



## Mn Infrastructure Alliance

February 21, 2024

RE: HF 4025 (Koegel) - Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure

Dear Chair Koegel and members of the House Sustainable Infrastructure Policy Committee:

On behalf of the Minnesota Infrastructure Alliance (formerly called MN2050), and our membership of 19 professional associations that work in infrastructure, we appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments on HF 4025, the establishment of a Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure.

We support Chair Koegel and the committee's proposal to create a Council on Infrastructure. We think that cross-sector coordination at a state level will help to better identify infrastructure needs across the state. We support this board not being a regulatory body, but instead being a council that compiles information on needs, priorities, and the adequacy of available infrastructure funding. We also think that a statewide asset management program will help infrastructure managers across the state to share best practices, and plan for infrastructure renewal more efficiently.

We look forward to working with Chair Koegel and the committee on the establishment of this council, and promoting infrastructure investment and resiliency, which benefits quality of life for all Minnesotans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle Stockness".

Michelle Stockness, P.E.

Chair

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