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May 2, 2025

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the H Line BRT in fiscal year 2026. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Metropolitan Council, located at 390 Roberts Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101. The funding would be used to complete project-specific planning such as engineering and design work for the H Line BRT that will operate between downtown Minneapolis and the Sun Ray Transit Center on the East Side of St. Paul. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because help to increase transit access in the Twin Cities, creating a convenient connection for customers traveling to and from downtown St. Paul to the planned METRO G Line on Rice Street, and will connect customers to the planned METRO Gold Line.

The project has a federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by chapter 53 of title 49 of the United States Code.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Betty McCollum
Member of Congress