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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
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Senators and Representatives:

I am pleased to present MnDOT's annual report on the Urban Partnership Agreement as required by Laws of Minnesota 2008, Chapter 306, Section 6.

The UPA is a series of projects funded by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the State of Minnesota aimed at improving traffic conditions by reducing congestion on Interstate 35W, Highway 77/Cedar Avenue and in downtown Minneapolis using transit, road pricing, technology and telecommuting. Now complete, the projects are providing commuters with more transportation choices, less traffic congestion and reduced commute times on some of Minnesota's busiest roadways.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this report, or you can contact Nick Thompson, director of MnDOT's Policy, Safety & Strategic Initiatives Division at Nick.Thompson@state.mn.us or 651-366-3152.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas K. Sorel
Commissioner

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