



May 2, 2023

To: Senator Dibble, Representative Hornstein, and the members of the 2023 Transportation Conference Committee

RE: HF 2887 Transportation Provisions

Dear Conference Committee Members:

On behalf of the nineteen suburban cities comprising the Municipal Legislative Commission (MLC), we want to thank you for your work on the Omnibus Transportation Bill. One of MLC's primary initiatives is transportation and infrastructure.

MLC cities combined are among the biggest job producing areas in the state with over half a million employees (530,660) Along with those jobs comes added congestion and demand on transit and roads in MLC Cities. MLC supports increased, regionally balanced investment in transportation and infrastructure to maintain and grow a robust transportation network.

As you deliberate provisions to include in your conference committee report, we ask that you consider MLC's positions on the following items:

- Increased investments in Corridors of Commerce
- Increased investments in Transportation Economic Development (TED)
- Increased Investments in the Municipal State-Aid Streets Fund
- Proposed adjustments to the allocation model for the Auto-Parts Sales Tax, emphasizing County State-Aid Highways, Municipal State-Aid Street Fund, and the Large-Cities Assistance Account (MSAS)
- Fully fund the required state matching dollars to leverage federal grant opportunities available in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

We hope to continue the crucial partnership between local governments and the State in addressing transportation issues to promote a robust, regionally balanced allocation model that includes significant investments in suburban communities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Hovland", with a horizontal line underneath.

Jim Hovland  
Chair, MLC  
Mayor, City of Edina

On behalf of MLC Member Cities: Apple Valley, Bloomington, Burnsville, Chanhassen, Eagan, Eden Prairie, Edina, Golden Valley, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Maple Grove, Minnetonka, Plymouth, Prior Lake, Rosemount, Savage, Shakopee, Shoreview, and Woodbury