

# Municipal State Aid Street Needs

## Program Overview

The Municipal State Aid Street program provides funding to assist municipalities with the construction and maintenance of community-interest streets on their state aid systems. The program goals are to provide users of the secondary roadway system with safe streets, adequate mobility and structural capacity, and an integrated transportation network. The program is administered by MnDOT's State Aid for Local Transportation.



## Program Criteria

For a city to be included in the MSAS system, it must have a population of at least 5,000 (Minnesota Statutes 162.09<sup>1</sup>). As of January 2022, there are 150 cities and 3,852 miles on the system.

Within each eligible city, up to 20 percent of the local streets and county roads may be designated as MSAS. A street may be selected as a MSAS route if it:

- Is projected to carry a relatively heavier traffic volume or is functionally classified as collector or arterial as identified on the city's functional classification plan.
- Connects points of major traffic interest, parks, parkways or recreational areas.
- Provides an integrated and coordinated highway and street system affording, within practical limits, a state-aid network consistent with projected traffic demands.

The function of a road may change over time requiring periodic revisions to the state aid system.

## Funding

MSAS receive 9 percent of 95 percent of the constitutionally dedicated Highway Users Tax Distribution Fund. This funding is distributed to each city annually each January following a formula provided in Minnesota Statutes 162.13<sup>2</sup> – so that:

- 50 percent is divided proportionately based on each city's population

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=162.09>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=162.13>

- 50 percent is divided proportionately based on the construction needs of each city

The table below shows the amount distributed to cities along with the number of projects that have been approved over the last five years.

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Amount Distributed	\$173.2 M	\$192.2	\$192.4 M	\$210.2 M	\$193.0 M
Number of Projects	180	163	234	166	116

*Data source: Commissioner's Order*

## For More Information

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