MEMBERS PRESENT:
John Allen, Dodge County  Bob Kopitzke, Stevens County
Brad Anderson, Goodhue County Jeff Mergen, Stearns County
Jake Bauerly, Benton County Mike Potter, Wright County
Barb Brady, Todd County  Bill Pratt, Aitkin County
James Brady, Steele County Jerry Reinartz, Mower County
DeRon Brehmer, Lac qui Parle County Scott Schulte, Anoka County
Raeanne Danielowski, Sherburne County Christopher Shoff, Freeborn County
Ron Gregg, Fillmore County Wayne Skoe, Koochiching County
Christopher Hollingsworth, Pipestone County Greg Snow, Renville County
Roger Imdieke, Kandiyohi County Doyle Sperr, Grant County
Don Jensen, Pennington County Vance Stuehrenberg, Blue Earth County
Tim Kalina, Douglas County Mark Thell, Carlton County
Stan Karwoski, Washington County Gordy Wagner, Pope County
Jack Kolars, Nicollet County

GUESTS:
Jim McDonough, Ramsey County
Wayne Sandberg, Washington County
Ted Schoenecker, Ramsey County
Jodi Teich, Stearns County
Rick West, Otter Tail County

I. Call to Order
Chair Stuehrenberg called the Transportation & Infrastructure Policy Committee meeting to order at 9:35 AM. The committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Nicollet County Commissioner Jack Kolars made the motion to approve the December 3, 2018 minutes, second by Washington County Commissioner Stan Karwoski. Motion approved. Washington County Engineer Wayne Sandberg provided a brief update on the AMC Transportation Working Group that met earlier in the week.

II. House Transportation Committee Chair Frank Hornstein
Chair Hornstein introduced himself to the committee and discussed some of the plans for the House Transportation Committee this session, including several field hearings across the state. Chair Hornstein also discussed some of the items that might be included in the governor’s
transportation funding proposal and addressed the need for increased transportation funding generally. He asked commissioners and engineers to share their support for transportation funding this session.

III. Connected and Autonomous Vehicles Update
The committee heard a presentation on connected and autonomous vehicles from Erik Rudeen with MnDOT’s Government Affairs Office. Last year, Governor Dayton created the Advisory Council on Connected and Autonomous Vehicles. Erik discussed the technology in general and highlighted the council’s focus on four main aspects of this technology, ACES: automated vehicles, connected vehicles, electric vehicles, and shared mobility. Erik also discussed the council’s recommendations to the Legislature and what legislation might be introduced this session relating to CAV as well as some of the challenges counties might face with CAV technology.

IV. Update from MnDOT Commissioner Margaret Anderson Kelliher
The committee had the honor of hearing from the new MnDOT Commissioner Margaret Anderson Kelliher. The commissioner focused her comments on some of transportation funding items that might be included in the governor’s budget proposal and she expressed a commitment from the administration that transportation funding would be a large part of the budget proposal. The commissioner expressed a desire to work with counties going forward and to have our support on the proposal.

V. County Day at the Capitol Recap
Committee members shared thoughts on their visits with legislators the previous day, including discussions relating to transportation funding this session.

VI. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn by Wright County Commissioner Mike Potter, second by Lac qui Parle County Commissioner DeRon Bremer. The Transportation & Infrastructure Committee adjourned at 11:19 AM.