



## Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee

*InterContinental Hotel – St. Paul, Minnesota*

February 14, 2019

### DRAFT MINUTES

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

John Allen, Dodge County  
Brad Anderson, Goodhue County  
Jake Bauerly, Benton County  
Barb Becker, Todd County  
James Brady, Steele County  
DeRon Brehmer, Lac qui Parle County  
Raeanne Danielowski, Sherburne County  
Ron Gregg, Fillmore County  
Christopher Hollingsworth, Pipestone County  
Roger Imdieke, Kandiyohi County  
Don Jensen, Pennington County  
Tim Kalina, Douglas County  
Stan Karwoski, Washington County  
Jack Kolars, Nicollet County

Bob Kopitzke, Stevens County  
Jeff Mergen, Stearns County  
Mike Potter, Wright County  
Bill Pratt, Aitkin County  
Jerry Reinartz, Mower County  
Scott Schulte, Anoka County  
Christopher Shoff, Freeborn County  
Wayne Skoe, Koochiching County  
Greg Snow, Renville County  
Doyle Sperr, Grant County  
Vance Stuehrenberg, Blue Earth County  
Mark Thell, Carlton County  
Gordy Wagner, Pope County

#### GUESTS:

Jim McDonough, Ramsey County  
Wayne Sandberg, Washington County  
Ted Schoenecker, Ramsey County  
Jodi Teich, Stearns County  
Rick West, Otter Tail County

#### I. Call to Order

Chair Stuehrenberg called the Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee meeting to order at 9:35 AM. The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Nicollet County Commissioner Jack Kolars made the motion to approve the December 3, 2018 minutes, second by Washington County Commissioner Stan Karwoski. Motion approved. Washington County Engineer Wayne Sandberg provided a brief update on the AMC Transportation Working Group that met earlier in the week.

#### II. House Transportation Committee Chair Frank Hornstein

Chair Hornstein introduced himself to the committee and discussed some of the plans for the House Transportation Committee this session, including several field hearings across the state. Chair Hornstein also discussed some of the items that might be included in the governor's

transportation funding proposal and addressed the need for increased transportation funding generally. He asked commissioners and engineers to share their support for transportation funding this session.

**III. Connected and Autonomous Vehicles Update**

The committee heard a presentation on connected and autonomous vehicles from Erik Rudeen with MnDOT's Government Affairs Office. Last year, Governor Dayton created the Advisory Council on Connected and Automated Vehicles. Erik discussed the technology in general and highlighted the council's focus on four main aspects of this technology, ACES: automated vehicles, connected vehicles, electric vehicles, and shared mobility. Erik also discussed the council's recommendations to the Legislature and what legislation might be introduced this session relating to CAV as well as some of the challenges counties might face with CAV technology.

**IV. Update from MnDOT Commissioner Margaret Anderson Kelliher**

The committee had the honor of hearing from the new MnDOT Commissioner Margaret Anderson Kelliher. The commissioner focused her comments on some of transportation funding items that might be included in the governor's budget proposal and she expressed a commitment from the administration that transportation funding would be a large part of the budget proposal. The commissioner expressed a desire to work with counties going forward and to have our support on the proposal.

**V. County Day at the Capitol Recap**

Committee members shared thoughts on their visits with legislators the previous day, including discussions relating to transportation funding this session.

**VI. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Wright County Commissioner Mike Potter, second by Lac qui Parle County Commissioner DeRon Bremer. The Transportation & Infrastructure Committee adjourned at 11:19 AM.