

Minnesota AFL-CIO Sample Precinct Caucus Resolution Comprehensive Transportation Funding

BE IT RESOLVED: That the _____ party support passage by the 2016 Minnesota Legislature of a comprehensive transportation funding package that will generate new economic development opportunities throughout the state, help Minnesota retain and attract a talented workforce, create jobs, and keep Minnesota economically competitive.

TALKING POINTS:

- Our quality of life and Minnesota's economic vitality depend on a transportation system with safe roads and bridges, and easy access to public transit.
- Minnesota's population and job growth is outpacing our current infrastructure and we must plan now for this expected growth.
- Nearly half of Minnesota's roads and bridges are more than 50 years old and in dangerous condition, making it harder to move people, goods and services to their next destination.
- Only 10 percent of jobs in the metro area are easy to get to by transit, and bus service is very limited in Greater Minnesota.
- Minnesota's aging population and persons with disabilities need adequate transit service throughout the state so people can live independently.
- Bike and pedestrian routes provide healthy, affordable, environmentally- friendly options for getting around, including for kids getting to school.
- We need transportation investments now to put people to work, expand our economy, and attract new businesses to our state.
- Roads/bridges and transit funding must move forward together to win legislative support.