



## **Advocating for North Dakota's Integrated Infrastructure Network**

**March 16, 2023**

### **Testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill 1181**

Chairman Clemens and Members of the Committee:

I'm Scott Meske, representing the North Dakota Transportation Coalition and offer our support for House Bill 1181.

The North Dakota Transportation Coalition consists of the largest twenty statewide and regional trade associations, agriculture groups, political subdivisions and business entities in the State – all of whom have a vested interest in moving goods, services and people as efficiently and safely as possible. Our purpose is to advance and enhance North Dakota's Transportation infrastructure through advocacy and education efforts resulting in sustainable funding and sound public policy solutions.

Previous testimony submitted provided more details on the rationale for this bill, and I'd like to emphasize the need for consistency in our trucking permitting process. We believe HB 1181 improves these regulations without sacrificing safety measures. North Dakota's economy relies on our integrated infrastructure network.

The NDTC requests a DO PASS recommendation on HB 1181.

Thank you

# North Dakota Transportation Coalition Legislative Priorities



## Primary Priorities

### Funding:



Prioritize the political subdivision infrastructure fund (OPD) bucket over the Strategic Investment and Improvement Fund bucket in the oil and gas tax distribution formula, to ensure long-term and consistent funding from this revenue source.

Support utilizing a portion of the Legacy Fund earnings for transportation infrastructure in one-time projects.



Support the Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund.

Generally, support appropriating general fund dollars to match federal funds when needed.



Ensure NDDOT has the administrative capacity to apply for and manage federal funds, including discretionary funds contained within the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

### Regulatory Environment:



Where appropriate, ease burdensome regulations to ensure fair and balanced oversight of overweight fees and permitting.

## Secondary Priorities



Continued support for UGPTI.

Support the utilization of Motor Vehicle Excise Tax revenues for transportation infrastructure projects.

