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The Honorable Mike Beard, Chair
House Transportation Policy and Finance Committee
417 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Frank Hornstein, Ranking Minority Member
House Transportation Policy and Finance Committee
213 State Office Building
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The Honorable Joe Gimse, Chair
Senate Transportation Committee
303 State Capitol
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The Honorable Scott Dibble, Ranking Minority Member
Senate Transportation Committee
115 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Stillwater Lift Bridge Endowment Account Report

Dear Members of the Minnesota Legislature:

As required by Minnesota Statutes 165.15, subdivision 8, MnDOT is pleased to present the annual report on the Stillwater Lift Bridge Endowment Account. At this time, the account remains unfunded. It is intended to cover the routine operations and maintenance costs after the Stillwater Lift Bridge is converted to a bicycle/pedestrian facility following construction of a new St. Croix River crossing.

In the meantime, the Stillwater Lift Bridge management plan, completed in 2009, prescribes how the bridge is to be managed during its interim vehicular use and after its conversion to pedestrian/bicycle use. Work includes developing environmental documents for two upcoming Lift Bridge projects; a stabilization (maintenance) project scheduled for the fall of 2012 and a conversion project being planned to follow the completion of the St. Croix River crossing project.

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Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about this report, or you may contact Amber Blanchard, Todd Clarkowski or Kristen Zschomler, whose contact information is given at the beginning of the report.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner

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