March 20, 2024

Dear Chair Dibble and Members of the Transportation Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, supports SF 3526 (Mohamed), which is being heard in the Transportation Committee on Wednesday.

To serve their local citizens and communities, city officials must have sufficient local control and decision-making authority. SF 3526 authorizes any city to adopt a pedestrian mall ordinance within the city's right-of-way. The choice to establish a pedestrian mall will be community and context dependent. The passage of this legislation would provide cities an important optional tool as they continue to design, construct, and maintain their local transportation systems in a manner that maximizes livability and safety for all modes of travel.

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

Sincerely,

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