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AMC Supports Special Session to Address Comprehensive Transportation Funding

ST. PAUL, MN – Roseau County Commissioner Jack Swanson, president of the Association of Minnesota Counties, issued the following statement after the Minnesota Legislature was unable to pass comprehensive transportation funding during the 2016 Legislative Session:

"County commissioners with the Association of Minnesota Counties call on legislative leaders and the governor to come together in a special legislative session and finally pass a comprehensive solution to funding our roads, bridges, and transit services. Our organization has brought county commissioners together throughout the state both in the metro area and Greater Minnesota and across party lines to advocate for a comprehensive transportation funding solution that addresses our statewide needs for roads, bridges, and transit in a balanced, sustainable, and dedicated way. The longer we wait to fully address our needs for transportation, the costs and risks to Minnesotans only grow higher. We can no longer afford to continue to kick the can down the road because eventually we'll run out of road."

AMC is a voluntary statewide organization that assists the state's 87 counties in providing effective county governance to the people of Minnesota. The association works closely with the legislative and administrative branches of government in seeing that legislation and policies favorable to counties are enacted. In addition, the Association provides educational programs, training, research and communications for county officials.