



# MFAC Legislative Update 2016

Freight Transportation

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# At the end of the 2015 session

## Appropriations:

- ▶ \$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

## Enacted Policy Changes:

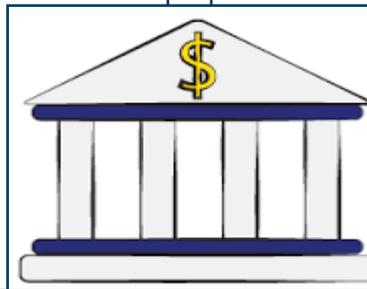
- ▶ Railroad Liability, Rail Funds
- ▶ Aerodynamic Devices
- ▶ Passing Utility Vehicles
- ▶ Texting While Driving
- ▶ Local Cost Participation
- ▶ Road Design Standards



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## Special Session Bonding:

- ▶ \$7.41 million—Local Bridges
- ▶ \$4.29 million—Local Roads
- ▶ \$850,000—Sandstone Highway 23 Access
- ▶ \$10 million—Richfield 77<sup>th</sup> 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

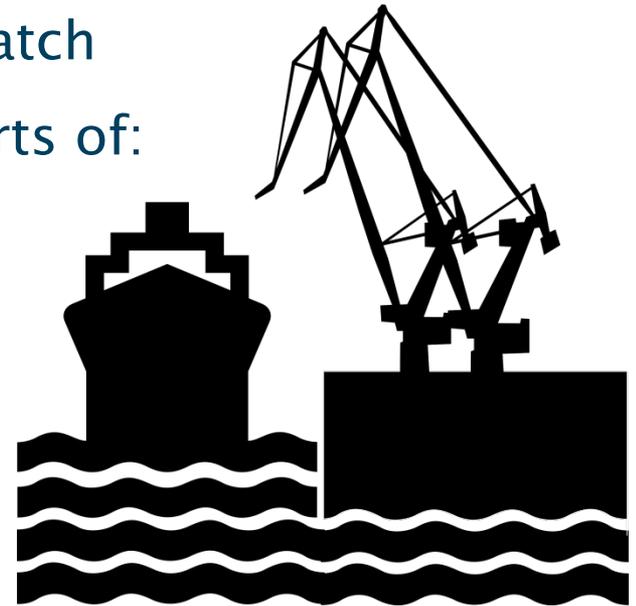


# MnDOT Capital Budget Requests: 2016



# 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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