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2018 PRIORITIES

TRANSPORTATION

STATE FUNDING FOR COUNTY-LED PROJECTS ON THE STATE TRUNK HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN ANOKA COUNTY

The Anoka County Board recommends:

Funding for multiple transportation improvements in Anoka County on the Trunk Highway System operated by MnDOT. Some of the most significant transportation issues in Anoka County are not on the County Highway System, but on the Trunk Highway System. In addition to the US 10/169 improvements in the City of Anoka, other key corridor improvements are needed on:

- US 10 3rd Lane Expansion in Coon Rapids
- US 10/169 Hybrid Freeway Conversion in Ramsey
- TH 65 Hybrid Freeway Conversion in Spring Lake Park, Blaine and Ham Lake
- TH 47 Railroad Grade Separation and Realignment at BNSF Railroad and Expansion from TH 10 to Bunker Lake Boulevard in Anoka

STATE FUNDING FOR US HWY 10/169 SAFETY AND MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF ANOKA

The Anoka County Board recommends:

Funding for the reconstruction of US 10/169 from West Main Street through Thurston Boulevard in the City of Anoka. This project includes a grade separated underpass at Fair oak Avenue, grade separated interchange at Thurston Boulevard, the reconstruction of US 10/169 and associated local street connections and improvements.

HUMAN SERVICES

The Anoka County Board recommends:

- The legislature discontinue the practice of shifting costs to counties.
- Clarification of self-employed income/assets to reduce welfare fraud.
- Pilot a collaborative case load model for the management of cases who pose a risk of re-offending and incarceration due to mental illness.

LEASED MOTOR VEHICLE SALES TAX

The Anoka County Board recommends:

Maintaining the current statutory distribution of the Leased Motor Vehicle Sales Tax. Provisions of the distribution have been gradually implemented since its establishment in 2008. Now that the full apportionment of these funds has been fully enacted, Anoka County along with the other four suburban metro counties and outstate transit agencies receiving these funds, rely on this dedicated and reliable funding source to maintain and upgrade its State Aid Highways.

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL GOVERNANCE REFORM

The Anoka County Board recommends:

Reform of the Metropolitan Council governance structure that supports a regional constituency of those impacted by its decisions.

FISCAL DISPARITIES AND COMPREHENSIVE PROPERTY TAX REFORM

The Anoka County Board recommends:

Any changes being made to the Fiscal Disparities Program should only be considered within a framework of comprehensive property tax reform. Anoka County opposes future diversion from the Fiscal Disparities Program to fund specific programs or projects, as this would contradict the purposes of the program.



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