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The Honorable Joe Gimse, Chair  
Senate Transportation Committee  
303 State Capitol  
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Dibble  
Ranking Minority Member  
Senate Transportation Committee  
115 State Capitol  
St. Paul, MN 55155

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  
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Stillwater Lift Bridge Endowment Account Report

Dear Legislators:

As required by the 2010 Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 165, Section 15, Subdivision 8, we are pleased to present our report on the Stillwater Lift Bridge Endowment Account.

Since passage of this legislation in 2009, MnDOT has implemented activities based on recommendations in the Stillwater Lift Bridge management plan. Work this year includes completing a stabilization (maintenance) project and developing environmental documents for the conversion project planned following completion of the St. Croix Crossing project. The St. Croix Crossing project is proceeding after approval of an exemption from the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act by Congress and the president in March 2012. Mitigation work for that project is underway, including relocating a historic shoddy mill and developing plans for restoring a historic roadside overlook.

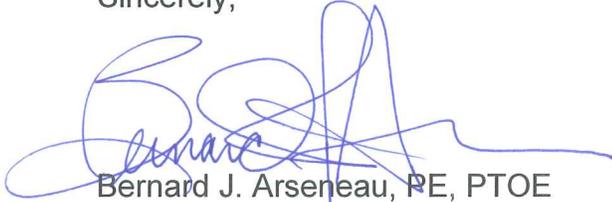
No revenues have been deposited into the Stillwater Lift Bridge endowment account by MnDOT or WisDOT, so revenue and expenditure information for the account does not yet exist. However, now that the St. Croix Crossing project has begun, MnDOT has programmed \$1.5 million to be deposited into the account in fiscal year 2013 and \$2.4 million in fiscal year 2014. WisDOT will deposit \$1.5 million into the account in fiscal year 2015.

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

Sincerely,



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