

## Summaries of Two Key House Committee Meetings

Meetings held the week of February 15, 2010

- **COMPLETE STREETS BILL DISCUSSED**
- **WILL MINNESOTA MAKE LIMITED CHANGES TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING IN 2010?**

The Minnesota House Transportation Finance and Policy Division and the Taxes Committee each recently met to discuss changes that could affect planners and development officials.

### “COMPLETE STREETS” BILL DISCUSSED

Transportation Finance and Policy Division

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

**HF2801:** The bill provides for “Complete Streets” implementation for MnDOT state aid projects.

The committee discussed HF2801, introduced on February 8, focused on the bill's potential cost and implementation considerations. The legislation did not have a fiscal note by the date of the meeting and was laid over by the chairman. The bill is on the committee's agenda for its next meeting on Thursday, February 25 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The House bill summary may be located on the web at: <http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/hrd/bs/86/HF2801.html> .

The companion bill, **SF2461**, was introduced referred to the Senate Transportation Committee and is awaiting a hearing.

For more information, see:

**Minnesota House Transportation Finance and Policy Division Schedule:**

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/comm/schedule.asp?comm=86124>

**HF2801 Status:**

[https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2801&ssn=0&y=0&ls=86](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2801&ssn=0&y=0&ls=86)

**SF2461 Status:**

[https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2461&ssn=0&y=2010](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2461&ssn=0&y=2010)

**Minnesota Department of Transportation Complete Streets Background and Report:**

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/planning/completestreets/index.html>

**American Planning Association Complete Streets Research:**

<http://planning.org/research/streets/>

**Background on Federal “Complete Streets Act of 2009” Legislation:**

**H.R. 1443 Status:** Referred to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure--Pending Committee Consideration

United States House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Information:

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/committee.xpd?id=HSPW>

For House bill status see:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:HR01443>:

**S. 484 Status:** Referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

United States Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Information:

[http://epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Legislation.ViewByBillType&Type\\_ID=1a067336-7d60-47f7-82f2-45451e25afcd&Congress\\_ID=111](http://epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?FuseAction=Legislation.ViewByBillType&Type_ID=1a067336-7d60-47f7-82f2-45451e25afcd&Congress_ID=111)

For Senate bill status see:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:S.584>:

# WILL MINNESOTA MAKE LIMITED CHANGES TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING IN 2010?

**House Taxes Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 16, 2010**

The Minnesota House Taxes Committee changed its original February 16, agenda to conduct an "Open Forum for Cities, Developers, Contractors, and others." The Committee is considering targeted changes in the state's Tax Increment Financing (TIF) law for projects that currently have a developer. The purpose of the meeting was to inform the Committee "what reasonable flexibility could be provided to stimulate the construction of new building projects across Minnesota." The intent of the expanded TIF provisions contained in HF2695 is not to provide permanent changes to state policy but rather to expand the tool for projects that will begin construction by June 2011 and could provide jobs as a measure to contend with the condition of the economy.

Joel Michael, House Research, presented pages 16 through 23 of HF2695.

Presenters to the committee identified several potential issues to expand or modify existing TIF provisions, including construction-financing gaps in established TIF districts and in those cases where development entitlements have been secured. The following persons testified before the committee:

- Ross Olson, City Administrator, Sauk Rapids
- Todd Schultz, Community Economic Development Director, Sauk Rapids
- Abraham G. Algadi, City Administrator, Pine Island
- Jonathon Eickhoff, Finance Director, Pine Island
- Gene Ranieri, City of Minneapolis
- Rick Collins, Ryan Companies
- Peter Coyle, Larkin Hoffman
- John Herman, Faegre and Benson
- Greg Miller, Interstate Partners
- Mike McGuire, Mayor, Eagan
- Jon Hohenstein, Community Development Director, Eagan
- Bruce Nordquist, Community Development Director, Apple Valley
- Amy Baldwin, Business Developer, City of Brooklyn Park
- Ron Christenson, Christenson Corporation
- Craig Waldron, City Administrator, City of Oakdale
- Bob Streetar, Community Development Director, City of Oakdale
- Scott Quick, International Motorsports Entertainment and Development Corporation
- Jim Farnum, International Motorsports Entertainment and Development Corporation

To listen to the recorded Committee proceedings, see either:

<http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/audio/ls86/taxes021610.asx>

<http://ww2.house.leg.state.mn.us/audio/mp3ls86/taxes021610.mp3>

The status on the legislation is available as follows:

## **HF2695**

[https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2695&ssn=0&y=2009](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=House&f=HF2695&ssn=0&y=2009)

## **HF2695 Current Bill Text**

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bin/bldbill.php?bill=H2695.0.html&session=ls86>

## **SF2568**

[https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search\\_status/status\\_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2568&ssn=0&y=0&ls=86](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/revisor/pages/search_status/status_detail.php?b=Senate&f=SF2568&ssn=0&y=0&ls=86)

## **SF2568 Current Bill Text**

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/bin/bldbill.php?bill=S2568.0.html&session=ls86>