

April 2, 2024

Dear Chair Dibble and Members of the Transportation Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, supports SF 3605 (Dibble), which is being heard in the Transportation Committee on Wednesday.

Metro Cities supports a comprehensive transportation system as a vital component in planning for and meeting the physical, social, and economic needs of the metropolitan region and state. Under current financing structures that rely primarily on local property taxes, cities' share of the Highway User Tax Distribution Fund, and the newly established Transportation Advancement Account, road and bridge needs in the metropolitan region continue to be underfunded.

Metro Cities strongly supports stable, sufficient, and sustainable statewide transportation funding. SF 3605 provides both the Local Road Improvement Program and the Local Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program with critical funding that will benefit communities across the state.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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