



Press Advisory

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**Lt. Governor Smith, Commissioners Zelle and Frederickson to
Discuss Transportation Needs with Willmar Farmers and
Business Leaders**

St. Paul, Minn. – Minnesota’s transportation system and farm to market rural roads and bridges need immediate attention due to aging infrastructure and increasing demands by farmers, agribusinesses, commuters and businesses. According to MnDOT, approximately 50 percent of the state’s roads and 40 percent of bridges are more than 50 years old, long surpassing their lifespan.

WHAT:

Doug Peterson, President of Minnesota Farmers Union, will moderate a transportation town hall. Lt. Governor Smith, Commissioners, and members of the Minnesota House and Senate will discuss local transportation needs, including improvements to Highway 23.

WHO:

Tina Smith, Lt. Governor of Minnesota
Dave Frederickson, Minnesota Agriculture Commissioner
Charlie Zelle, MnDOT Commissioner
Members of the Minnesota House and Senate
Area business leaders and farmers
Doug Peterson, President of Minnesota Farmers Union (moderator)

WHEN:

Friday, February 26 at 4:30 p.m.

WHERE:

Kandiyohi County Health and Human Service Building
Multi-Purpose Room 0030
2200 23rd St NE
Willmar, MN