

Congressman Tim Walz

FY2011 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

PROJECT REQUESTS

AURI – New Generation Innovation Center - \$750,000

Recipient: Agricultural Utilization Research Center

Address:

P.O. Box 599

Crookston, MN

The funding would help the AURI New Generation Innovation Center encourage rural economic development by connecting rural Minnesota businesses to each other and training to understand best practices, pool resources and develop competitive advantages for Minnesota's economy. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would encourage economic development and job creation in rural Minnesota.

Beyond the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program - \$2,000,000

Recipient: MN National Guard

Address:

Veterans Service Building

20 West 12th Street

St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would provide continued support to the MN National Guard's nationally renowned reintegration program for service members returning from active duty. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it provides our veterans, including many returning National Guard members from southern Minnesota, with the support they need and deserve to return to civilian life.

Bolder Options Rochester Expansion - \$200,000

Recipient: Bolder Options

Address:

2100 Stevens Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55411

This funding would provide continued support to Bolder Options' multi-year plan to expand its youth mentoring services to Rochester. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would help Bolder Options provide high-quality mentoring services to troubled youth in southern Minnesota.

Center for Transportation Research and Implementation – MNSU - \$1,500,000

Recipient: Minnesota State University – Mankato

Address:

309 Wigley Administration Center

Mankato, MN 56001

This funding would support MNSU-Mankato's efforts to create a transportation research, implementation, and training center that would conduct practical research and provide needed information about the most efficient way to use taxpayer dollars on transportation infrastructure. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would encourage more efficient use of transportation dollars.

Child Care Resource and Referral, Boys and Girls Club of Rochester and Tri-Valley Head Start Collaborative - \$2,000,000

Recipient: Child Care Resource and Referral

Address:

126 Woodlake Drive SE

Rochester, MN 55904

The funding would support construction of a multi-purpose family and youth center to be used by Child Care Resource and Referral, Boys and Girls Club of Rochester, and Tri-Valley Head Start. It will enable the collaborating agencies to provide a web of services from birth through high school graduation in a neighborhood-based family and youth

center. This is a good use of taxpayer funds because it provides preschool readiness during the day and a safe and healthy environment for school-aged youth with after school and summer programs.

CSAH 12 Extension/TH 14 Interchange - \$3,600,000

Recipient: MnDOT

Address:

Transportation Building

395 John Ireland Boulevard

St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would provide continued support to a long-term project to extend Blue Earth County Road 12 to County Road 17, building a bridge over the DM&E railroad and creating a safe, separated-grade interchange with Hwy. 14. This project is a good use of taxpayer dollars because it will create needed construction jobs and ease congestion and dramatically improve traffic flow in eastern Mankato.

Goodview Radium Removal Project - \$3,000,000

Recipient: City of Goodview

Address:

4140 Fifth Street

Goodview, MN 55987

This funding would reimburse the city of Goodview for the construction of water treatment facilities which remove radium from the City's municipal water supply in order to comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's requirements.

Goodview Railroad Whistle-Free Zone Project - \$880,000

Recipient: City of Goodview

Address:

4140 Fifth Street

Goodview, MN 55987

This funding would create a whistle free zone for all trains traveling through both Goodview and Minnesota City and cover the construction of multiple intersection

improvements along the line in both communities. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would dramatically improve safety along a busy railroad in eastern Minnesota and enhance the quality of life for residents in the area.

Goodview Sewer Main Relining Project - \$990,000

Recipient: City of Goodview

Address:

4140 Fifth Street

Goodview, MN 55987

This funding would enable the city of Goodview to repair and upgrade its outdated sewer main system. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would stop sewage from leaking into area groundwater and would modernize Goodview's infrastructure, providing a higher quality of life for its citizens.

Heart of New Ulm - \$2,000,000

Recipient: Allina Hospitals and Clinics

Address:

2925 Chicago Avenue

MR 10805

Minneapolis, MN 55407

This funding would provide continued support for a 10-year research and demonstration project that aims to ultimately eliminate heart attacks in New Ulm through education and prevention programs for New Ulm residents. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help New Ulm citizens combat heart disease, which is a leading cause of death nationwide and a huge financial burden on our healthcare industry.

