



Fridley Civic Campus

February 16, 2023

Bob Manzoline, Executive Director
NLX Passenger Rail Alliance
111 Station 44 Road
Eveleth, MN 55734

Dear Mr. Manzoline:

The City of Fridley, nestled between the proposed stations in Minneapolis and Coon Rapids, is fully supportive of the Northern Lights Express Passenger Rail Project. I encourage the NLX Alliance, our local legislators, and Governor Walz to pursue funding now, while Federal dollars are available from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

In addition to providing an efficient option for Fridley residents to travel to Duluth and northeast Minnesota, NLX would be an asset to many Fridley businesses. The proposed track improvements ("the third main") would be beneficial to the movement of freight, and cause less interference in the BNSF Northtown Railyard.

After more than 20 years of discussion, study, and design work, now is the time to move NLX forward. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Scott J. Lund'.

Scott J. Lund
Mayor

c: Governor Tim Walz
Senator Mary Kunesh
Representative Erin Koegel
Fridley City Council