

SALT



S = STATE

A = AID

for

L = LOCAL

T = TRANSPORTATION



Established in 1957 by Minnesota Statutes
Chapter 162 and Minnesota Rules Chapter
8820



About State Aid

Program Goals: The goals of the state-aid program are to provide users of secondary highways and streets with:

- Safe highways and streets
- Adequate mobility and structural capacity on highways and streets
- An integrated transportation network

SALT administers funding that supports more than 120,000 miles of roadway and almost 14,700 bridges.

WE work FOR you!



ABOUT STATE AID

Division Director/State Aid Engineer

Deputy State Aid Engineer

“Central Office”

Needs Studies

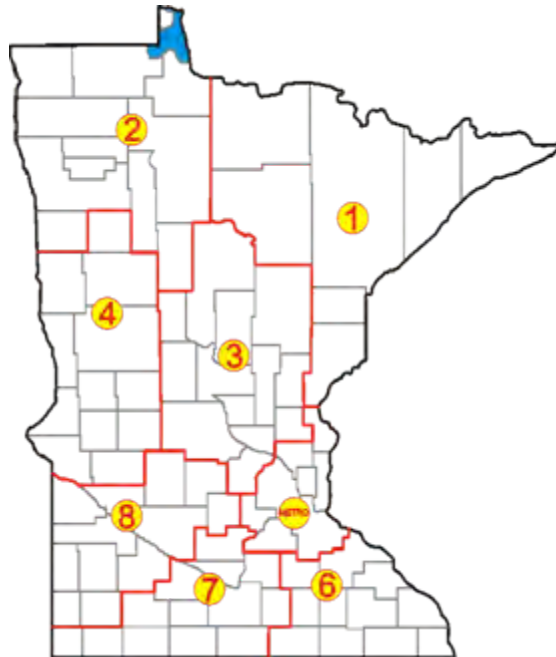
State Aid Programs

Project Delivery

Information Resources

Program Support Spec.
Traffic
Right of Way
Construction Practices

District State Aid
Offices



Program Support
Specialists

Finance

Bridge

Hydraulics/Hydrology

Cultural Resources

Labor Compliance

Materials



SALT – Central Office

- Principal Role: Administer the distribution of funding
 - Distribute funds for highway maintenance and construction to counties, cities, and townships
 - Other roles:
 - Provide Technical Assistance
 - Highway and bridge design
 - Construction and maintenance
 - Authorize funds for bridge construction
 - Coordinate locally funded projects
 - Provide overall management of the State Aid System
 - Consistency of Rules interpretation
 - Equitable division of funding
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State Aid Administration

www.dot.state.mn.us/stateaid/

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- Deputy State Aid Engineer
 - Legislative questions
 - Funding groups
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State Aid Operations

- Minnesota Rule Chapter 8820
 - www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/8820/
 - Standards for Rural & Urban designs
 - Natural Preservation Routes (NPR), Forest Highway (FH), State Park Road Standards
 - Bike Path Standards
 - Variance Procedures
 - Federal Aid Projects
 - Stewardship Plan
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State Aid Plans Unit

- Review/approve state aid funded plans
 - Facilitate Variances
 - Assist with Rules and Standards issues
 - Assign project numbers
 - Review and authorize payment requests in Districts
 - Establish policy and provide guidance via manuals and websites
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Federal Aid Plans Unit

- Local federal aid projects
 - Review/approve/process environmental documentation
 - Review/approve plans
 - Review/approve design exceptions
 - Facilitate bid awards
 - Prepare project agreements
 - Review and Authorize payment requests for agreements with federal funds
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District State Aid Engineers

- ❑ 1 DSAE and at least 1 Assistant per District
 - ❑ Primary Role: Liaison to local agencies
 - State Aid responsibilities
 - ❑ Needs review
 - ❑ Plan approval/processing
 - ❑ Construction review/approval
 - Assist in local issues as needed.
 - ❑ Greg Coughlin in Metro
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State Aid Funding



Apportionments

- ❑ State Aid apportionments are made in accordance with Minnesota constitution, laws and rules
 - ❑ Mn/DOT uses the MN Highway Users Tax Distribution Fund (HUTDF) to allocate funds to local governments
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Apportionments

- 95% of the HUTDF is apportioned as follows:
 - 62% to the trunk highway fund
 - 29% to county state aid highway fund
 - 9% to the municipal state aid fund

- The remaining 5% is set aside for these three funds:
 - Town Road Account
 - Town Bridge Account
 - Flexible Highway Account



Minnesota Highway Users Tax Distribution Fund

GAS TAX REVENUE
\$848,900,000
2011 Estimate

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX
\$543,000,000
2011 Estimate

