



March 10, 2026

Dear Chair Koznick, Chair Tabke, and Members of the Transportation Committee:

Metro Cities appreciates the opportunity to comment on HF 4111 (Koznick) that is being heard in the Transportation Committee on Wednesday.

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area at the Legislature, Executive Branch and Metropolitan Council, supports an effective, efficient and comprehensive regional transit system. In this vein, an effective regional transit system should be multimodal and be provided through a governance structure that can adequately address diverse transit needs, and funding, for all transit system components.

Metro Cities' policies acknowledge that the transit system should be monitored and adjusted to ensure that routes of service correspond to changes in the region's needs and priorities.

HF 4111 would significantly change the provision of transit in the region. As this legislation is considered, highly collaborative engagement with all stakeholders will be imperative and should involve cities, transit providers, riders, and other stakeholders. Metro Cities' policies state the importance of both coordination and flexibility among transit providers, and support the autonomy of all transit providers, including opt-out providers, to conduct operations to meet identified transit needs in designated service areas.

Any changes to the governance of transit must take care to ensure that gains in transit access over the last few decades are maintained and must include an examination of current and future transit needs, as well as levels of access and service in cities across the region.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. We look forward to working with the author and members of the committee as this legislation is considered. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Lund'.

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