

March 2, 2022

Bob Manzoline, Executive Director  
NLX Passenger Rail Alliance  
111 Station 44 Rd  
Eveleth, MN 55734

Dear Mr. Manzoline,

On behalf of GPS 45:93 I am pleased to write this letter of support and encourage the NLX Alliance, our legislators, and our governor to pursue funding now while federal dollars are available, but competitive. Your continuing leadership is crucial for Minnesota to benefit from the dollars in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act enacted by Congress.

GPS 45:93 is a regional economic development consortium strategically located along interstate 35 between Minneapolis/St. Paul and Duluth. Our location places us within two hours of over 80% of the state's population. Membership includes businesses, schools, nonprofits, member counties of Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, and Pine plus cities of Mora, Rush City, Hinckley, North Branch, Princeton, Isanti, Pine City, and Sandstone, and Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe.

As a nonprofit organization, we are dedicated to growing and attracting businesses with high-paying jobs to East Central Minnesota. We collaborate to strengthen the regional economy by providing a regional approach to workforce development, business attraction, retention, and expansion.

Transportation is key to our mission. NLX provides a choice for travel that is safe, convenient, reliable, and environmentally friendly.

NLX is the kind of asset we need to add to our toolbox for prosperity in East Central Minnesota. Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,



Sandy Voigt, Women's Business Alliance Director  
2022 GPS 45:93 President