MOTOR VEHICLE SALES TAX
54.5%
\$259,000,000
2011 Estimate

Interest, leased vehicle, fees
\$4,500,000
2011 Estimate

**TOTAL HIGHWAY
USERS FUND**
\$1,655,000,000



(2011 dollars used in this slide)



CSAH Funds

- ❑ Regular CSAH fund is computed as follows:
 - 50% based on "NEEDS"
 - 30% based on CSAH lane miles
 - 10% based on motor vehicle registration
 - 10% based on equalization
 - ❑ For 2011, it is approximately \$349 million
 - ❑ Excess Sum CSAH is computed as:
 - 40% registration
 - 60% needs
 - ❑ For 2011, it is \$92 million
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MSAS Funds

- MSAS funds are computed as follows:
 - 50% based on “NEEDS”
 - 50% based on population
 - For 2011, it is approximately \$139 million
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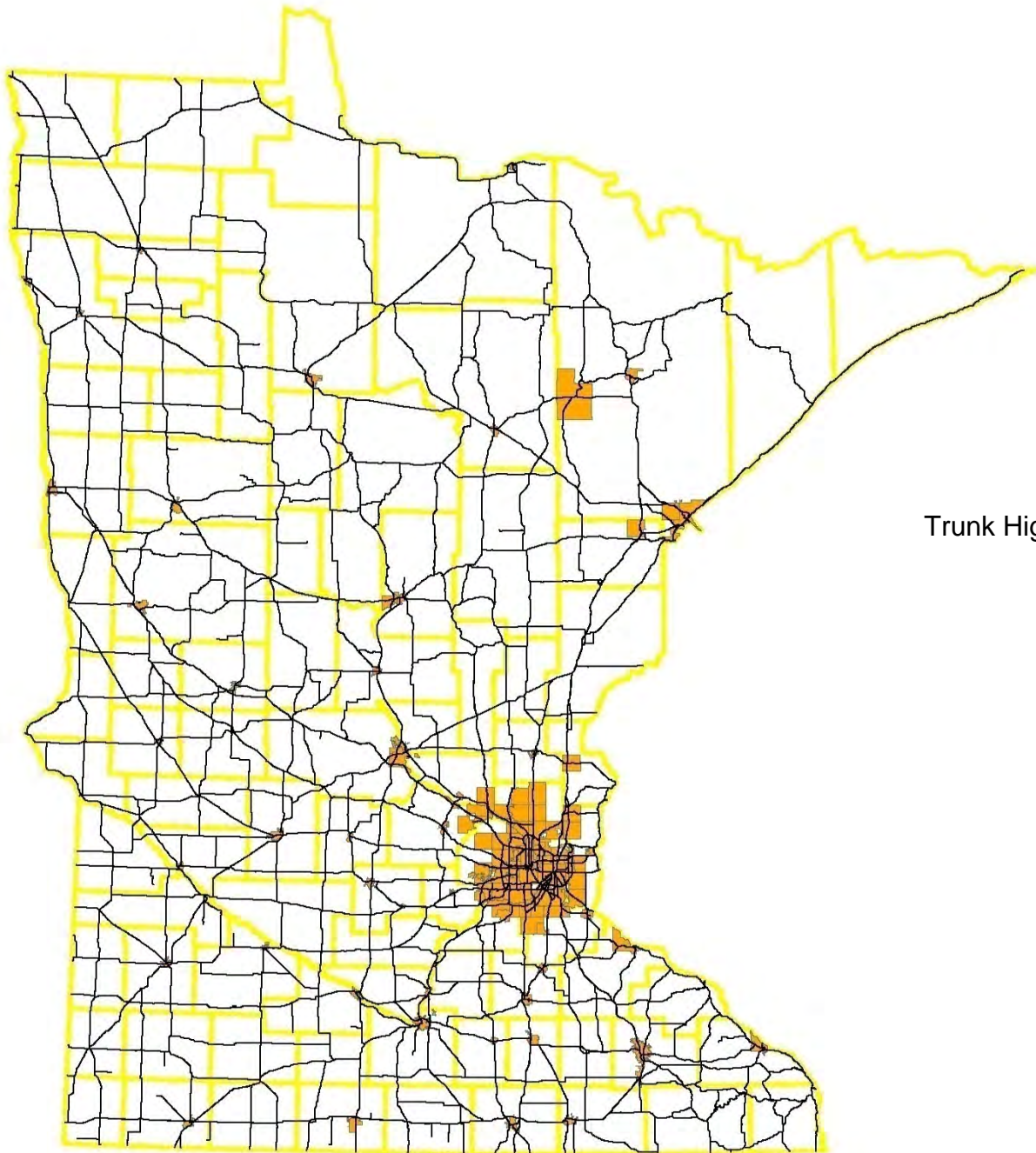
County Maintenance and Construction Funding

