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Commissioner Erin Campbell
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Dear Commissioner Campbell,

Laws 2021, First Special Session, Chapter 5 enacted a requirement (Minnesota Statutes section 473.386) for Minnesota Management and Budget to include in each November and February economic forecast a General Fund obligation for the annual net state costs for the Metro Mobility special transportation service, operated by the Metropolitan Council. The effective date of this requirement was enacted as July 1, 2024, and “...applies beginning with the November 2024 forecast for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025.”

As enacted, the first year of this forecasted obligation would therefore occur in FY 2026. Since the planning estimate years of FY 2026-27 are already included in recent forecasts, it was a legislative drafting oversight to specify that the Metro Mobility forecasted costs should only first appear in the November 2024 forecast. It is our understanding that this cost information, beginning in FY 2026, is already being internally tracked by MMB.

Therefore, as chairs of the Senate Finance Committee and House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee, we request that MMB include this forecasted obligation in the upcoming November 2023 forecast and each forecast thereafter. We plan to introduce legislation early in the 2024 session to formally change the effective date of this forecast requirement.

Sincerely,

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Senator John Marty

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Representative Liz Olson