

January 20, 2016

The Honorable LeRoy A. Stumpf
Chair
Senate Capital Investment Committee
3221 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Richard Cohen
Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3235 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Paul Torkelson
Chair
House Capital Investment Committee
381 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Jim Knoblach
Chair
House Ways and Means Committee
453 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Members of the Minnesota Legislature:

I am pleased to present Governor Dayton's 2016 Strategic Capital Budget. This budget makes investments across the state to ensure state facilities are well maintained and to provide critical new infrastructure at both the state and local level. It takes care of the assets we already have; invests strategically in new facilities to move the state forward on critical issues; prioritizes economic development; and provides much needed state investment in communities across the state.

The Governor's recommendations total \$1.4 billion in general fund supported debt including general obligation bonds, appropriation bonds, and general fund cash. This investment will leverage additional federal, local, and private funds to provide over \$2 billion in investment in Minnesota's capital infrastructure.

Included in the Governor's Strategic Capital Budget are all the final capital budget requests submitted by state agencies and political subdivisions for consideration during the 2016 legislative session. Since the preliminary submittal in July, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) has worked with state agencies and local units of government to develop additional project information and refine cost estimates. Requests now total \$3.7 billion, including \$2.7 billion in state agency requests and \$989 million in requests from local units of government. These requests as well as the Governor's recommendations are posted on MMB's website at www.mn.gov/mmb/budget/capital-budget/.

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If you need additional information or assistance, please contact Susan Earle of my staff at 651-201-8035. In the meantime, my staff will contact you to make arrangements for delivery of hard copies of the final capital budget requests with Governor's recommendations, which will be available next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Myron Frans". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Myron Frans
Commissioner

cc: Senator Tom Bakk
Representative Kurt Daudt
Senator David Hann
Representative Paul Thissen
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