Dear Friend,

As you heard today, there is a diverse and surprising group of stakeholders that recognize the state’s significant transportation funding problem and have already joined forces to help secure a better future.

But the louder and stronger we can be, the better positioned we are to be successful in our efforts. We need your voice.

Now more than ever, there are even greater gains to be realized from investments in transportation. It’s about investing not only in roads, bridges, and public transit, but in jobs, economic competitiveness and quality of life for all Minnesotans.

We have a bold vision and path forward to a balanced transportation funding package that keeps Minnesota’s economy growing.

We believe that the 2014 legislative session provides the best opportunity to pass a dedicated and sustainable transportation package that supports new investments in all modes of transportation, and between Greater Minnesota and the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. However, there is also a consensus that we must all share the political will to continue this effort beyond 2014 if necessary to get the job done.

We all have a stake in moving transportation in Minnesota forward. Let’s leverage our collective best to achieve something truly transformational for our state’s infrastructure. We sincerely hope that you will join in the effort to help solve the state’s transportation budget crisis.

Sincerely,
The Move MN Steering Committee

Alliance for Metropolitan Stability, American Council of Engineering Companies, Associated General Contractors of Minnesota, Association of Minnesota Counties, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, Minnesota Community Foundation, Minnesota Transportation Alliance, Summit Academy, and Transit for Livable Communities.
Move MN Campaign Support Form

Goal: To address the urgent need for a comprehensive transportation funding package that begins to erase Minnesota’s $50 billion transportation deficit and creates new funding that will enable the state to properly maintain and improve transportation assets that expand access and opportunity for all and create living wage jobs.

Campaign Guiding Principles: To be effective, members of the coalition agree that a transportation funding package must be:

Comprehensive. Any transportation funding package must include funding for roads and highways, transit, bike and pedestrian systems throughout Minnesota for both the state and local systems. In addition, the state must work to continually improve the efficiency of transportation construction and operations.

Balanced. Any transportation funding package must be balanced across transportation modes and between Greater Minnesota and the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. We support developing a transportation system that serves all Minnesotans equitably.

Sustainable/Gimmick-Free. Transportation funding solutions must be long-term and sustainable, and must grow with the economy to meet the state’s growing transportation needs. Bonding or borrowing is not a suitable substitute to sustainable revenue for transportation. Bonding should only supplement additional revenue.

Dedicated. New funding must be dedicated to transportation.

Join the Campaign: The Move MN campaign is carried out by the many organizations and individuals which have committed resources, time and expertise to advance the mission of the campaign. By joining the campaign and signing on as an official campaign supporter your organization agrees to:

• Make the campaign policy agenda a top legislative priority for your organization;
• Help in carrying out the tactical elements of the campaign;
• Be a public voice for the campaign; and
• Engage your constituent groups in the campaign through communications, events, calls to action and other relevant strategies.

Additional activities we may encourage your organization to participate in include:

• Agree to publically support the campaign agenda.
• Testify at the legislature.
• Write a letter to the editor.
• Make a statement to the media.
• Take part in a presentation to key stakeholder groups.

Please indicate your commitment of support by completing and signing this form. Your participation will help ensure our greatest level of success.

Organization Name: ______________________________ Organization Member: ________________________________

Phone: _________________________ Email: __________________________

Signature: ___________________________________________________

Please return signed form to:

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