



February 21, 2024

Re: HF 4025 (Koegel) – Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure established

Dear Chair Koegel and members of the House Sustainable Infrastructure Policy Committee:

On behalf of our 838 member cities, the League of Minnesota Cities appreciates the opportunity to provide our comments on HF 4025, the establishment of a Minnesota Advisory Council on Infrastructure. We appreciate Chair Koegel and the committee's focus on designing a state system to efficiently and sustainably invest state and federal infrastructure funds that are uniquely available to cities.

Building a state-local partnership that provides the support and technical assistance local governments need is a worthwhile effort to meet local needs and state goals. Best management practices are an integral part of asset management, but need to be compatible with existing local government permitting and regulatory requirements as well as local financial, staffing, and technical resources.

We look forward to working with Chair Koegel and the committee to ensure that the establishment of the council and the council's charge accomplish those objectives.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Craig Johnson".

Craig Johnson
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Daniel Lightfoot
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