

January 16, 2018

Sen. David Senjem, Chair Senate Capital Investment Committee

Sen. Julie Rosen, Chair Senate Finance Committee

Dear Members of the Minnesota Legislature:

Rep. Dean Urdahl, Chair **House Capital Investment Committee** 

Rep. Jim Knoblach, Chair **House Ways and Means Committee** 

I am pleased to present Governor Dayton's 2018 Strategic Capital Budget. This budget makes investments across the state to ensure critical state facilities and local infrastructure are well-maintained. It invests in our world-class higher education institutions, takes care of the assets we already have, prioritizes economic development, and provides essential state investment in communities across the state. The Governor's recommendations total \$1.5 billion in general fund supported debt including general obligation bonds and appropriation bonds. This investment will leverage an additional \$570 million in federal, local, and private funds to provide over \$2 billion in 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 2018 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 \$3.3 billion, including \$2.5 billion in state agency requests and \$831 million in requests from local units of government. These requests as well as the Governor's recommendations are posted on MMB's website at https://mn.gov/mmb/budget/capital-budget/current/.

If you need additional information or assistance, please contact Liz Connor of my staff at 651-201-8041. I look forward to working with you on the Capital Budget during the 2018 Legislative Session.

Myron Frans, Commissioner

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