The House and Senate did not reach an agreement on a comprehensive funding package in 2015
- “Lights on” bill was passed, and the conference committee on HF4 remains open

# Governor' Supplemental Budget Proposal for Transit Funding

- **1/2 cent transit dedicated sales tax for the metro area raises \$2.8 billion over ten years**
  - FY 2017: \$170.6 million (8 months)
  - FY 2018: \$270.5 million
  - FY 2019: \$283.2 million
- Allows for accelerated expansion of the entire system
- Covers transit capital and operating costs

# Next 10 yrs: \$2.8B investment

Allows our region to build:

- **Southwest LRT (Green Line Extension)**
- **Bottineau LRT (Blue Line Extension)**
- **Red Line Extension**
- **Orange Line BRT (35W)**
- **Gold Line BRT (Gateway)**
- **11 Arterial BRT lines**
- **Red Rock, Riverview, Robert Street**
- **Additional transitways under development**

# Next 10 yrs: \$2.8 B investment

- Expands regional bus system by almost 30% by 2025
- More routes, more frequent service, more coverage
- Modernized system using new technologies and real-time updates
- Adds 1000 more shelters, many with light and heat

# 2016 Session – Next Steps

- House and Senate Leaders & the Governor will negotiate targets for major appropriations and bonding bills
- Conference committees will be appointed to finalize bills to meet targets
- Legislature must adjourn by May 23



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