

Township priorities are being heard

As policy bills start to wind down, the Legislature is spending more time with appropriations bills, budget bills, and **various infrastructure funding** mechanisms. For townships, it's not a discussion of *whether* the need exists for road funding assistance, but rather *where* the assistance will come from.



NDTOA Board Members Todd Weber and Tim Geinert along with NDTOA Executive Secretary Larry Syverson met with Senators Terry Wanzek and Mark Weber to discuss township funding options in the NDDOT Budget bill, [HB 1012](#). Senator Wanzek is the Chair of the Government Operations Division of the Senate Appropriations Committee that is working on many budget bills as the Session heads into the final month. Rep. Mike Brandenburg also joined the group to assure the Senators that township issues are getting heard and addressed in the House as well.

“Prairie Dog” funding still in play

Senate Bill [2367](#) contains the “Prairie Dog” funding for political subdivision infrastructure funding derived from oil and gas tax revenues. The bill as written will continue the \$115 Million *county and township infrastructure* payments in non-oil producing counties near the end of the next biennium; possibly June or July of 2025. There is an amendment in the works that could possibly advance the payment by several months.

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NDTOA Bill Tracking Update

HB 1012	NDDOT Budget; includes \$115M DOT “flex funding” Amendments to bring more funding to Twps	Support: <i>In Sen. Appropriations Committee</i>
HB 1236	Township officers pay and annual meeting date	Signed by Governor
HB 1423	Model zoning ordinance for ag feed opns; task force	Senate Amended House needs to concur
HB 1379	Legacy Fund earnings; including \$100M for township and country bridge funding	Passed House; <i>In Sen. Approps Committee</i>
SB 2113	DOT Flexible Transp. Fund	Passed both, Sent to Governor
SB 2178	Township special road fund increase to \$500K	Signed by Governor
SB 2183	Emergency snow removal grants	Passed both, Sent to Governor
SB 2365	Legislative study of township zoning and the national flood insurance program	Signed by Governor
SB 2367	Oil & Gas revenue disbursement bill	Passed Senate; <i>in House Approps Committee</i>

What is a Conference Committee?

The Transportation budget will likely be sent to a conference committee after action by the Senate. If the two chambers cannot agree (concur) on the contents of a bill, a conference committee is named. Three members of the House and three members of the Senate meet to work out the differences on bills assigned to them. Once the conference committee agrees on a final version of the bill, it is sent to both chambers for a simple “aye” or “nay” vote. The compromise bill cannot be further amended.

A “nay” vote by either chamber kills the bill. An “aye” vote by both chambers sends the bill to the Governor’s desk for final action.

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