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Chair Hornstein and Members of the Committee,

We're writing to express our support for House File 2604, Rep. Sydney Jordan's bill to expand and improve transit services in the Metropolitan area.

Our transportation system is how we stay connected as Minnesotans. Our Metro Transit bus system, in particular, is a critical part of accomplishing that. For students and parents, shoppers and patients, for daily riders or one-time tourists, our buses connect Minnesotans to places we need to go and to the people we need to see.

House File 2604 would provide some needed improvements to this much needed system.

First, the bill would help us plan for a bigger, cleaner system. The investments in arterial bus rapid transit planning and zero-emission buses are critical for us to have a system that meets people where they are and that reduces the harmful impacts of vehicle emissions.

Second, the bill makes smart investments in increasing ridership. The transit signal prioritization planning will set the stage for speeding up travel, getting Minnesotans where they need to go faster. The transit fare elimination pilot will allow us to test and review a service improvement here that has proven effective elsewhere in getting more riders onboard. Finally, the investment in transit shelters is an overdue improvement that makes the rider experience better, safer, and warmer.

Please support House File 2604.

Thank you for your work creating a more connected state,

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