

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

I'm writing in support of HF3441, which strengthens accountability for the operating and long-term maintenance costs of Minnesota's light rail system. This bill is a practical step toward ensuring that the transit infrastructure we build is financially sustainable and transparent.

Recent experience with major projects has shown how unclear cost structures and underestimated maintenance needs can lead to overruns, service disruptions, and declining public trust. HF3441 helps prevent these issues by requiring clearer governance and more accurate planning for the full lifecycle of LRT assets.

This bill doesn't oppose transit—it protects it. Strong oversight ensures that future investments are reliable, safe, and aligned with real-world ridership and maintenance demands.

Thank you for considering this important measure.

Sincerely,

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