

Transit, Bicycling & Walking: How Lawmakers Can Improve Mobility for All Minnesotans in 2020

In Minnesota, everyone should be able to easily get around in sustainable, affordable, safe, and healthy ways. Our families, climate, and communities are counting on you to take action this session!

1. CREATE LASTING SOLUTIONS IN OUR URBAN, SUBURBAN, AND GREATER MN COMMUNITIES

Across the state, transportation has a major impact on whether Minnesotans can get to work and school, buy groceries, visit the doctor, and connect with friends and family—or whether those essentials are out of reach. Lack of access compounds the inequalities communities of color, low-wealth communities, and people with disabilities experience every day. And with transportation now the top source of climate pollution in Minnesota and across the United States, bold transportation change is critical to solving the climate crisis we're all facing.

We all benefit when it's easy to walk, bike, and take transit. These essential options are dramatically underfunded every year. Legislators must ensure communities of all sizes have enough resources to build out the solutions that fit their needs.

With statewide investment in transit we can not only protect the service Minnesotans rely on today, we can create a better transit system that will connect communities, stabilize our climate, expand access to jobs and resources, and improve daily life for people of all ages, races, incomes, and abilities. With statewide investment in accessible sidewalks and safe bike routes, Minnesota seniors and people with disabilities can keep more of their independence, and kids and families can navigate their towns and neighborhoods without fear of being hit by a car.

One-time money isn't enough. Reliable, long-term, dedicated funding is urgently needed to create lasting change.

- Support a 3/4-cent increase in the metro sales tax to fund more bus routes, more electric buses, and more frequent service—with 90% of total revenue dedicated to urban and suburban metro-area transit and 10% dedicated to improving bicycling and walking in the metro.
- Support \$10 million per year in new, ongoing funding for Greater Minnesota transit.
- Support \$15 million per year in new, ongoing funding for Greater Minnesota bicycling and walking.



Transportation is now the #1 contributor of climate change pollution in Minnesota and the US.

Voters already know it is time for lawmakers to prioritize statewide investment in sustainable options:

3 in 4 Minnesotans support the State Legislature making additional investments to expand and improve public transit, including buses, trains, and light rail.*

68% of Minnesotans want a transportation package that includes funding for safe bicycling and pedestrian routes.**

2. ADVANCE SHOVEL-READY TRANSIT, WALKING, AND BIKING PROJECTS NOW

Minnesota communities are long overdue for transit, bicycling, and walking improvements. While people across the state continue struggling to get around, shovel-ready projects don't have the resources they need to get built. This year's bonding bill can, and should, change that! In 2020, lawmakers have a clear opportunity to make immediate, meaningful progress through strategic capital investments:

- Support \$75 million for arterial bus rapid transit in the metro. Bonding dollars are urgently needed this year to build the shovel-ready D Line and B Line, and to plan and engineer for additional lines that finally move the region beyond a smattering of routes to a connected arterial bus rapid transit system.
- Support \$15 million for transit facilities in Greater Minnesota.
- Support \$10 million for suburban transit facilities.
- Support \$10 million for statewide Safe Routes to School.
- Support \$10 million in statewide electric bus and vehicle charging infrastructure.



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* Per a statewide poll of 500 registered Minnesota voters, conducted August 22-26, 2018, for the Minneapolis Regional Chamber by Public Opinion Strategies.

** Per a statewide poll of 502 registered Minnesota voters, conducted February 1-5, 2017, for the Minnesota Environmental Partnership by Fairbank, Maslin, Maulin, Metz & Associates and Public Opinion Strategies.



The Transportation Forward coalition is led by Move Minnesota, our statewide partners, and thousands of supporters. Together, we are calling on the legislature to invest in transit, bicycling, and walking in communities across Minnesota.

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