Highway 14 – CSAH 41 Interchange - \$4,000,000

Recipient: MnDOT

Address:

Transportation Building

395 John Ireland Boulevard

St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would pay for part of a project to expand Hwy 14 from two to four lanes between Nicollet County Road 6 and Lookout Drive in Mankato. This project would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would improve traffic flow and safety and create important construction jobs in the Mankato region.

Highway 14 – New Ulm to North Mankato Expansion - \$3,000,000

Recipient: MnDOT

Address:

Transportation Building

395 John Ireland Boulevard

St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would pay for part of a project to expand Hwy. 14 from two to four lanes, between New Ulm and North Mankato. This project would be a good use of taxpayer

funds because it would improve traffic flow and safety and create needed construction jobs in south-central Minnesota.

Highway 14 – Owatonna to Dodge Center Expansion - \$3,000,000

Recipient: MnDOT

Address:

Transportation Building
395 John Ireland Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would pay for part of a project to expand Hwy. 14 from two to four lanes between Owatonna and Dodge Center. This project would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would improve traffic flow and safety and create needed construction jobs in south-central Minnesota.

Hormel Institute Expansion Project - \$5,000,000

Recipient: Hormel Institute

Address:

801 16th Avenue NE
Austin, MN 55912

This funding would provide continued support to the Hormel Institute's nationally recognized cancer research by funding part of its Phase II expansion project to add a second research building at its Austin campus. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would support continued research into treatments and a cure for cancer.

Houston County Emergency Operations Center - \$539,425

Recipient: Houston County

Address:

304 South Marshall Street
Caledonia, MN 55921

This funding would support upgrades to Houston County's Emergency Operations Center. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would provide emergency managers and first responders with the ability to communicate more easily and respond more effectively to emergencies and natural disasters.

Houston County Interoperable Communications Project - \$1,358,000

Recipient: Houston County

Address:

304 South Marshall Street
Caledonia, MN 55921

This funding would help Houston County upgrade and integrate its communications systems. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would enable emergency responders in the county and region to communicate more easily, especially during emergencies and natural disasters.

Mental Health Centers - Interconnected Electronic Health System - \$220,000

Recipient: Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center

Address:
343 Wood Lake Drive SE
Rochester, MN 55904

This funding would support the Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center's efforts to collaborate with Goodhue County Mental Health Services, Family Services Rochester and South Central Human Relations Center to create a regional electronic health record. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would enable critical mental health providers to provide more efficient care through the usage of an electronic medical record.

International Renewable Energy Technology Institute (IRETI) - \$3,000,000

Recipient: Minnesota State University - Mankato
Address:
309 Wigley Administration Center
Mankato, MN 56001

This funding would support a public/private collaborative partnership, involving Minnesota State University – Mankato, that will focus on technology transfer through a combined process of educational outreach and training, applied research, and an independent third-party test center to validate renewable energy products, with an emphasis on those used for heating and cooling buildings. This project would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it will add to existing knowledge about renewable energy technology and products.

Lewis and Clark Regional Water System - \$35,000,000

Recipient: Lewis and Clark Regional Water System
Address:
401 East 8th Street, Suite 306
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

This funding would provide continued support to efforts to construct a pipeline system that provides treated water from the Missouri River to more than 300,000 people in three states. This area is so desperately short of water that there are restrictions on constructing new small business and residences; the pipeline will be essential to the economic viability of these small towns. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would help provide clean water to towns throughout southwestern Minnesota.

Mankato Field Maintenance Shop (FMS) - \$9,644,050

Recipient: MN National Guard
Address:
Veterans Service Building
20 West 12th Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

This project would fund construction of a specially designed Field Maintenance Facility in Mankato, MN to provide the Minnesota National Guard with a facility for the maintenance of 445 vehicles assigned to eleven separate units spread across southern Minnesota. It would consolidate two outdated maintenance facilities which do not meet the requirements for the equipment and fleet of vehicles of the Guard. An excellent use of taxpayer money, this project would create construction jobs and improve the Guard's ability to perform their duties and provide needed relief during natural disasters.

Mankato Madison Avenue Corridor Project - \$1,000,000

Recipient: City of Mankato

Address:

10 Civic Center Plaza

Mankato, MN 56002

This project funding would improve and expand Madison Avenue from north 7th Street to CSAH 12 in Mankato. This project would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would reduce congestion and encourage growth in West Mankato.

