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The Honorable Richard Cohen
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The Honorable Jim Knoblach
Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
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The Honorable LeRoy Stumpf
Chair, Senate Capital Investment Committee
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The Honorable Paul Torkelson
Chair, House Capital Investment Committee
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Dear Members of the Minnesota Legislature:

I want to report that preliminary capital budget requests submitted by agencies and political subdivisions for consideration during the 2016 Legislative Session are now posted at www.mn.gov/mmb/budget/capital-budget/.

These requests are **preliminary** and have not yet been reviewed by Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) or Governor Dayton. To date, these preliminary requests total \$3.2 billion (all sources of financing): \$2.5 billion from state agencies and \$767 million from local governments.

MMB and the Department of Administration will work with agencies and higher education institutions over the next several months to develop additional project information and refine cost estimates. MMB will also provide information and assistance to political subdivisions as they further develop and refine their capital project requests. Governor Dayton's Strategic Capital Budget will be submitted to the Legislature by January 15, 2016.

As part of our continuous improvement efforts, we launched a new capital budget system that organizations used to submit their preliminary capital budget requests. You will notice that the documents have a new look and the local government and agency requests now have the same format. Though the documents may look a little different, the information that you are accustomed to seeing in the preliminary requests remains the same.

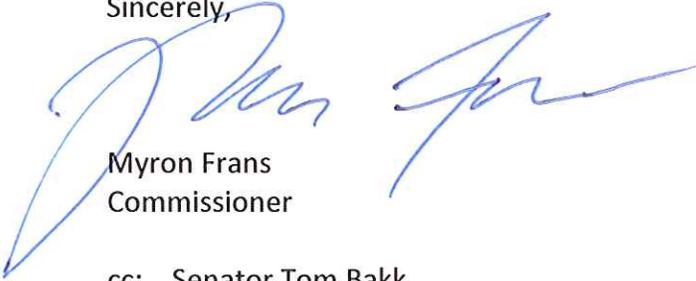
I hope you will find this preliminary project information useful as you begin considering these important and competing uses for the state's financing capacity. If you need additional information or

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assistance, please feel free to contact Alisha Cowell of my staff at (651) 259-3782. Hard copies of the preliminary capital budget requests will be delivered to you in the next week.

Sincerely,



Myron Frans
Commissioner

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Representative Kurt Daudt
Senator David Hann
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Bill Marx
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Eric Nauman