



January 15, 2014

The Honorable Richard Cohen
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
121 Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Lyndon Carlson
Chair, House Ways and Means Committee
479 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable LeRoy Stumpf
Chair, Senate Capital Investment Committee
122 Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Alice Hausman
Chair, House Capital Investment Committee
453 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Members of the Minnesota Legislature:

I am pleased to present the Governor's 2014 Strategic Capital Budget. This budget makes strategic investments across the state to ensure state facilities are well maintained and to provide critical new infrastructure at both the state and local level. It completes the restoration of our state capitol, makes investments in our higher education facilities and funds programs and infrastructure that will spur economic development.

The Governor's recommendations total \$986 million in general obligation and Minnesota Housing bonds. This investment will leverage additional federal, local and private funds to provide a \$1.4 billion investment in Minnesota's capital infrastructure.

Included in the Governor's Strategic Capital Budget are all the final capital budget requests submitted by state agencies and political subdivisions for consideration during the 2014 Legislative session. Since the preliminary submittal in July, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) has worked with state agencies and local units of government to develop additional project information and refine cost estimates. Requests now total \$2.9 billion, including \$2 billion in state agency requests and \$838 million in requests from local units of government. These requests as well as the Governor's recommendations are posted on MMB's website at www.mmb.state.mn.us.

If you need additional information or assistance, please feel free to contact Koryn Zewers of my staff at (651) 201-8043. I look forward to working with you on the Capital Budget during the 2014 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Schowalter", written over a horizontal line.

James Schowalter
Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: Senator Tom Bakk
Representative Paul Thissen
Senator David Hann
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