Minnesota Building and Construction Trades Statement on the Death of George Floyd

The Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council shares the outrage, sorrow, anguish and devastation related to the death of George Floyd and the injustices in our society. As Minnesota’s construction worker unions, we strive to build trust, build respect, build justice and to help rebuild our community.

To learn more about how you can help rebuild our community visit: https://mntrades.org/2020/06/01/rebuilding-our-community/

Legislative Update

While the Building Trades is disappointed that the regular legislative session ended without a bonding bill, the Building Trades continue to advocate for the Minnesota Legislature to pass a strong state bonding package that can serve as part of a COVID–19 and community recovery plan for Minnesota. A special session this summer is expected to address a bonding bill and the need for safe buildings, water, roads, and bridges.

There are currently proposals for over $2B in unmet needs for construction projects across our State. This level of economic investment can put thousands of Minnesotans to work. A balanced approach to funding building, water and road infrastructure, will allow the state to maximize its bonding power to provide on-going economic stimulus to the areas of our State that will need it most.

Building Trades leaders from all over the state are asking for a strong bonding bill. [Crookston Times, June 1](#): Legislature has an opportunity to pass a bonding bill that builds infrastructure, keeps Minnesota working and recover from COVID-19

[Duluth News Tribune, May 18](#): Pass bonding bill to boost Minnesota

[Rochester Post Bulletin, May 16](#): Bonding keeps Minnesota working

[Duluth News Tribune, May 10](#): Robust bonding bill can help Minnesota recover

[Grand Rapids Herald Review, May 9](#): Our legislature can support our communities
with a good bonding plan
Alexandria Echo Press, May 8: Bonding can get us through COVID-19
Fargo Moorhead InForum, May 7: Healthy bonding bill will aid economic recovery

Learn more about the Building Trades legislative priorities here.

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COVID – 19 Resources for Building Trades Members & the Construction Industry

The Minnesota State Building Trades Council has compiled resources related to COVID-19 that can be here.

Resources include links to help navigate federal and state COVID-19 benefits, industry safety guidance, and updated Frequently Asked Questions addressing member health and safety during the pandemic.

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2020 Minnesota State Building Trades Convention Cancelled

Due to COVID-19, the Executive Board of the Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council made the difficult decision to cancel the 74th Annual Convention scheduled to be held in Rochester in July 2020.

We look forward to reconvening for our 75th Annual Convention in Brainerd on July 21-23, 2021.

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“The essence of trade unionism is social uplift.”

-Labor and Civil Rights Leader A. Philip Randolph.
Learn more about Randolph here.

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