



Minnesota Government
Engineers Council

Investing in Minnesota's Infrastructure

MGEC Position

The Minnesota Government Engineers Council believes that investing in the inspection and maintenance of Minnesota's infrastructure is critical to Minnesota's success.

Because

The public expects the infrastructure to be safe, reliable and efficient. For every dollar invested in infrastructure, many more are returned in jobs and quality of life.

Transportation is critical to a healthy state economy. Traffic delays cost business money. The average Twin Cities driver wastes nearly 45 hours and over \$1,000 per year in traffic jams, according to the Texas Transportation Institute's latest mobility study.ⁱ Minnesota has over 3 million licensed drivers, assuming that half of them live in the Twin cities; the drive time wasted cost Minnesotans about \$1.5 billion / year.ⁱⁱ

What is Needed

Prioritize maintenance of our public infrastructure over new projects. Many of our state buildings are out of compliance (fire alarms, elevators) and have other serious safety concerns. Investments to meet highway pavement and bridge performance targets alone totals 82% of Mn/DOT's projected revenue over the next 10 years.ⁱⁱⁱ

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ⁱ http://mobility.tamu.edu/ums/congestion_data/central_map.stm

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<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/stateplan/Final%20Plan%20Documents/Highway%20Investment%20Plans/Statewide/Entire/Statewide%2020-year%20Highway%20Investment%20Plan%202009-2028.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ http://www.statemaster.com/graph/trn_lic_dri_tot_num-transportation-licensed-drivers-total-number