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Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Action Alert

Contact Transportation Committee chairs and urge them to hold hearings on SF 1358/HF 1550 – a bill to fund city streets

As cities continue to fall behind on the maintenance and repairs of their streets, it is crucial that any transportation bill the Legislature passes in 2017 includes funding for city streets!

The CGMC has worked with Sen. Justin Eichorn (R-Grand Rapids) and Rep. Jeff Backer (R-Browns Valley) to introduce a bill, [SF 1358/HF 1550](#), that would raise and allocate \$50 million a year for city streets. Under the bill, \$25 million would go to cities with populations under 5,000 and \$25 million would go to cities with populations over 5,000.

However, this important bill has yet to have a hearing in either the House or Senate. With legislative deadlines fast approaching, it is imperative the bill receive hearings in both bodies so that it can proceed this session.

Take action now!

Please contact **Senate Transportation Committee Chair Sen. Scott Newman (R-Hutchinson)** and **House Transportation Committee Chair Paul Torkelson (R-Hanska)** and urge them to **hold a hearing on SF 1358/HF 1550**.

Here is an example of an email to the committee chairs:

Dear Sen. Newman and Rep. Torkelson,

As a city leader, I urge you to hold a hearing on SF 1358/HF 1550, which uses general fund money to provide reliable street aid of \$50 million/year to cities. This funding is critical to help us catch up on our city street repairs and maintenance. It is vital that any transportation bill that the Legislature passes this year includes funding for city streets. Thank you for stepping up for city streets!

In addition, please contact your own legislators and ask them to support the bill and encourage Sen. Newman and Rep. Torkelson to hold a hearing.

Contact info

- Call **Senate Transportation Committee Chair Scott Newman** at (651) 296-4131 or email him at sen.scott.newman@senate.mn
- Call **House Transportation Committee Chair Paul Torkelson** at 651-296-9303 or 888-727-3891 or email him at rep.paul.torkelson@house.mn
- Visit <http://www.gis.leg.mn/iMaps/districts/> to find your legislators' contact information.

Questions?

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