



April 18, 2022

The Honorable Scott Newman, Chair
Senate Transportation Finance and Policy Committee
Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

RE: North Metro Mayors support regional significance of appropriating funds to complete TH610/I-94 connections in Maple Grove.

Dear Chair Newman and Senate Transportation Committee Members,

The North Metro Mayors Association supports SF3900 (Limmer) and effort to invest in the TH610/I-94 interchange project. When completed, this critical infrastructure project will provide significant economic benefit to the entire North Metro region.

Trunk Highway 610 connected to I-94 in 2016, after more than five decades of advocacy work by communities in the North Metro. However, contrary to popular misunderstanding, the project is not yet complete.

Vital connections still await construction: TH610 connection to County Road 30, and westbound TH610 connection to eastbound I-94. These connections will provide system-to-system movements, and finally provide the benefit to the North Metro region that was envisioned 50 years ago. These pieces are needed to further maximize the economic benefit of TH610, provide necessary safety upgrades, and increase the ease of travel through the corridor.

Representing cities with a combined population of more than 475,000 Minnesota residents, NMMA is a collaboration of 15 North Metro cities plus community partners working together to encourage private and public investments in the northern suburbs. NMMA member cities include Andover, Anoka, Blaine, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Circle Pines, Coon Rapids, Dayton, Maple Grove, Mounds View, New Brighton, New Hope, Ramsey, and Spring Lake Park,.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jerry Koch
City of Coon Rapids
NMMA President

Mayor Ryan Karasek
City of Champlin
NMMA Vice-President