- 40% of the regular and municipal state aid allocation is set aside for maintenance of the county state aid system
 - 60% is set aside for construction costs
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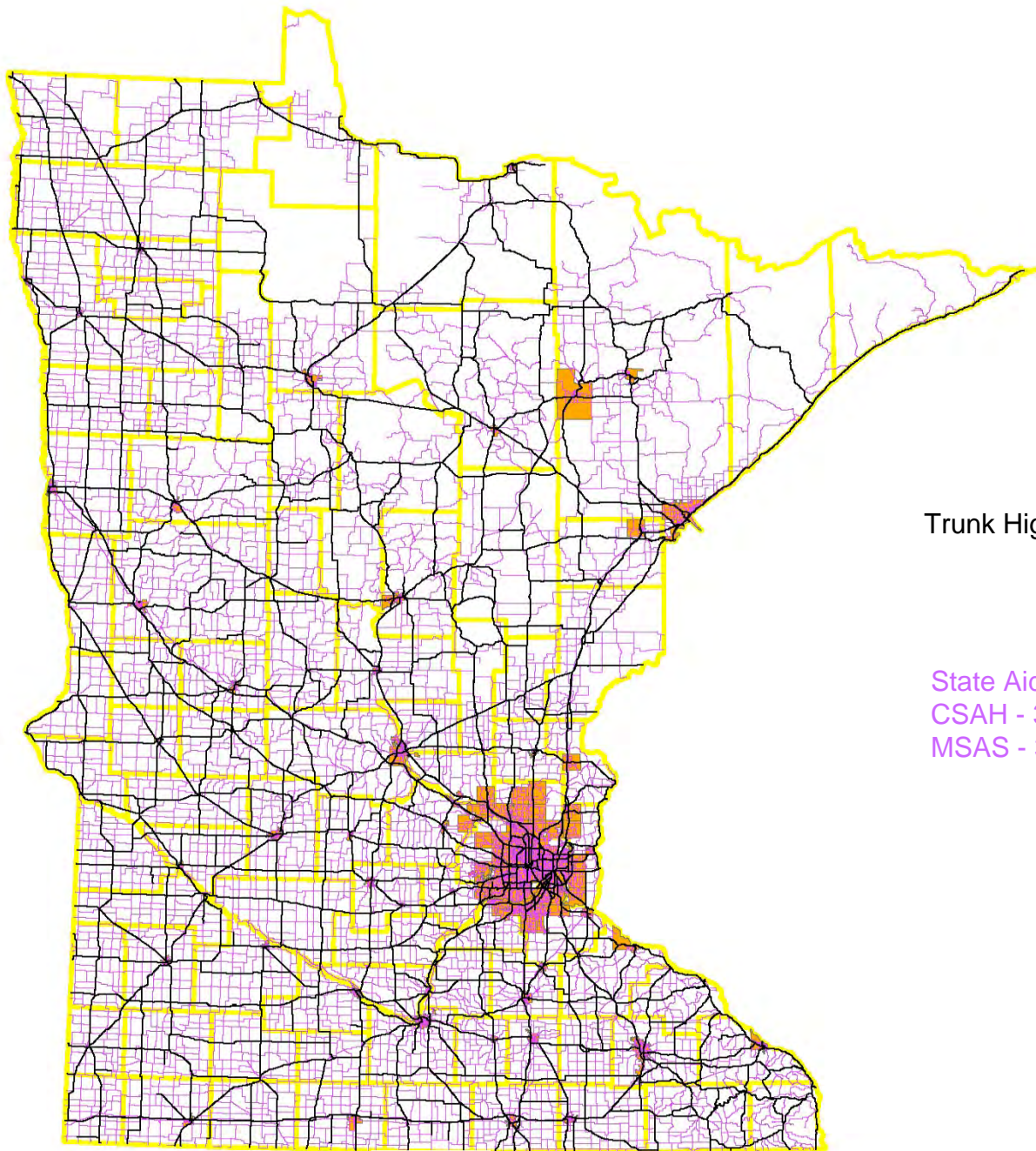


What is included in the State Aid System?

