



INVESTING MORE THAN \$500 MILLION IN LOCAL JOBS AND PROJECTS ACROSS THE STATE

Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan's 2021 Local Jobs and Projects Plan invests \$518.086 million in infrastructure projects across the state to maintain and take care of the buildings that we have, invest in our communities, and ensure that we leverage available federal funds. The Governor and Lieutenant Governor know that local projects mean local jobs, and their plan includes \$240 million in General Obligation (GO Bonds), \$250 million in Appropriation Bonds (AP Bonds) and an additional \$28.3 million in General Fund cash.

General Obligation Bonds are backed by the state's full faith and credit and finance publicly owned capital projects and other projects specifically authorized in the Constitution. Appropriation Bonds are repaid through annual appropriations from the Legislature and can be used to finance a broader range of capital projects meeting a public purpose. Minnesota has issued Appropriation Bonds for several projects in recent years, including the professional football stadium, Lewis & Clark Rural Water System project, and the Duluth Regional Exchange District.

MAINTAINING AND INVESTING IN WHAT WE HAVE

Deferred maintenance needs for state agencies total more than \$1.7 billion. Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan understand the importance of maintaining the assets we currently have. Nearly half of their 2021 capital budget will support asset preservation projects at state agencies and higher education institutions, such as roof replacements and exterior repairs, renovation and repurposing of existing facilities to meet 21st century needs, and renewing buildings to keep Minnesotans safe and healthy. Their recommendation also makes critical security upgrades to the Capitol Complex.



State Asset Preservation – \$74.9M (GO Bonds)

Governor Walz recommends \$74.9 million for state agency asset preservation to maintain and repair our existing assets across the state. Of this amount, \$52.5 million is for the Department of Natural Resources, for investments in trails, buildings, recreational facilities, and other infrastructure that has become more important than ever to Minnesotans during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Higher Education Asset Preservation – \$119.3M (GO Bonds)

Governor Walz recommends \$119.3 million for Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) funding at Minnesota State and at the University of Minnesota to repair and replace building facilities and infrastructure at campuses across the state.



Capitol Complex Security Upgrades – \$43M (\$31M GO Bonds & \$12M GF Cash)

Governor Walz recommends \$43 million for upgrades to enhance public safety and individual security across the Capitol Complex. This amount fully funds the capital recommendation in the 2021 Advisory Committee on Capitol Area Security Annual Report.

INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The decisions we make about our infrastructure will have an impact for 20 years or more. Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan will make smart investments that position Minnesota for future growth, including \$265 million for creating and improving assets for working families and communities.



Preserve and Expand Access to Affordable Housing – \$100M (AP Bonds)

Governor Walz recommends authorizing \$100 million in Housing Infrastructure Bonds to preserve and build new housing opportunities across the state. Funds will be awarded through a competitive request for proposal process to private for-profit and nonprofit developers for supportive housing, preservation, and homeownership development including community land trusts, senior housing, and manufactured home park infrastructure.



Rebuilding Minneapolis and St. Paul – \$150M (AP Bonds)

Governor Walz recommends authorizing \$150 million in Redevelopment Appropriation Bonds to support rebuilding efforts in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul in the areas damaged by civil unrest in May and June 2020. This investment will create or retain jobs; preserve the tax base; support enterprise development and wealth creation for persons adversely affected by long-standing structural racial discrimination and poverty; and help prevent displacement of low-income residents.



Enhancing Equity Across the State – \$15M (GF Cash)

Governor Walz recommends \$15 million to support capital projects from community-based organizations that are led by and serve communities of color and American Indians, as these organizations have not traditionally had access to capital investment from the state.

ENSURING FEDERAL FUNDS COME TO MINNESOTA

Governor Walz and Lieutenant Governor Flanagan are committed to ensuring that Minnesota does not lose time-sensitive federal funds for significant projects. Their plan provides \$14.5 million in GO Bonds to retain federal matching funds. Without investment for these projects, Minnesota risks losing highly competitive federal funds to other states.



Redwood Falls Cemetery – \$4.5M (GO Bonds)

Governor Walz recommends \$4.5 million for a new State Veterans Cemetery in Redwood Falls, which would be Minnesota's fourth State Veterans Cemetery, as intended by the 2011 Legislature. The Veteran's Affairs National Cemetery Administration's Veterans Cemetery Grant Program (VCGP) will provide a \$5.99 million federal grant for this project.



Develop Passenger Rail – \$10M (GO Bonds)

Governor Walz believes expanding the state's passenger rail corridors is an exciting opportunity to connect Minnesota to the upper Midwest. His capital budget includes \$10 million for Minnesota's share of design and environmental work for a second daily Amtrak train between the Twin Cities, Milwaukee, and Chicago, including stops in Winona and Red Wing. The Federal Railroad Administration has awarded a \$31.8 million Consolidated Railroad Infrastructure and Safety Initiative grant and a \$12.6 million Restoration and Enhancement grant for this project.