



BETTER TRANSPORTATION FOR MINNESOTANS

All Minnesotans deserve a safe and reliable transportation system, no matter where they live, what they look like, or which mode of transportation serves them best. That's why House Democrats want to improve all modes of transportation across the state, including transit development and services, road safety improvements, bridge replacements, freight and passenger rail projects, and active transportation modes.

Supporting Safe Transportation Infrastructure of all Modes

- Provides matching funds to leverage federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funding for transit, state and local roads and bridges, EV infrastructure, and other federal climate-related funding.
- Delivers critical funding to help ensure Minnesota students can safely walk and bike to school.
- Advances Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) planning for the new J, K, and L arterial BRT lines.
- Creates a Traffic Safety Advisory Council to keep more people safe, no matter which mode of transportation they use on our roadways.
- Invests in significant passenger and freight rail improvements.
- Repairs and replaces high priority bridges.
- Builds and improves living snow fences consisting of trees, shrubs, native grasses, and wildflowers that help prevent snow from drifting onto Minnesota highways.



Improving Public Transit

- Funds passenger rail service from the Twin Cities to Duluth via the Northern Lights Express (NLX).
- Advances a second daily train route from Chicago, to Milwaukee, to the Twin Cities.
- Provides a temporary fare reduction in metro transit fares for buses and light rail and allows the Met Council to issue administrative citations for fare evasion to bring penalties more in line with traffic tickets.





Addressing the Climate Crisis

- Provides investments in metro area transit bus electrification.
- Creates a statutory Highways for Habitat program to enhance state roadsides with pollinator and wildlife habitat and vegetative buffers.

Creating More Efficiency in Driver Vehicle Services

- Improves online driver's exam search option to allow individuals to see the soonest available appointments closest to a provided location.
- Waives knowledge test requirement for drivers 21+ with a valid out of state license who move to Minnesota.