

FACT SHEET | Jobs Bill: Transportation Investments

Building a Better Minnesota

Governor Dayton knows that investing in transportation infrastructure is a critical part of a strong economic environment. That is why Governor Dayton signed the Minnesota jobs bill, which makes important investments in Minnesota's transportation system. These new resources will help make needed road and bridge improvements across our state.

Since 2011, Minnesota has gained more than 145,000 new jobs – fully recovering all the jobs that were lost during the Great Recession. This is great progress for Minnesota. With the new investments he signed into law, Governor Dayton remains focused on growing our economy, and continuing the work of building a Better Minnesota.

Critical Investments in Minnesota's Future

- **Statewide Bridge Improvements.** With nearly 70,000 miles of rivers and streams, Minnesotans depend on safe bridges every day for their commutes to work and school. However, Minnesota has roughly 1,100 local bridges that should be repaired or replaced. That is why the Minnesota jobs bill signed by the Governor makes crucial investments in bridge improvement efforts statewide.
- **Improving Road Safety.** Minnesota has approximately 123,000 miles of local roads. To improve safety and road quality, Governor Dayton has signed into law new investments in local road repairs and enhancements.
- **Keeping Kids Safe.** The Safe Routes to School initiative is designed to improve safety on walking and bicycling routes to school. Making it safer for kids to walk and bike to school helps reduce our dependence on cars and buses, and provides great exercise opportunities for kids. That is why the Minnesota jobs bill signed by the Governor makes additional investments to ensure the safety of our kids as they walk and bike to school.
- **Greater Minnesota Transit Investments.** Minnesotans across the state depend on reliable transit options every day. The Minnesota jobs bill signed by Governor Dayton makes critical investments in bus operations to ensure people living in Greater Minnesota have access to the dependable transportation they need for work, school, and day-to-day travel.
- **Increasing Rail Crossing Safety.** With more trains crossing our state every day, the Minnesota jobs bill signed by the Governor includes new resources to improve safety at highway rail crossings statewide.