



# AFSCME Grassroots Lobby Alert



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## ISSUE: FIX TRANSPORTATION NOW!

Our union is urging the Legislature to fix transportation now with new revenue for roads, bridges, transit, bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

There's no way our economy can grow and compete on crumbling infrastructure that takes a beating each winter. Half of our roads and bridges are in poor condition with dangerous potholes everywhere. The need is urgent statewide.

Meanwhile, the Minnesota Department of Transportation has 500 fewer AFSCME designers, inspectors and maintenance workers than it did a decade ago. With a shrinking workforce, it's impossible to keep up with aging infrastructure. To make matters worse, the Legislature keeps adding new lane miles without budgeting for maintenance.

Unfortunately, the Republican transportation proposal totally misses the mark. Their bad plan pays for transportation on the backs of public employees by using the budget surplus and other short-term fixes. They'd raid the state budget to scrape together millions for roads. They wouldn't raise any taxes or user fees. Instead, they'd gut education and human services. In effect, they'd patch potholes with students and seniors.

Governor Dayton has a real solution to move Minnesota forward.

**Text MOVE to 237263** to be connected to your state legislators, or call your senator at **1-855-982-3046** and your representative at **1-855-432-4270**.

## ASK YOUR LEGISLATORS TO:

Fix transportation now with new revenue for roads, bridges, transit, bike and pedestrian infrastructure. And don't forget to budget for maintenance workers who plow snow, patch potholes and inspect bridges.