



## Minnesota Department of Transportation

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The Honorable Mike Beard, Chair  
House Transportation Policy and Finance Committee  
417 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Frank Hornstein, Ranking Minority Member  
House Transportation Policy and Finance Committee  
213 State Office Building  
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Joe Gimse, Chair  
Senate Transportation Committee  
303 State Capitol  
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Dibble, Ranking Minority Member  
Senate Transportation Committee  
115 State Office Building  
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Dear Legislators:

I am pleased to share with you this Guideway Status Report prepared by the Minnesota Department of Transportation in collaboration with the Metropolitan Council pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 174.93. In addition to providing updates for guideways, it highlights relevant planning processes and vision elements, identifies funding assumptions, and takes a system view by combining information from multiple projects in the Twin Cities metropolitan area into a single 10-year capacity analysis.

Transit planning and funding involve many partners, and this report is a step toward improved coordination of the various resources necessary to implement a system of guideways. Minnesota's transportation vision, as distilled in the recent Minnesota GO visioning process, calls for a statewide and regional system that connects the state's assets, moves people efficiently, and is flexible and adaptable to change. Development of a system of guideways is an important part of fulfilling this vision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas K. Sorel".

Thomas K. Sorel  
Commissioner

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