

ROCHESTER AREA

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

March 13th, 2023

Chair Fue Lee
House Capital Investment Committee
485 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

Chair Sandra L. Pappas
Senate Capital Investment Committee
2113 Minnesota Senate Bldg.
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support for Transit Park-and-Ride Facility State Bonding Request

Chair Lee, Chair Pappas, and Committee Members:

As a business organization, the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce is ever mindful of the needs of our over 1,100 member businesses in the Rochester region. Transportation plays a vital role in the functioning of a community, and as the Rochester region continues to grow it is crucial that steps are taken to ensure efficient, safe, and appropriate transportation infrastructure for both the current and future workforce. Therefore, the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce fully supports the state bonding request for the Transit Park-and-Ride Facility on Broadway Avenue N project in Rochester.

State investment will create a key transit facility on Broadway Avenue N. This critical funding will help to provide greater opportunities for workers and visitors to travel to downtown Rochester by bus, eliminating vehicle miles traveled. The parking deck will help support the Rochester's goal of increasing transit ridership, reducing single-occupancy vehicle use, and curbing emissions through transportation mode shifts.

As the Rochester region continues to grow, ensuring efficient, safe and appropriate transportation infrastructure for the workforce, both current and potential, that call the Rochester community home is critical. The Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce supports the request as improved mobility will benefit the community, workforce, and visitors to the area.

Please give the highest consideration to the City of Rochester's bonding request for the Transit Park-and-Ride Facility on Broadway Avenue N project in Rochester.

Respectfully,



Ryan Parsons
President, Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce