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## MEMORANDUM

TO: The I-35W Solutions Alliance Board of Directors

FROM: Robert J Tennesen

RE: Legislative Report

DATE: May 8, 2014

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The legislature is in its final weeks of the legislative session and must adjourn sine die no later than May 19, 2014. This report is limited to transportation issues of interest to the Solutions Alliance.

A major issue has been the total amount that Minnesota should be borrowed for capital improvements. The tacit agreement seems to be for a limit on the capital bonding bill of \$850 million with an additional \$200 million to be spent for capital Improvements from the general fund surplus. The Senate Capital Improvements Committee approved two capital expenditure bills late on May 6 and referred them to the Finance Committee will where they are being heard the morning of May 7. The House Ways and Means Committee did the same. The items of likely interest to the Solutions Alliance are included in the attachment to this report.

Both the house and Senate bills have references to the underpass in Richfield at Highway 77. The house general fund bill provides some funding for the Lake Street I-35W station but the Senate bill does not.

The bills should be approved by both houses and be sent to a conference committee by the end of this week to reconcile the differences.

Attachment