Mankato Railroad Mitigation - \$1,359,200

Recipient: City of Mankato

Address:

10 Civic Center Plaza

Mankato, MN 56002

This funding would finish environment analysis and begin construction on 15 individual improvement projects along the DM&E and UP railroad lines through Mankato. This project would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would ultimately increase safety and decrease noise pollution from freight rail trains coming through Mankato.

Minnesota High Speed Rail Corridor, Twin Cities – Chicago - \$5,000,000

Recipient: MnDOT

Address:

Transportation Building

395 John Ireland Boulevard

St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would support further study and design for a high-speed rail corridor between Chicago and the Twin Cities, complementing funding already received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would provide needed research and analysis to help Minnesota pursue a robust, modern transportation infrastructure that connects the state to Chicago and the entire Midwest.

MN National Guard Drill Hall Communications Systems - \$1,260,000

Recipient: MN National Guard

Address:

Veterans Service Building

20 West 12th Street

St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would support the MN National Guard's efforts to upgrade its drill hall communications systems throughout the entire state, at 63 MN National Guard facilities. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would improve the MN National Guard's ability to train and support soldiers and communicate effectively during emergencies and natural disasters.

Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority Rehabilitation Project - \$2,000,000

Recipient: Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority

Address:

200 S. Mills Street

P.O. Box 481

Redwood Falls, MN 56283

This funding would allow the MVRRA to continue its rehabilitation of 94 miles of track in southern Minnesota. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would improve track quality for agricultural shippers and producers across Minnesota, helping to grow southern Minnesota's economy, and increase safety along the line.

MN Student Energy Project - \$364,000

Recipient: MN Student Energy Project

Address:

1420 11th Avenue SE

Rochester, MN 55904

This funding would support an innovative southern Minnesota non-profit which educates students about the importance of renewable energy by putting solar panel arrays on schools. The project would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would increase energy efficiency in southern Minnesota schools and reduce carbon emissions.

Region Nine Quad-County Transit Interregional Project - \$65,000

Recipient: Region Nine Development Commission

Address:

10 Civic Center Plaza

P.O. Box 3367

Mankato, MN 56002

This funding would be used to study the feasibility of a designated transit-way connecting Mankato and Region Nine to the Twin Cities metropolitan area. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would provide needed research on the best way to address demands for transit in south-central Minnesota.

Rochester 55th Street Expansion - \$6,225,000

Recipient: Olmsted County

Address:

Government Center

151 4th Street SE

Rochester, MN 55904

This funding would provide continued support to Olmsted County's project to expand 55th Street NW 1.9 miles as a four-lane expressway to U.S. Hwy. 63. This project would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would dramatically improve traffic flow and safety in northern Rochester and encourage development and create needed construction jobs.

Rochester Public Transit Facility - \$11,082,638

Recipient: City of Rochester

Address:

210 4th Street SE
Rochester, MN 55904

This funding would provide continued support to Rochester's efforts to complete construction of a new transit facility. The funding would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it will help Rochester meet the transit needs of its rapidly growing population and create needed construction jobs in Rochester.

Rochester TH52/65th Street Interchange Project - \$3,000,000

Recipient: City of Rochester
Address:
210 4th Street SE
Rochester, MN 55904

This funding would upgrade the 65th Street interchange with Highway 52 in Rochester. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would improve traffic flow and reduce congestion in NW Rochester, while also encouraging business development and the creation of new, permanent jobs.

Rochester-Twin Cities Passenger Rail Project - \$2,000,000

Recipient: MnDOT
Address:
Transportation Building
395 John Ireland Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would be to support part of a long-term project to connect Rochester to the Twin Cities via high-speed passenger rail. The funding would be used for project management and coordination; purpose and needs study; alternative analysis; preliminary engineering (10% completion); environmental analysis; environmental mitigation and public outreach. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would make progress toward developing a passenger rail link between the two population centers, encouraging greater travel to southern Minnesota and increasing economic development in the region.

St. Elizabeth's Medical Center Quality and Safety Initiative - \$850,000

Recipient: St. Elizabeth's Medical Center
Address:
1200 Grand Blvd. W.
Wabasha, MN 55981

This funding would enable St. Elizabeth's, a critical access hospital and medical center in Wabasha County, to upgrade its aging equipment and infrastructure. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would help ensure that southeastern Minnesotans continue to have access to top-notch health care services and facilities.

