

## ***Sample Letter***

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This is the year for the legislature and the governor to work together to pass a capital bonding bill with funding for critical community needs.

A core function of government is the maintenance and improvement of roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure. With growing demands on our roads and heavier vehicles, funding from the state is critical for the Local Road Improvement Program, and the Local Bridge Replacement Program. Our economy relies on the movement of products so investments in our freight system including port and rail improvements are critical.

State funding for transportation leverages significant federal and local dollars while providing funding needed for local governments to replace deficient bridges and repair deteriorating roadways or highways with safety issues. The list of road and bridge projects waiting for funding greatly exceeds the available funding every time these programs receive state dollars. Any level of funding for these programs will be put to work right away.

We know that investing in public infrastructure creates family-supporting careers, enhances economic growth and makes communities more livable for Minnesota residents. The lack of a bonding bill in 2024 has left many needed transportation improvements waiting and growing more expensive.

Transportation infrastructure truly serves a statewide function, connecting the state together, moving people and freight with an industry that is ready to get to work building projects that are waiting for funding. The funding provided in a bonding bill will make a difference for the state's economy as well as the safety and effectiveness of the transportation system Minnesotans rely on every day.