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The Honorable Frank Hornstein, Chair
House Transportation Finance Committee
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The Honorable Linda Runbeck, GOP Lead
House Transportation Policy Committee
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The Honorable Michael Beard, GOP Lead
House Transportation Finance Committee
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The Honorable Scott Dibble, Chair
Senate Transportation and Public Safety
Committee
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The Honorable Ron Erhardt, Chair
House Transportation Policy Committee
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The Honorable John C. Pederson
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Senate Transportation and Public Safety
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Dear Legislators:

I am pleased to present MnDOT's annual transit report. This report includes all information on transit service in Greater Minnesota required by Minn. Stat. 174.247. In addition, it provides a comprehensive overview of the state's public transit services by highlighting accomplishments; listing ridership, financial and performance information; and providing a snapshot of every public transit provider in the state.

Transit is a key component of Minnesota's multimodal transportation system, contributing to the health of people, the environment and the economy. In Minnesota, 70 public transit systems in 86 counties offer scheduled transportation service to the public. These transit services are funded through a financial partnership that includes local, state and federal participation.

Greater Minnesota accomplishments during the year include:

- Capital projects to complete a transit hub and park and ride in Red Wing; purchase land and construct a garage and office facility in Albert Lea; and finish building renovations in Mower County to decrease monthly utility costs through energy efficiencies.
- Implementation of Phase I of a Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative discretionary grant providing 53 agencies in southwest Minnesota with access to the communication tools they are using to connect consumers to available resources.

Please contact me if you have any questions about this report, or you may contact Mike Schadauer in MnDOT's Transit Office at mike.schadauer@state.mn.us or 651-366-4192.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Zelle
Commissioner

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