



May 11, 2025

State and Local Government and Elections Conference Committee  
State Capitol Room 123  
75 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: H.F. 2783 & S.F. 3045  
Consideration of Repeal of Statute 16B.356 to 16B.359  
Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure (MACI)

Dear Conference Committee Chairs and Members,

Last year, the legislature and governor approved bill language proposing a Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure (MACI). MACI was established as Statute 16B.356 to 16B.359. As approved, MACI is responsible for activities in a nonregulatory capacity and in coordination with stakeholders to identify and recommend best practices that:

- 1) preserve and extend the longevity of Minnesota's public and privately owned infrastructure; and
- 2) provide for effective and efficient management of infrastructure.

I serve the City of Eagan as its Public Works Director. As such, I understand that asset management is imperative for the success of infrastructure in Eagan and Minnesota. As I described to both House and Senate Committees in garnering support for the establishment of MACI, I recognize the very challenging future that lies ahead for all our communities. MACI will help ensure many of these communities are given the opportunity to continue to exist and, ultimately, to thrive. Communities need to be provided with solutions that address all infrastructure needs. That is my mission for Eagan and my desire for all Minnesota cities.

I also appreciate the current budget challenges for the state. As the director of a large department, I have experienced similar budget issues in the past. One of the options to address past shortages has included ceasing the implementation of new efforts and their additional costs. This choice made sense as it helped maintain costs more consistent with expected operations. I have also evaluated the long-term cost benefit of the additional investment of new proposals during economically challenging times. Similar to what I expect for MACI, I recognized that the return on the new investment was critical to the long-term savings that it would provide. The difficult, yet timely, initial cost burden would prove to greatly benefit the community. Any further delay would prove to be far more problematic, financially, for the city, and in the case of MACI, the state.

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Thank you for your consideration of my perspective on the need for the continuation of MACI. I appreciate your recognition of my expertise and leadership in asset management in Minnesota. MACI provides a clear line of sight to managing risk and extending the life of all infrastructure, ensuring good decisions are made for all Minnesotans. We need that now as well as into our future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russ Matthys". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Russ Matthys, P.E.

C: Mike Maguire, Mayor  
Dianne Miller, City Administrator  
Sen. Jim Carlson, Senate District 52  
Sen. Erin Maye Quade, Senate District 56