



With less than 30 days remaining in the legislative session, it's time for lawmakers to pass a long-term, comprehensive transportation funding bill that budgets for our maintenance, design and inspection work.

Workers Memorial Day

On **Thursday, April 28**, we honor those who have been injured or died on the job. In 2014, we lost 4,679 workers. That's nearly 90 people a week, 13 a day. We're joining with other AFL-CIO unions to call for safe and healthy workplaces. AFSCME Local 404 member Eric Hesse called for reforms to prevent violent attacks against our health care workers at a Capitol Hill press conference: <http://tinyurl.com/j4vaq6t>. Learn more about what you can do at: <http://tinyurl.com/h3c7m5r>.

Day on the Hill Highlights

A video that chronicles all of the great speeches and energy from Day on the Hill 2016 is online. AFSCME Council 5 members came from across the state to support One Minnesota, investment across

our rural, urban and suburban areas.

Watch the rally and see members meeting with legislators on issues including safe staffing and banning private prisons at: <https://youtu.be/ZkOgVJbWttw>.

Local Approves Contract

Local 1681 (At Home Living) ratified its first contract, which secured just cause in disciplinary matters; a grievance procedure for remedying disagreements; additional pay for site leads; paid time off for part-time workers; and raises of up to 4 percent on employees' anniversary dates.

Labor Leader Retires

The secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota AFL-CIO, Steve Hunter, has retired. He joined AFSCME in 1975 when he was a graphic

FIX TRANSPORTATION!

Our union is urging the Legislature to fix transportation now with new revenue for roads, bridges, transit, bikes and pedestrian infrastructure. Our economy can't grow with half of our roads and bridges in poor condition and dangerous potholes across Minnesota. The state Department of Transportation has 500 fewer AFSCME designers, inspectors and maintenance workers than a decade ago.

Unfortunately, a bad plan by House Republicans would fund transportation with the budget surplus – a temporary fix that would gut education and human services. Gov. Dayton and Sen. Dibble have a real solution, Senate File 1904.

Text FIXITNOW to 237263

to be connected to your state representative and senator, or you can call your representative at **855-432-4270** and your senator at **855-982-3046**.

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 patch potholes, plow snow and inspect bridges.

designer for the city of Minneapolis. He served in positions including being president of AFSCME Council 14, AFSCME's political director in Minnesota and on the Minneapolis Central Labor Union Council executive board. We thank him for his dedication to workers.

AFSCME Strong is Growing



AFSCME Strong is our program to determine our own destiny by building a stronger union with members who are more engaged.

Sign a membership card to protect your job, defend our rights and preserve the quality of services we provide our

communities. To reach our goal, we need to sign up 22,602 more workers. We can do it if each local signs up eight workers every day.

Honor Great Co-workers

We know that our public workers never quit. Streets need cleaning, families need care, students deserve well-run schools, our neighborhoods demand safety, and everyone needs clean water. That's why we're recognizing members who demonstrate pride and dedication to their work with the Never Quit Service Awards. Winners' stories will be featured online. Nominate a co-worker or take the pledge to Never Quit at: <http://neverquit.afscme.org/>.

Help Injured Officer

Corrections Officer Ken Titus at

the Minnesota Correctional Facility in Red Wing was recently beaten severely by an inmate and had to be hospitalized. A second officer was treated and released. Titus is now back at home. He can't drive yet, but is recovering well. His family thanks everyone for their food, help and prayers. Anyone wishing to donate or visit can email lori.ollendieck@state.mn.us.

Support Union Cab Drivers

Teamsters Joint Council 32 needs our help. The Metropolitan Airports Commission is poised to approve policy changes to give Uber an unfair advantage over union taxi drivers at the airport. Please call the commission at 612-726-8100 and ask them to create an even playing field for airport taxis.

Stand with Striking Verizon Workers

Verizon workers are fighting to stop their jobs from going overseas, end employee intimidation and make the company drop its plan to cut retirement benefits and gut job security. Workers helped the company make \$39 billion in profits over the last three years, but management is demanding they give even more. Tell Verizon to settle a fair contract now at <http://tinyurl.com/helo674>.

Leader Passes Away

Herve Decathelineau came to work for AFSCME in 1968 and experienced the major changes in state employment in the 1970s. He organized and mobilized workers in greater Minnesota. He was known for bringing gentleness and stability to the job. He retired in 1994, but did not stop working. While his health allowed, he drove school bus. His funeral is **Friday, May 13** at Calvary Lutheran Church, 302 Olena Ave. SE, Willmar. Visitation is at 1 p.m. and the service at 2 p.m.

Untold Labor History

The 2016 Untold Series kicks off with a look beyond the recent U.S. Supreme Court's *Friedrichs* case at 7 p.m. **May 2** at the Saint Paul Labor Center. The free series honors Labor History Month in May. It's sponsored by the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library and a number of unions. Learn more at <http://thefriends.org/events/ongoing-series/untold-stories/>.

Get in on the Action

Action Update publishes twice a month for locals and activists in AFSCME Council 5. Share an event by emailing Lynette.Kalsnes@afscmemn.org or download a copy for your workplace bulletin board at www.afscmemn.org.

Upcoming AFSCME Council 5 EVENTS

Event	Date	Place
SEPC Spring Conference	April 29	Radisson Blu Mall of America, Bloomington
Labor History Series	May 2	Saint Paul Labor Center
Sixth Annual Labor Bowl	May 5	Midway Pro Bowl, Saint Paul
AFSCME 42nd Annual International Convention	July 18-22	Las Vegas, Nevada. Council 5 will be staying at the Paris Hotel, Las Vegas.
AFSCME Family Picnic	Aug. 21	Battle Creek Regional Park, Maplewood