



## Help MnDOT invest state highway funding wisely!

### Like you, MnDOT has a budget for expenses.

We all make responsible decisions on how to spend our money. Every four years, MnDOT puts an extra focus on how to prioritize its state highway budget. That process is called the Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan (MnSHIP).

### We need to make tough decisions to keep our state highways working.

MnDOT has to make tough decisions on how to spend resources in the most efficient and effective ways. It takes a lot of resources to keep people and goods moving around our state. Given aging infrastructure and the overall demands on our state highway system, there aren't enough funds to address everything people want to see as transportation system priorities.

### Planning helps guide these decisions.

That's what the **Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan** is for. It might sound crazy, but a \$20 billion highway transportation budget is tight. That's why, every four years, MnDOT writes a plan for how to invest its anticipated budget. We can only plan for dollars we can expect to have - and for the next 20 years, that's anticipated to be \$20 billion.



## What do you think MnDOT should focus on?

### You can help MnDOT plan the state highway budget.

Check the box next to the **three** items below that are most important to you.

- ☐ Repair and maintain **existing state highways**
- ☐ Repair and maintain **existing state bridges**
- ☐ Repair and maintain other **supporting highway and bridge infrastructure** like signs, drainage, and lighting
- ☐ Ensure highways are **owned by the right level of government** (state, county, municipality)
- ☐ Repair and maintain existing **rest areas** and **truck weigh stations**

- ☐ Reduce unexpected travel **delays** in the Twin Cities metro area
- ☐ Reduce unexpected travel **delays** in Greater Minnesota
- ☐ Invest in projects to **improve bicycling** connections, safety, and convenience
- ☐ Invest in projects to ensure safe, accessible and convenient **walking options**

- ☐ Invest in **new highway safety improvements**, like increased guard rail, turn lanes and roundabouts
- ☐ Invest in regional and **locally-driven priorities**, like main streets and economic development projects

**Key:**

- Asset management
- Critical connections
- Traveler safety
- Transportation in context

# Minnesota State Highway Investment Plan



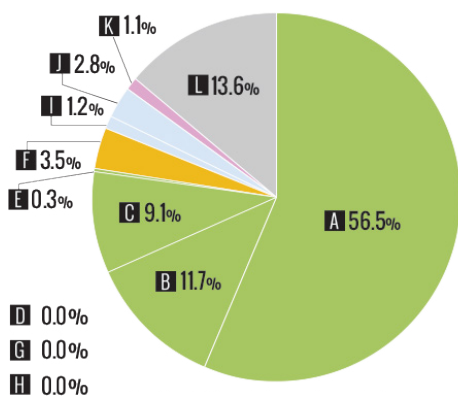
## Which approach best addresses your priorities?

Of the 20-year \$20 billion budget, we know a certain portion of the investment must be used for basic transportation needs. Once we meet those needs, we can do more within each category. However, there are competing priorities which means we need to invest wisely.

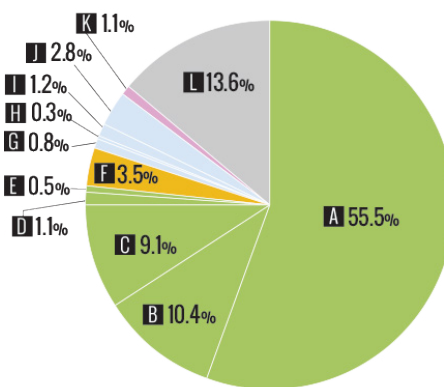
Take a look at the different scenarios and let us know which approach best aligns with your priorities for the state highway network.

Circle which scenario below best addresses your priorities:

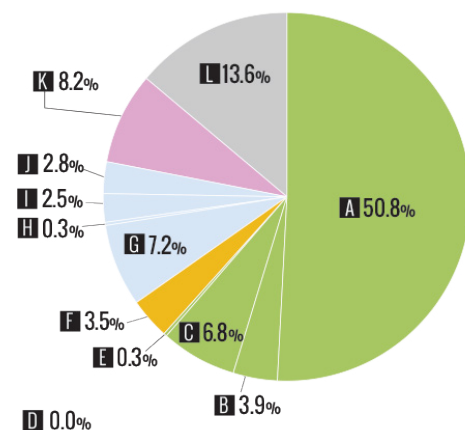
### APPROACH A



### APPROACH B



### APPROACH C



KEY:

- A Highway surface/pavements
- C Supporting infrastructure
- E Rest areas/weigh stations
- G Twin Cities area mobility
- I Bicycling
- K Regional/local priorities
- B Bridges
- D Highway ownership
- F New safety investment
- H Greater MN mobility
- J Walking
- L Other



## Long story short

Using four words or less, what do you think MnDOT should invest in on Minnesota's highway network?

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## Tell us about yourself

We'd like to learn a little more about you! The questions below are entirely optional and anonymous. They will help us make better plans that work for everyone.

Zipcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Race/ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_



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