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House Finance and Taxation
HB 1464
Rep. Headland, Chairman

Chairman Headland and members of the Committee. For the record, Blake Crosby, Executive Director, North Dakota League of Cities.

I am testifying in favor of HB 1464. In 2016 Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute (UGPTI) responded to a request from NDDOT and NDLC for a study of transportation infrastructure needs of urban roadways. The 14 largest cities in the State were studied and only those streets designated as urban collector and higher were studied so the study did not include residential streets. Bridges were also included in the study

The analysis of urban roadways and bridges used a similar approach to what UGPTI uses for County and Township road analysis.

The total mileage studied was 617 miles and 57 bridges. The results indicated infrastructure needs for 20 years beginning in 2017 for the roads/streets and bridges to be \$644.1 million in 2016 dollars.

This slight increase in the gas tax would help cities increase repair and maintenance of their urban roadway system. Every city receives some funds from the State Highway Tax distribution formula and every little bit helps.

Thank you for your time. I will do my best to answer any questions.