



March 10, 2026

House Transportation Committee Members

Dear Chairs Koznick and Tabke and members of the House Transportation Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Southwest Corridor Transportation Coalition in support of SouthWest Transit (SWT) and the essential role it plays in the southwest metro and the broader region. The SWCTC includes local government, businesses and advocates who have long supported safety and mobility improvements to the transportation system in our area.

SouthWest Transit provides critical connections that strengthen our communities. It links workers to jobs, residents to essential services and daily needs, and businesses to a reliable and accessible workforce. These connections directly support economic activity, mobility, and overall quality of life.

SWT is also a strong steward of public resources. Its lean administrative structure and focus on service delivery allow it to provide high-quality transit in a cost-effective and efficient way.

We are concerned about proposals that could significantly alter or eliminate SouthWest Transit. Without fair and predictable funding, our region risks losing a highly valued system built around the needs of its community. An action to eliminate suburban transit agencies does not save money. It will not result in lower taxes, nor will it mean more money in the taxpayers' pockets. It only means that money will be spent somewhere else, likely somewhere else besides our service area.

We respectfully encourage you to support SouthWest Transit and advance stable funding policies that allow it to continue driving economic opportunity and mobility for the southwest metro and beyond.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Randy Maluchnik'.

Randy Maluchnik
President