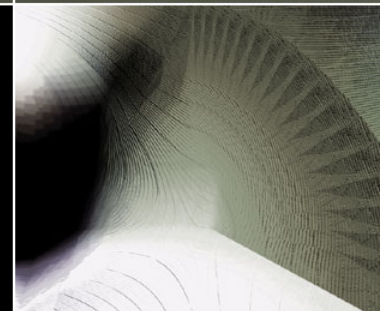


2010 Legislative Session



2009 Legislative Session

- Smaller increase in funding than anticipated
- Cut to State Road Construction Budget: \$150M proposed, \$120M enacted
- Transit Funding – operating deficit covered through shift in MVST
- Small capital bonding bill

2010 - Budget Problems



- Budget Deficit
- Capital Bonding Year
- Big Election Year –
Governor
201 Legislators

Bonding For Transportation

- Local Bridge Program
 - \$75 million Mn/DOT request
- Local Road Improvement Program
 - \$30 million Mn/DOT request
 - Legislation for \$60 million in 2008
 - Corridor Account
 - Routes of Regional Significance
 - Rural Road Safety



Bonding For Transportation

- JOBS & ECONOMY
- Renewed attention to freight issues. Map of freight generators and local roads
- Bonding Committee is out touring
 - Bids are low
 - Interest rates are low
 - Bond rating is still good
 - Jobs can be created right away

Bonding For Transportation

- Greater MN Transit Facilities - \$29M
- Railroad Crossings - \$10.8M
- Facilities - \$29.75M
- Rail Improvement Program - \$10M
- Ports and Waterways - \$10M
- Metropolitan Area Transitways - \$50M

Ongoing Funding Issues

- Deficit for all modes
- Gas tax increase, tab fee and MVST not fully phased-in
- Interest in accelerating Trunk Highway Bonds authorized
- Transit systems struggling to maintain current service
- Cash for Clunkers – bump in MVST

New Funding Ideas

- Legislature required study of long-range funding options
- Matrix of funding options
- Hearing in House Transportation Committee
 - “Leakages” from Highway Fund
 - Underground Storage Tank Fee
 - Project delivery/Efficiency

Message to Legislators

- Jobs, Jobs, Jobs – Transportation infrastructure has a direct impact on the economy!
- Transportation has not been “taken care of” with Chapter 152 or ARRA
- New ideas are needed but constitutional protections are critical

Next meeting of Legislative
Committee: November 16
11:30 – 1:30 at 525 Park St.

