



## Minnesota Department of Transportation

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The Honorable Tim Kelly, Chair  
House Transportation Policy & Finance Committee  
559 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Dibble, Chair  
Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee  
111 Capitol  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Frank Hornstein, DFL Lead  
House Transportation Policy & Finance Committee  
243 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable John C. Pederson  
Ranking Minority Member  
Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee  
27 State Office Building  
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The Honorable Ron Erhardt, DFL Co-Lead  
House Transportation Policy & Finance Committee  
245 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: 2016 Annual Trunk Highway Bridge Improvement Program Report

Dear Legislators:

MnDOT is pleased to present the Chapter 152 bridge program annual report as required by Minnesota Statute §165.14, Subd. 6.

MnDOT works to provide a safe, reliable and sustainable transportation system. Progress on improving the condition of the state's bridges is anticipated as MnDOT continues to implement the trunk highway bridge improvement program; however, funding for this program will end in 2018.

Over 850 bridges will require significant work by 2025, and yet many identified bridge projects remain unfunded. Implementing a sustainable, dedicated and predictable funding increase for transportation will ensure continued progress towards preserving and enhancing the state's bridges.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this report, or you can contact Amber Blanchard in MnDOT's Bridge Office at [amber.blanchard@state.mn.us](mailto:amber.blanchard@state.mn.us) or 651 366-4504.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Zelle  
Commissioner

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