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## Let Your Voice Be Heard at the 2016 Southeast Minnesota Day NOT at the Capitol

**WHAT** 2016 Southeast Minnesota Day NOT at the Capitol

**WHEN** Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-7:00pm

**WHERE** InterContinental St. Paul Riverfront, 11 Kellogg Blvd E, St Paul, MN 55101

**WHO IS INVITED** This event is open to the public; however, attendees must register in advance

Join fellow community and business leaders along with Chambers of Commerce from across Southeast Minnesota on March 15th for the [2016 Southeast Minnesota Day NOT at the Capitol](#) in St. Paul. The event will kick-off with a continental breakfast at the Paragon Theater in Rochester before traveling to the InterContinental St. Paul Riverfront. Afternoon breakout programming includes a DMC update, an update on Journey to Growth and SE MN Together, and forums about two of the major issues facing our region; taxes and transportation. The day will conclude with a networking reception.

The event also includes a lunch with legislative leadership from both Houses including **Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk, Senate Minority Leader David Hann, Speaker Kurt Daudt and House Minority Leader Paul Thissen** talking about how they see the legislative session shaping up for the issues important to Southeast Minnesota. At the lunch, attendees will have the opportunity to talk with legislators and advocate for Southeast Minnesota issues, including the phasing out of the statewide business property tax, which is an additional property tax over and above what the city and county collect, and a long-term transportation plan.

“While each of the participating chambers has its own priorities, we all agree that there are two key legislative priorities – making improvements to transportation, and getting relief from onerous business property taxes,” **Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce President Rob Miller** said. “I hope you will join us for Southeast Minnesota Day NOT at the Capitol and make your voice heard!”

Bus transportation will be provided to and from the venue in St. Paul. Buses will depart from three locations; Winona, Owatonna and Rochester.

This event is open to the public and costs \$75. Pre-registration required. For more information and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/20Oiwk> or call 507-288-1122.

*The Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce is a membership organization representing more than 1,500 businesses throughout SE Minnesota. The Chamber provides networking, marketing, public advocacy and educational opportunities to its membership, and works to represent the business community on economic and governmental issues. The Chamber's mission is "to lead, inform, advocate and advance business interests for members, and to promote a healthy community and a growing economy." More information can be found at [www.rochestermnchamber.com](http://www.rochestermnchamber.com)*