



April 18, 2022

Senator John Hoffman
Minnesota Senate Office Building
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

RE: North Metro Mayors support interchange funding for TH 610 and East River Road in Coon Rapids.

Dear Senator Hoffman,

The North Metro Mayors Association supports SF4395 and the effort to invest in the Trunk Highway 610/East River Road interchange project in Coon Rapids.

The TH 610 and East River Road interchange project is a vital project that will further amplify the efficient movement of commerce and passengers through the North Metro region and further enhance Minnesota's statewide transportation system.

As TH 610 continues to grow as a major route of choice for commerce, commuters and economic development in the growing North Metro, addressing the lack of access to and from TH 610 becomes less of a local option and more of a critical regional necessity.

When completed, this critical infrastructure project will not only provide significant economic benefit cities such as Coon Rapids, Blaine, Fridley, Spring Lake Park, and Andover, but to the entire North Metro region.

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.

Mayor Ryan Karasek
City of Champlin
NMMA Vice-President

Mayor Kathi Hemken
City of New Hope
Former President