



MUCA Legislative Update October 16, 2020

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Special Session V

Gov. Tim Walz called the Minnesota Legislature to a special session during the week of October 12. He is required by state law to do so to continue his peacetime emergency executive powers but also to allow the House and Senate to take up a bonding/tax bill.

Passage of a bonding bill requires a super majority, and it was very unclear going into the special session if the House would have enough Republican votes for passage. After a lengthy debate, the bill passed by a vote of 100-34. The Senate approved the bill 64-3.

Highlights of the [HF1](#) (Murphy/Senjem) include:

- \$1.37 billion in bonding and \$1.8 billion in overall spending.
- Full federal conformity and retroactivity on section 179 deductions.
- \$23M for the Local Roads Wetlands Replacement Program.
- \$323M in General Obligation and Transportation Funds for MnDOT for Road Construction.
- \$300M in Trunk Highway Bonds including:
 - \$75M undesignated for the Local Road Improvement Program.
 - \$84M for state highway construction.
 - \$23M for flood mitigation.
- \$110M for Rail Grade Separations.
- \$269M for the Public Facilities Authority including:
 - \$25M for the State Match for Federal Grants to State Revolving Loan Programs.
 - \$55.5M for the Water Infrastructure Funding Program (Clean and Drinking water infrastructure).
 - Over 30 grants to cities for wastewater and/or other water projects.
- \$8.2M for Business Development Public Infrastructure Grant Program.
- \$2M for Innovative Business Development Public Infrastructure Grants.
- \$3M for the Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure Program.

While it took the legislature five extra months to come to an agreement on the bill, the results are worth the wait. Thank you to all MUCA members who contacted their legislators to urge passage for being a part of several coalitions working for this bill's passage.