

February 1, 2022

The Honorable Frank Hornstein, Chair
House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
545 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable John Petersburg, GOP Lead
House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
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Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Newman, Chair
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
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Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Dibble
Ranking Minority Member
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
2213 Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Report on Meaningful Legislative Input into Project Selection

Dear Legislators:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is pleased to provide the report on Meaningful Legislative Input into Project Selection, as required under [Laws of Minnesota 2021, 1st Special Session, Chapter 5, Article 4, Section 142](#).

To assist in addressing this legislative request, MnDOT engaged the consulting firm WSP USA to independently prepare this report. The consultant conducted interviews with legislators, legislative staff, MnDOT staff and other stakeholders. They also interviewed five peer state DOTs to identify best practices in their respective project selection processes. The consultant then identified common themes, devised recommendations based on those themes, and evaluated and grouped the recommendations into three tiers for implementation. Finally, as required by law, the report includes proposed legislation to implement the recommendations.

Please contact me if you have questions or comments about this report, or you may contact Erik Rudeen at erik.rudeen@state.mn.us or 612-430-2487.

Sincerely,



Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Commissioner