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Highway/Heavy Members and Suppliers:

There is a credible threat to state transportation resources as pandemic-related losses pile up and economic volatility remains. The Minnesota Department of Transportation's projected revenue is \$244 million short of its initial forecast earlier this year, with Minnesota's next two-year budget cycle seeing a projected \$1.3 billion shortfall. Deficits in other state programs will put additional strain on transportation resources.

We have realized hundreds of millions of dollars in gains to the State Highway Trust Fund in recent years by directing General Fund sales taxes to transportation. Now, we must work to protect these vulnerable General Fund resources while looking for opportunities for additional long-term investments in the post-pandemic era.

To keep the gains we've made and remain a strong voice during this uncertain time, we must work even closer with our broader transportation funding partners. Historically, you and other construction industry members have contributed to Progress in Motion (PIM), an advocacy group that includes businesses, labor, and other allies who rely on the transportation system to efficiently move people and products every day. Associated General Contractors of MN continues as a Co-Chair along with the MN Transportation Alliance of PIM. Your contribution to PIM leverages other funding to mobilize various public relations tools and strategies such as paid advertising that individual groups alone lack the resources to produce.



Every \$1000, \$2500, and \$5000 contribution you give will help us defend our recent gains and capitalize on potential opportunities for long-term transportation funding in the 2021 legislative session. Let's demonstrate a strong business investment to our partners and reach a \$100,000 goal ahead of the legislative session in January. We as leaders of Minnesota construction industry groups stand united in our efforts to increase funding for the greater transportation community.

You are a vital and necessary voice that needs to be heard in this important public discussion. Won't you please take a moment to do your part and help us advocate for the industry that means so much to all of us. Please note that corporate dollars can be used to support this initiative.

To contribute online, visit <https://www.agcmn.org/advocacy/progress-motion>.

A paper invoice is also included if you prefer to mail a check. Email Laura Ziegler, AGC Director of Highway/Heavy and Government Affairs, at [lziegler@agcmn.org](mailto:lziegler@agcmn.org) with any questions.

Thank you for your support!



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