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Representative Frank Hornstein
Chair, Transportation Finance and Policy Committee
100 Dr. Martin Luther King, Boulevard, Hearing Room
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: Letter of Support

Chair Hornstein and Committee members,

My name is Rena Moran, Ramsey County Commissioner of District 4. I offer this letter to express my strong support for the work being done by ReConnect Rondo to reignite an African American enterprise district connected by a land bridge in St. Paul. I am unable to attend in person; however, I want to put on the record my view of the work being done, relevant to the Committee's work.

The land bridge project is transformative and more than just a physical infrastructure development; it is a pioneering effort in restorative development that promises to address historical injustices and build a more inclusive and prosperous future for our community.

My long-term support of this project has been rooted in my commitment to reducing disparities and fighting for affordable housing and economic opportunity for all. This project's focus on economic opportunity and business incubation greatly aligns with our shared vision for the county and has the potential to ignite economic growth, job creation, and business development, thereby contributing to a more vibrant and resilient local economy.

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I am proud to support ReConnect Rondo and the work being done together by so many organizations in the Rondo community. Their collective works have put Minnesota on the map as a national model for how a community-led effort can influence transportation policy and investments to make scalable change for Rondo.

By leading the way in dismantling barriers, fostering economic mobility, and creating a blueprint for inclusive development, ReConnect Rondo is poised to become a beacon of inspiration for communities across the country.

As we work towards building a more just and equitable society, initiatives led by community are crucial in demonstrating that restorative development is not only possible but essential for the well-being of communities. I urge the Committee to continue its support of this groundbreaking project, recognizing its potential to create lasting positive impacts that extend far beyond the boundaries of Rondo. What's good for Rondo is good for many communities in the state of Minnesota.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. As a Ramsey County Commissioner representing District 4, I look forward to staying informed and involved in work being done by ReConnect Rondo to restore, reignite, and reconnect the community. The project serves as a shining example for the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rena Moran".

Rena Moran, District 4 Commissioner
Ramsey County Board