



February 14, 2023

Dear Chair Lee and Members of the Capital Investment Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, appreciates the opportunity to comment on provisions in the DE amendments that will be considered by the committee on Wednesday.

*Transportation*

Metro Cities supports a comprehensive transportation system as a vital component in planning for and meeting the physical, social, and economic needs of the state and metropolitan region. Metro Cities supports funding for:

- Local Road Improvement Fund Grants
- Local Bridge Replacement Program
- The Active Transportation Program
- Transit in the Metropolitan region including Arterial Bus Rapid Transit
- Transportation Economic Development Infrastructure Grants

*Housing*

Metro Cities supports preserving and increasing resources and incentives to sustain existing public housing throughout the metropolitan area. Metro Cities supports the authorization of additional general obligation bonds to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency for Public Housing Rehabilitation.

*Environment and Water*

Metro Cities supports funding for:

- Community Tree Planting Grants
- Local Recreation Matching Grants
- Local Road Wetlands Replacement Program
- Metropolitan Regional Parks and Trails system
- The Metropolitan Council's Inflow and Infiltration Grant Program
- Lead Service Line Replacement

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Nauman".

Patricia Nauman, Executive Director