

#### Legislative Reports & Working Groups

#### Minnesota Department of Transportation

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## **Road Funding Gap**

- Enacted in 2023
- Gap estimate will reflect new CHIP numbers
- Highway user funding options
  - General fund transfer
  - Electric vehicle fees
  - Road user charges
- Local funding options
  - Local vehicle excise tax
  - Metro area sales tax
- Other
  - Tolling/EZPass
  - Transportation improvement districts



### **Motor Vehicle Registration Compliance**

- Chapter 123 MN Laws Article 5, Sec. 16
- DPS-led working group to examine motor vehicle registration and registration tax collection and compliance
  - Identify and evaluate potential methods of enforcement
  - Develop recommendations to the legislature
- One member appointed by MnDOT
- Due to Legislature Feb. 15, 2025



#### **Commercial Drivers**

- Chapter 127 MN Laws Article 3, Sec. 130
- MnDOT-DPS study on the commercial driver workforce shortage & barriers to obtaining a CDL
- Consult with stakeholders
- Have held 5 out of 7 public meetings
- Commercial Driver Workforce Study | Let's Talk Transportation - MnDOT (state.mn.us)
- Due to Legislature Feb. 15, 2025









#### **Greater Minnesota Transit**

#### **Dynamic Transportation Options**

- Chapter 127 MN Laws Article 3, Sec. 124
- Evaluate and increase access to transit in Greater MN
- Make recommendations on a pilot program
- Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Dynamic Transportation Options Summit
- Due to Legislature Feb. 15, 2025



#### **Electric-Assisted Bicycles**

- Chapter 127 MN Laws Article 3, Sec. 127
- MnDOT-DPS study to develop recommendations on the operation of e-bikes by children under 18
- Conducted jointly with Active Transportation Advisory Committee & Advisory Council on Traffic Safety
- Currently developing scope of work for the study
- Consultant after scope of work is determined
- Due to Legislature Feb. 1, 2026



# **City Speed Limits**

- Chapter 104 MN Laws Article 1, Sec. 106
- Assess whether cities are setting appropriate speed limits for their roadways
- Engineering principals, safety conditions, traffic flow
- Survey developed for Cities
  - About 30 cities have enacted city-wide speed limits
- Literature review, cities, crash and speed analysis, overall review, appendices
- Due to Legislature Mar. 15, 2025



# **Traffic Safety Camera Pilot**

- Project Advisory Committee (external)
- Project Management Team (internal)
- Work Zone Safety Pilot Project
  - 2-4 locations
  - Project locations determined Spring 2025
  - Warnings only
- Numerous reporting requirements
- Local citations in school zones, traffic safety concerns
  - Minneapolis and Mendota Heights





# **Life-Cycle Cost Analysis**



- <u>Chapter 127 MN Laws</u> Article 3, Sec. 75-78
- Additional requirements for pavement selection
  - Draft of LCCA and pavement selection posted for 21 days
  - Opportunity to ask questions
  - Document justification for selected pavement strategy
- Due to Legislature Jan. 15, annually

# **GHG/VMT Assessments**

- Enacted 2023, modified 2024
- Major trunk highway expansion projects only
- Technical Advisory Committee to assist in implementation of assessments (<u>Sec. 161.178 MN Statutes</u>)
  - Starting Feb. 1, 2025, assessment of greenhouse gas (GHG) and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) prior to inclusion in the STIP or TIP
  - Suballocation for MPOs/RDCs?
- Public meetings
  - Website: <u>Transportation Greenhouse Gas Emissions Impact</u>
     Assessment Technical Advisory Committee



#### **Advisory Council on Infrastructure**

- <u>Chapter 127 MN Laws</u> (HF5247) Article 3, Sec. 5-6, 121
- Department of Administration working group
  - Define and maintain a vision for the future of infrastructure, providing for management, coordination, and investment
- One non-voting member appointed by MnDOT
- Initial appointments by May 1, 2025
- Report due to Legislature Dec. 15, annually (starting 2026)





# Thank you!

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