



March 30, 2023

Chair Frank Hornstein
Members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee

RE: HF 2887 (Hornstein)—Omnibus transportation finance bill

Dear Chair Hornstein and Members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee,

On behalf of the League of Minnesota Cities' 838 member cities, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HF 2887 as amended by the DE1, the omnibus transportation finance bill. While the League is tracking dozens of provisions of importance to cities in this bill, I am writing to highlight support for the following provisions:

- Funding for the Corridors of Commerce Account;
- Ongoing (base) funding for the Small Cities Assistance Account;
- Funding for the Safe Routes to School Program;
- Establishment of the Federal Transportation Grants Technical Assistance Program;
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act discretionary match provisions;
- Establishment of the Small Community Partnerships Program;
- Establishment of a retail delivery fee and dedication of proceeds to transportation;
- Establishment and funding for the Safe Road Zones Program;
- Establishment and funding for the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program;
- Requirement for the Speed Safety Cameras Study;
- Funding for rail grade crossing improvements; and
- Deputy registrar aids.

One modification the League is requesting is the establishment of a Larger Cities Assistance Account in place of the Municipal State Aid funds provided in Article 3. This would allow for more flexible uses of the proceeds from the retail delivery fee for cities with populations above 5,000.

The League looks forward to working with you as this important legislation advances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Finn".

Anne Finn
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