



MFAC Legislative Update 2016

Freight Transportation

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



At the end of the 2015 session

Appropriations:	Enacted Policy Changes:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">› \$11 million—Airports› \$5 million—Greater MN Transit› \$3 million—Port Development› \$5 million—Rail Grade Crossings› \$12.5 million—Small Cities Assistance› MnDOT inflationary adjustments, trunk highway fund balance spending	<ul style="list-style-type: none">› Railroad Liability, Rail Funds› Aerodynamic Devices› Passing Utility Vehicles› Texting While Driving› Local Cost Participation› Road Design Standards



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Special Session Bonding:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">› \$7.41 million—Local Bridges› \$4.29 million—Local Roads› \$850,000—Sandstone Highway 23 Access› \$10 million—Richfield 77th St Underpass› \$140 million—Highway 53› \$3.77 million—Willmar Wye› \$4.7 million—Plymouth Grade Separation› \$460,000—Koochiching Co Bypass› \$1 million—MN Valley Rail





Funding Proposals

- ▶ Governor/Senate= \$6B over 10 years
 - License Tabs/Gas Tax
 - Metro Sales Tax for Transit, Greater MN Transit
 - Freight Rail Safety
 - Bonding
- ▶ House
 - Sales Tax on Auto Parts
 - Bonding
- ▶ House File 4 Conference Committee





FAST Act 2016



FAST Act Funding

Based on the November 2015 Forecast	State Fiscal Year (FY)				
	shown in millions				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Estimated FAST Act Obligation	\$604.6	\$614.7	\$628.1	\$642.3	\$657.7
Estimated Local Share	\$156.1	\$159.0	\$163.8	\$168.1	\$173.1
Estimated MnDOT Share*	\$448.5	\$455.7	\$464.3	\$474.1	\$484.6
<i>MnSHIP Forecast (2013) for MnDOT</i>	<i>\$404.0</i>	<i>\$404.0</i>	<i>\$411.0</i>	<i>\$419.0</i>	<i>\$428.0</i>
<i>*Includes Estimated Nat'l Hwy Freight Program funding</i>	<i>\$17.7</i>	<i>\$16.9</i>	<i>\$18.5</i>	<i>\$20.8</i>	<i>\$23.1</i>



FAST Act Funding: Impacts of FAST Act

- \$70 billion from general fund to support funding levels
- A modest increase in funding levels
- New competitive grant programs for major highway and multi-modal projects



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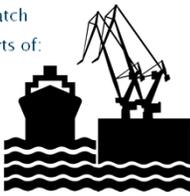
MnDOT Capital Budget Requests: 2016



Port Development Program

• \$10 Million to support the infrastructure needs of public ports

- Projects are prioritized with port authorities based on need, employment generated, overall economic effect
- Funds can match federal dollars, which maximizes the number of projects funded
- Statute requires a 20% local funding match
- Proposed improvement projects for ports of:
 - St. Paul
 - Winona
 - Red Wing
 - Duluth



Locally Requested Airports Projects

- **\$5.274 million state airports funds– Duluth Airport Authority**
 - Provide partial funding to design/reconstruct 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.
 - Improvements to Customs and Border Patrol areas – needed to meet security requirements of Dept. of Homeland Security
- **\$3.0 million GO bonds – International Falls – Koochiching County Airport Commission**
 - Improvements needed to meet security requirements of Dept. of Homeland Security and increased travel levels.



Other Bonding Requests

- › 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



Other Bills

- › Funding proposals
- › Supplemental Budget
- › Dimler modification – CDL learners permit
- › Truck permits and vehicle registration – extending effective date
- › Flaggers in work zones



Other Bills

- ▶ HF 620 / SF 309 (McNamara / Jensen) – This bill removes the constraints only allowing specific products the opportunity to apply for a special permit on six and seven axle vehicles to exceed statutory weight limits. Instead the bill proposes that the language generically allow the special permit for freight.





Questions ?

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