Senior Volunteers for the 21st Century - \$300,000

Recipient: Lutheran Social Services
Address:
2485 Como Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55108

This funding would support the Lutheran Social Service's innovative project to create a cost-effective model of care in southern Minnesota that will support frail older adults in their homes, and provide meaningful and flexible volunteer opportunities for retirees and others seeking to contribute to community. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would provide cost-effective, innovative care and support for elderly Minnesotans.

Southern Rail Corridor Alternatives Study - \$2,000,000

Recipient: MnDOT

Address:

Transportation Building
395 John Ireland Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55155

This request would be used for an alternatives study to examine the economic and environmental impact of each viable route, including a no build option, and conduct engineering, and pre-design work to determine the most efficient way to address the freight rail capacity needs and safety concerns of the region. This funding would also be used to engage in public outreach activities to ensure that interested stakeholder voices, ideas and concerns will be considered. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would provide needed research and data to help create a transportation infrastructure in southern Minnesota that encourages economic development and job creation.

Soybean Genomics Research - \$200,000

Recipient: USDA Agriculture Research Service

Address:

Department of Agronomy and Plant Genomics
540 Borlaug Hall, 1991 Upper Buford Circle
St. Paul, MN 55155

This funding would provide continued support to research being conducted at the University of Minnesota to develop better yielding soybean varieties with higher protein and oil content. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because the research could lead to breakthroughs that would increase incomes for soybean farmers and grow Minnesota's agricultural economy.

Stewartville Area Emergency Operations Center - \$2,740,000

Recipient: City of Stewartville

P.O. Box 275

Stewartville, MN 55976

This funding will be used to improve and upgrade the Stewartville Emergency Operations Center. This project would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would improve emergency response and disaster relief in the region.

The National Child Protection Training Center - \$3,000,000

Recipient: National Child Protection Training Center at Winona State University

Address:

P.O. Box 5838, 175 West Mark Street
Winona, MN 55987

This funding would help support the center's task of providing top-notch child protection training to some 10,000 child protection professionals nationwide. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it ensures our child protection professionals have the highest quality training available in order to provide better protection for America's children.

TH52 Pine Island Improvements and Interchange Project - \$2,000,000

Recipient: Olmsted County

Address:

Government Center

151 4th Street SE

Rochester, MN 55904

This funding would be used to continue to upgrade Highway 52 near Pine Island and the new interchange being constructed to support the Elk Run Biobusiness development park. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would improve safety and traffic flow on TH52 and encourage economic development and job creation in southern Minnesota.

Town Road Sign Replacement Program - \$2,000,000

Recipient: Minnesota Association of Townships

Address:

805 Central Avenue East

St. Michael, MN 55376

This funding would enable MN townships to upgrade their road signs and comply with federal safety standards. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would relieve some of the budgetary burden facing local governments while also improving safety in rural Minnesota.

Winona Lake Outlet - \$1,360,000

Recipient: City of Winona

Address:

207 Lafayette Street

P.O. Box 378

Winona, MN 55987

The funding would cover design and silt removal from Lake Winona to ensure the lake does not flood during high-water events on the Mississippi River. This would be a good use of taxpayer funds because it would help the Winona residents and businesses better withstand possible flooding in the future.

NON-PROJECT LANGUAGE REQUESTS

City of Goodview Radium Removal Water Filtration Project

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Amount: \$1,650,000

SEC. XXX. GOODVIEW, MINNESOTA. Section 219 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1992, as amended (106 Stat. 4835; 110 Stat. 3757; 113 Stat. 334; 113 Stat. 1494; 114 Stat. 2763A-219; 119 Stat. 2255; 121 Stat. 1258) is further amended by striking subsection (f)(160) and inserting in lieu thereof the following: (f)(160) GOODVIEW, MINNESOTA.--\$1,650,000 for water quality infrastructure, Goodview, Minnesota. The funds appropriated for the reimbursement of the Goodview Radium Removal Water Treatment Plant shall be used for loan repayment.

City of Goodview Radium Removal Water Filtration Project

Agency: Army Corps of Engineers

Account: Construction

Amount: \$3,000,000

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