

March 17, 2023

Dear Chair Dibble and Members of the Transportation Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, supports SF 1823 (Jasinski), which is being heard in the Transportation Committee on Friday.

Metro Cities supports a comprehensive transportation system as a vital component in planning for and meeting the physical, social, and economic needs of the state and metropolitan region.

SF 1823 appropriates \$100 million in 2024 and \$100 million 2025 for the Corridors of Commerce program and adds \$100 million to its annual base. This funding will help the state increase capacity on its highway system, and will result in economic growth, job creation, and more efficient transportation of goods to and from the metropolitan region.

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

Sincerely,

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