



# 2016 Legislative Update

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We all have a stake in **A**  **B**



# NOT Enacted

- Long-term, sustainable transportation funding increase
- Bonding bill
- Tax bill – VETOED



House Minority Leader Paul Thissen, left, and House Speaker Kurt Daudt have a heated discussion during May 22 debate of the omnibus capital investment bill. Copyright Minnesota House of Representatives. Photo by Paul Battaglia.

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# NOT Enacted

- FAST ACT matching funds
- Drone regulation
- Flaggers in work zones
- Construction project schedule data
- Oberstar bikeway
- Using OAH for determining damages in eminent domain cases



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# NOT Enacted – Other MnDOT Proposals

- “Dimler” Modification
  - CDL learner’s permit
- Bicycle Laws and Rules
  - Design manual
- Corridors of Commerce
  - Main Street projects
- Snow & Ice Contingency
- Utility Relocation
  - Interstate costs
- County State Aid Highway Funds
  - Excess sum calculation
- Legislative Reports
  - LCCA, Chapter 152 bridges
- Highway 225 turn back
  - Becker County
- Truck permits and vehicle registration



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# NOT Enacted – MnDOT Capital Requests

- Port Development Program – \$10M Rail Grade
- Separation on Crude Oil Routes – \$69.624M
- Rail Quiet Zones – \$10M
- Hwy/RR Crossing Warning Device Replacement – \$12M
- Local Bridge Replacement Program – \$100M
- Local Road Improvement Fund Grants – \$100M



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# NOT Enacted – Local Airport Requests

- \$5.274 million state airports funds– Duluth Airport Authority
  - Partial funding for two existing runways – Duluth International Airport and Sky Harbor Airport
- \$4.985 million state airports funds– City of Rochester
  - Improvements to Rochester Int'l Airport for Customs and Border Patrol areas
- \$3.0 million GO bonds – International Falls – Koochiching County Airport Commission
  - Improvements to security and to accommodate increased travel levels



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# Enacted Policy Bills

- Increasing weight limits for vehicles powered by natural gas to accommodate the modifications
- Requirements for utilities crossing railroad rights of way



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# Other Enacted Policy Bills

- Contracting authority for highways on tribal land
- Nonemergency medical transportation enforcement authority
- Allowing two specific service signs (blue signs) in certain situations
- Modifications to the permitting process for manure pipelines
- Allowing pedicabs to have small electric power-assist motors

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# Questions?

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