



ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) A \$109 million commitment to Capitol preservation is the biggest element of Gov. Mark Dayton plan for Minnesota-financed construction projects. His wish list outlined Monday also includes substantial funding for new labs at public universities, a new building on the Minneapolis Veterans Home campus and civic center improvements in Mankato, Rochester and St. Cloud.

In all, Dayton would finance \$812 million worth of projects, relying on more than \$720 million in state borrowing and the rest from other sources.

The bonding bill is a rare example this year of where GOP buy-in is necessary. It takes a three-fifths vote to pass one; Democrats are short of that margin on their own. Dayton says low interest rates make it a prime time to borrow.

House Democrats will release their proposal Tuesday.