



April 18, 2024

Chair Scott Dibble  
Members of the Senate Transportation Committee

**RE: SF 5284 (Dibble) – Transportation supplemental budget (A-3)**

Dear Chair Dibble and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

On behalf of the League of Minnesota Cities' 838 member cities, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on SF 5284 as amended by the A-3, the transportation supplemental budget bill. While the League is tracking many provisions of importance to cities in this bill, I am writing to highlight support for the following provisions:

- Traffic safety camera systems establishment
- Red light camera systems establishment
- Authorizing cities to designate lands for pedestrian malls on city rights-of-way
- Active transportation provisions, vulnerable road users, electric assisted bicycle provisions, e-bike youth operation education and study
- Wayside detector systems required
- Maximum train length requirement established
- Authorizing use of dedicated transportation revenues for local government debt service
- Traffic engineering studies to incorporate federal Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
- Funding for the Corridors of Commerce Program

Additionally, the League appreciates the work Vice Chair Kelly Morrison has done to address our concerns with the greenhouse gas emissions measure (lines ). We look forward to continuing discussions with Senator Morrison and other stakeholders as the bill moves forward.

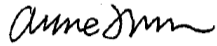
Finally, the League supports the appropriation the bill provides for the Small Cities Assistance Program. The League has consistently requested that funding for this program be made a permanent part of the state's transportation budget so the 700-plus small cities in Minnesota can plan for spending the funds. Last year, that became a reality with the creation of the Transportation Advancement Account. Unfortunately, due to delayed effective dates and a phase in of the revenue sources that will fund the Transportation Advancement Account, without this provision, meaningful funds will not flow to small cities until FY 2026. While the \$10 million in onetime

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funding provided in the bill is helpful, we would prefer a more robust amount should funds become available.

The League looks forward to working with you as this legislation advances.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anne Finn".

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