- TH = Trunk Highway
 - CSAH = County State Aid Highway
 - 87 Counties
 - MSAS = Municipal State Aid Street
 - 142 Cities Over 5000
 - Town Road & Bridge
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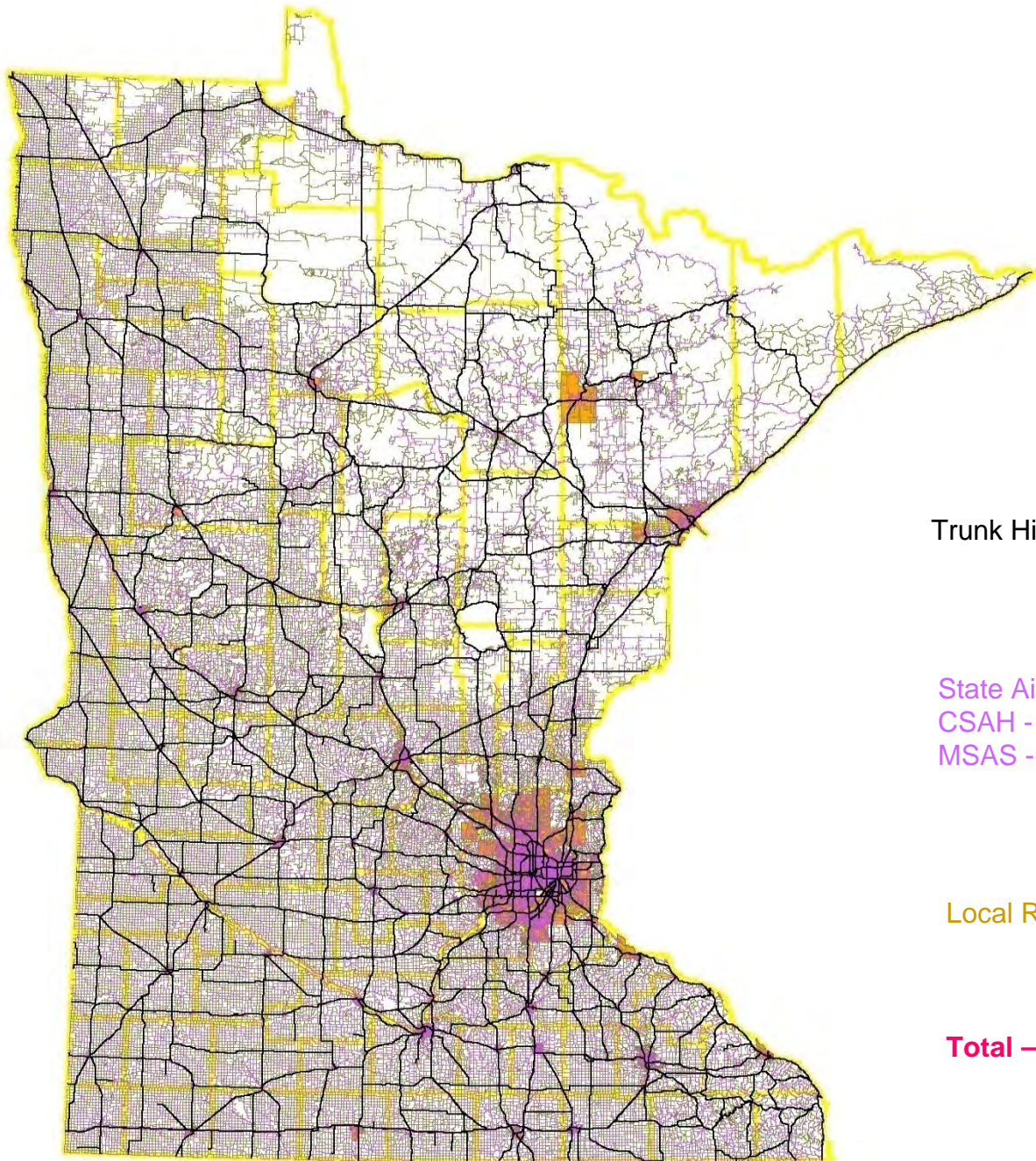


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Local Roads – 90,029 miles

Total – 135,836 miles



How is State Aid Governed?

State Aid is governed by three entities:

- Screening Boards
 - Rules Committee
 - Variance Committee
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Screening Boards

- ❑ Members are appointed by the Commissioner and include one engineer from each District, two engineers from Metro, and representatives from the largest cities or counties in the state
 - ❑ County screening board reviews needs of the CSAH system
 - ❑ City screening board reviews needs of the MSAS system
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Rules Committee

- ❑ Oversees State Aid rules for operations
 - ❑ Members are selected by the officers of the statewide Association of Minnesota Counties and League of Minnesota Cities.
 - ❑ Includes one county member from each District, and no more than five county commissioners. At least four members must be county highway engineers.
 - ❑ Includes one city member from each district plus the first class cities.
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Variance Committee

- ❑ Reviews all requests to deviate from State Aid standards
 - ❑ Meet in March, June, September and December
 - ❑ Once a variance is given, it cannot be revoked
 - ❑ Members are appointed by the Commissioner, and consist of:
 - County Engineers
 - County Commissioners
 - City Engineers
 - City or elected officials
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Questions?
