



May 2, 2023

Chair Scott Dibble
Chair Frank Hornstein
Members of the Omnibus Transportation Finance Conference Committee

RE: Written testimony on HF 2887—Transportation finance omnibus bill

Dear Chairs Dibble and Hornstein and Members of the Omnibus Transportation Finance Conference Committee,

On behalf of the League of Minnesota Cities' 838 member cities, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HF 2887. 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:

Same and similar 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 and funding for the Safe Road Zones Program;
- Establishment and funding for the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program; and
- Requirement for the Speed Safety Cameras Study;

House-only provisions

- Retail delivery surcharge that provides funding for local roads
- Funding for electric vehicle infrastructure

Senate-only provisions

- Funding for the Local Road Improvement Program
- Funding for the Local Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Account
- Creation of and funding for a Larger Cities Assistance Account

Opposition to greenhouse gas emissions impact assessment

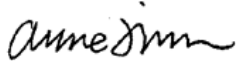
Along with several other organizations, the League has concerns with the proposed language that requires an assessment of greenhouse gas emissions for all grade separated interchange projects

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and capacity improvement projects on the trunk highway system. It would apply to capacity improvement projects with a cost of \$15M or more in the metro area and \$5M or more in Greater Minnesota. We are concerned about the potential for cost increases, delays, and litigation risks for important safety improvements. The League has cosigned a letter that was submitted separately.

The League looks forward to working with you as you complete work on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Finn".

Anne Finn
Intergovernmental Relations Director