



April 25, 2025

Chair Marty, Lead Pratt, and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing in support of several provisions in the first engrossment of [SF 2082](#) (Dibble), the Senate's omnibus transportation bill.

I appreciate the inclusion of several Met Council priorities in the bill:

- Authorization for the Met Council to loan the Minnesota Department of Transportation funds from the regional transportation sales tax to advance the F Line BRT project. No new funding is requested.
- Making fares for Metro Mobility riders permanently free on regular route transit. This would continue part of the pilot fare project that went into effect following legislative action in the 2023 legislative session.
- Language from [SF 2038](#) (Pha) that would align statutory tools for the Metropolitan Council to procure goods and services with small businesses with the small and targeted business procurement authority already provided to Minnesota state agencies.
- Language from [SF 2886](#) (Johnson Stewart) that would change required Metropolitan Council transportation reporting requirements to streamline reporting processes, reduce redundancies, and optimize transparency.

Again, thank you for including these Council initiatives in the omnibus bill. Please reach out to me or Judd Schetnan (judd.schetnan@metc.state.mn.us) with any questions or comments. We are available to meet at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles A. Zelle'.

Charles A. Zelle
Chair