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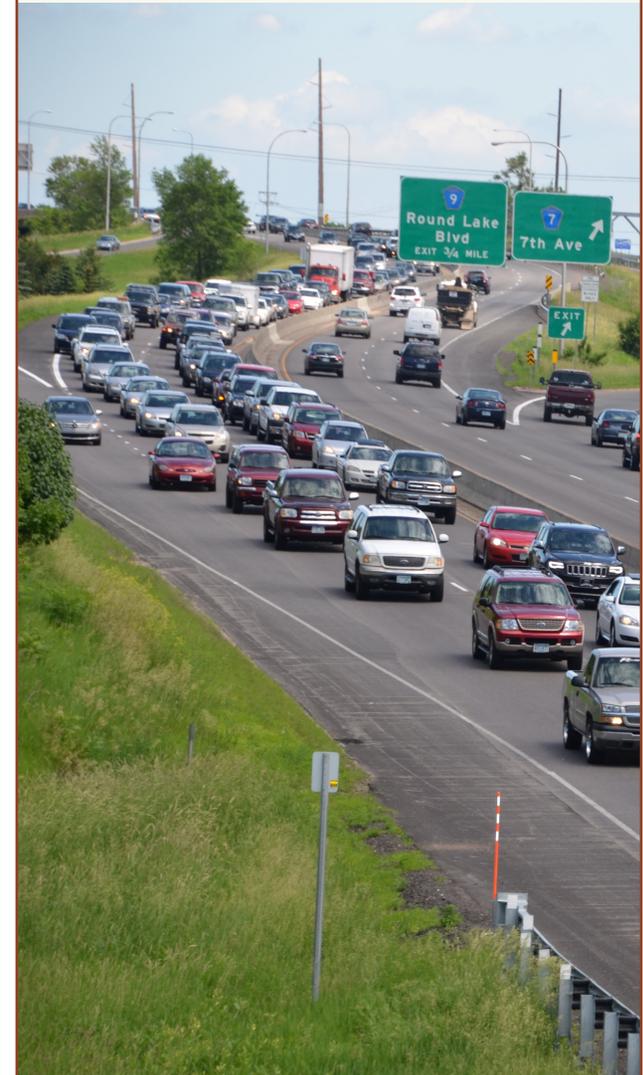
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2019 PRIORITIES

TRANSPORTATION

STATE FUNDING FOR U.S. HIGHWAY 10/169 SAFETY AND MOBILITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF ANOKA

The Anoka County Board recommends:

- Funding the Reconstruction of U.S. 10/169 From Greenhaven Rd/ Main St. to the Anoka/Ramsey City Limits.
- Highways 10/169 will be regraded/reconstructed for approximately 6,500 feet and will be elevated over Fairoak Avenue and Thurston Avenue. Upon completion of this project, all vehicles will travel this segment of highways 10/169 uninterrupted, greatly improving the regional movements through this area.

Human Services

The Anoka County Board recommends:

- Aligning Minnesota and Federal Statute - Child Support Fees.
- The County Board recommends a change in state statute to mirror federal statute and increase the federal child support collection fee from \$25 to \$35 after the first \$550 is collected.
 - Defining Income When Establishing Eligibility for Public Assistance

The County Board recommends a change in the state statute that states “A bank account that contains personal income or assets or is used to pay personal expenses, is not considered a capital asset of a trade or business.” This change would prevent public assistance fraud by counting all assets used to pay personal expenses.
 - Reinstate the asset tests for Public Assistance Programs

The County Board recommends reinstating the asset test on all public assistance programs and having the test be the same across all public assistance programs.
 - Mental Health Probation Supervision Pilot Project

The County Board recommends support for a two-year pilot project that develops training and strategies to improve outcomes for probationers who are struggling with significant mental health issues.

Fiscal Disparities

The Anoka County Board recommends:

- Any Changes Being Made to the Fiscal Disparities Program Should Only be Considered Within a Framework of Comprehensive Property Tax Reform.
- Anoka County opposes future diversion from the Fiscal Disparities Program to fund specific programs or projects, as this would contradict the purpose of the program.

STATE FUNDING FOR THE COUNTY-LED PROJECTS ON THE STATE TRUNK HIGHWAY SYSTEM IN ANOKA COUNTY

The Anoka County Board recommends:

- Funding for Multiple Transportation Improvements in Anoka County on the Trunk Highway System Operated by MnDOT.
- Other key need corridor improvements are on:
- U.S. 10 third lane expansion in Coon Rapids.
 - TH 10 freeway conversion in the city of Anoka.
 - TH 10 hybrid freeway conversion in the city of Ramsey.
 - TH 65 freeway conversion in Spring Lake Park, Blaine and Ham Lake.
 - TH 47 railroad grade separation, including of TH 47 near the Anoka County Fairgrounds.
 - TH 47 expansion from TH 10 to Bunker Lake Blvd.

Leased Motor Vehicle Sales Tax

The Anoka County Board recommends:

- No Changes be Made to the Apportionment of the Leased Vehicle Sales Tax.

Regional Rail

The Anoka County Board recommends:

- Enactment of a Statutory Provision that Caps the Nothstar Rider Subsidy at the Current “Average” Per Ride Subsidy.

Metropolitan Council Reform

The Anoka County Board recommends:

- Reform of the Metropolitan Council Governance Structure That Supports a Regional Constituency of Those Impacted by its Decisions.



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