



March to May

The governor releases guiding strategies for state agencies to submit capital budget requests. Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) facilitates this process.

June to October

MMB staff assess proposals and visit project sites.

May to Mid-June

Project requests from state agencies, counties, cities, and school districts are submitted to MMB.

Mid-July

MMB delivers a preliminary list of all submitted capital budget requests to the Legislature.

November to December

The governor decides which projects to include in the governor's recommended bonding budget.

September to December

Legislators may visit some project sites.

Mid-January

The governor's recommended bonding budget is sent to the Legislature. The Legislature also receives a full list of all submitted requests.

Mid-January to May

Legislators in the House and Senate introduce bills with ideas for capital budget proposals.

Mid-January to February

The House and Senate Capital Investment Committees begin holding hearings on project proposals. Agencies, local governments, and other advocates testify for their requested projects.

Likely in May

The House Capital Investment Committee decides which projects to include in their omnibus capital investment bill. This needs a 3/5ths majority vote in the House to pass.

Likely in May

The House omnibus bonding bill is referred to the Senate, which typically passes its own capital investment bill. This bill also requires a 3/5ths majority vote in the Senate to pass.

Late-May

One bill must pass in identical forms in both chambers before being sent to the governor. So after the House and Senate pass their capital budget bills, the two chambers and the governor typically engage in negotiations to arrive at a final bill.

Late-May

Once the final capital budget is negotiated, the bill is sent back to the House and Senate to be passed. It is then sent to the governor. The governor can either sign it, veto it, or line-item veto certain aspects of the bill.

Post-Legislative Session

Proponents of capital investment proposals that did not make the final bill can continue to advocate for them to be included in the next year's capital budget. Often it can take several years to get a proposal into the final budget.

