

# Minnesota GO

A strong transportation system efficiently connects people to one another, workers to jobs and freight to markets here and around the world. It provides options to attract young workers, serve an aging population and support Minnesota's growing economy.

Today there are far more worthy projects than there is money to go around. Minnesota must spend more today than it has in the past in order to make these strategic investments and deliver our state's transportation vision.

#### **Funding Need**

A significant, multimodal state funding gap exists to address the near and long-term transportation needs within our state. Improvements, maintenance costs and strategic investments in our many modes yields a \$50 billion gap over 20 years – of which \$12 billion alone is needed for state roads and bridges.

- Minnesota's transportation system is large, aging and has many unmet needs. •
- To maintain what we have and position Minnesota for the future, we need to keep • investing.
- By the numbers:
  - 50% of state highway pavements are more than 50 years old
  - 35% of state bridges are more than 50 years old
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  - Minnesota is ranked 38<sup>th</sup> nationally for pavement condition Minnesota is ranked <sup>9th</sup> (tied) nationally for state highway bridges 0
  - The Twin Cities metro area will add 900,000 people by 2040 0
- Funding uncertainties at the federal level also add risk to our long-term projections.
- Minnesota, along with most other states, is seeking sustainable transportation sources of funding. Our buying power is reduced due to inflation and more fuel efficient vehicles – all while the existing infrastructure ages.
- Minnesota cannot preserve the existing quality and performance of the state's transportation system with its current investment level.

#### Moving Forward

Sharing the transportation story and need for new funding with:

- o Citizens
- Business community
- Local government
- Stakeholder groups
- o Legislators

#### Minnesota Legislative Session 2013

- The Minnesota State Legislature allocated \$300M (highway bonding) to the "Corridors of Commerce" program of competitive state grants that targets transportation routes identified as vital links for regional and statewide economic growth.
- \$300M is only a "down payment" on a larger vision including highways and transit.

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## Investing in Transportation

Investments in transportation will support an environment in which Minnesota businesses can continue to grow and ensure that the state continues to be an attractive location for companies looking to expand.

To maintain what we have and position Minnesota for the future, we need to invest in and modernize our aging transportation infrastructure - we want transportation that supports a world-class state.

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