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**Local Jobs and Projects Plan Will Build a Stronger Minnesota**

**South St. Paul, MN** - AFSCME Council 5 Executive Director Julie Bleyhl released the following statement after Governor Tim Walz and Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan released their 2022 Local Jobs and Projects Plan:

"Governor Tim Walz and Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan's Local Jobs and Projects Plan will make historic investments in our existing state, local, and university infrastructure spanning from asset preservation and upgrading outdated and unsafe facilities, to funding new infrastructure projects across our state, building new affordable housing units, and meeting the needs of Minnesotans. No matter your zip code or background, all Minnesotans need and deserve roads, bridges, transit, and other priorities that meet our needs in the 21st century, built by union workers.

"Governor Walz has kept his promise of investing in the working-class, upgrading Minnesota's aging infrastructure with highly trained union workers, and putting politics aside to invest directly in the lives of the working-class, our loved ones, and our communities as we build for our new future. We urge the State House and Senate to swiftly pass a robust bonding bill that invests in the future of our state.

"Our union thanks Governor Walz and Lt. Governor Flanagan for their hard work in putting together a jobs bill that invests in our existing infrastructure and facilities and seeks to move our state forward. We stand ready to work with legislators of all political parties to pass a robust bonding bill this upcoming legislative session. In addition, our union will work to ensure over \$7 billion in federal infrastructure funds coming to our state after the passage of President Joe Biden's Infrastructure Bill, goes to projects that are built by union workers, not outsourced."

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