



# CITY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF MINNESOTA

*Engineering Our Cities' Futures*

March 3, 2026

Chair Koznick, Chair Tabke, and Members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee

RE: HF 3513

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HF 3513. The City Engineers Association of Minnesota (CEAM) represents city engineers and public works professionals statewide who are responsible for planning, constructing, and operating the local infrastructure systems that support safety, mobility, and economic vitality in communities across the state.

We appreciate the Legislature's work to establish a statewide regulatory framework for automated vehicles and support the effort to create clarity on definitions, operational requirements, and safety standards. However, we have concerns with Section 17, which would prevent cities from adopting additional local requirements, licensing, or operational standards. Cities need to maintain the ability to manage their rights-of-way, address community-specific safety considerations, and respond to the operational impacts of new mobility technologies. Local officials are best positioned to understand and manage these conditions, and limiting this authority would hinder effective and safe implementation.

We respectfully request that Section 17 be removed or revised to preserve essential local decision-making authority. CEAM is committed to working with the authors, committee members, and stakeholders to identify alternative language that provides statewide consistency while ensuring cities retain the tools necessary to protect public safety and manage local infrastructure.

We appreciate your consideration and your continued partnership with Minnesota's cities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Leonard", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Matt Leonard  
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