**WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 17, 2023** 

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# DOT, UGPTI Budgets get thumbs up from House Appropriations Committee; Crossover looming

The House voted 86-5 to pass HB 1012, the NDDOT Budget. The bill contains \$10M in township road funding grants (carried over from last session), and an additional \$115M in a new State Flexible Transportation Fund, which would be another source for township and county road project grants.

This week's highlights for NDTOA:

SB 2329 requests a portion of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax revenue be designated for township and county road funding. The Senate Appropriations Committee amended that to half of that



amount or about \$84.5M total, providing a township revenue source of about \$42M each biennium. The bill narrowly achieved a do pass recommendation from the committee with a 9-7 vote. The bill now heads to the full Senate for a vote sometime between Monday and Wednesday, SB 2329 is in touble – Please contact your senator NOW!

#### **CONTACT YOUR STATE SENATOR TO SUPPORT SB 2329 -**

Regular funding for townships and counties for road maintenance and construction! Find your legislator with this link

#### Legislative Session Terminology 101

- EMERGENCY CLAUSE Most legislation that is enacted automatically becomes law on August 1 of odd-numbered years. If an "emergency clause" is contained in bill language, the effective date of the law (if signed) is immediately upon signing by the Governor.
- CONCURRANCE Once a bill passes one chamber, it is fully considered by the opposite chamber (hearing, committee action, full floor vote). If no amendments are added to the bill, the considering chamber "concurs" with the bill as presented.

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### NDTOA Bill Tracking Update

HB 1012	NDDOT Budget	Support: Passed House 86-5
<u>HB 1147</u>	Establish county & township bridge fund; \$100M placed in HB 1379	Support; FAILED in House 2-88
HB 1236	Township officers	Passed House; Sent to Senate State & Local Gov't Cmte
HB 1379 SB 2113	Legacy Fund earnings DOT Flexible Transp. Fund	In House Appr Passes Senate; sent to House Transp Comte
SB 2178	Township special road fund	Passed Senate; sent to House State & Local Gov't Cmte
SB 2183	Emergency snow removal grants	Passed Senate; sent to House Approps Cmte
SB 2275	Moves municipal infrastructure "Prairie Dog bucket" up in priority	Cmte votes 5-1 DNP; Sen Approps Cmte
SB 2365	Legislative study regarding township participation in national flood insurance program	Passed Senate 47-0; sent to House IBL Cmte

If you would like more information or have a question about any legislative issue, contact Larry Syverson. Email: larry.ndtoa@gmail.com

Join us for Township Day 2023! Monday, March 6, 2023 State Capitol, Bismarck

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