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The Honorable Frank Hornstein, Chair
House Transportation Finance Committee
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The Honorable Michael Beard, GOP Lead
House Transportation Finance Committee
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The Honorable Ron Erhardt, Chair
House Transportation Policy Committee
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The Honorable Linda Runbeck, GOP Lead
House Transportation Policy Committee
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The Honorable Scott Dibble, Chair
Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee
111 Capitol
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable John C. Pederson
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Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee
27 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: Corridors of Commerce Report

Dear Legislators:

I am pleased to provide MnDOT's report to the legislature about the Corridors of Commerce program.

This report fulfills the requirements laid out in Minn. Stat. 161.088, subd. 7. The 2013 Minnesota Legislature created the Corridors of Commerce program and authorized the sale of up to $300 million in new trunk highway bonds for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of trunk highways which are not already in the state's State Transportation Improvement Program, and which will further the two major goals for the program:

- Provide additional highway capacity on segments where there are currently bottlenecks in the system.
- Improve the movement of freight and reduce barriers to commerce.

An additional $11.4 million in federal Trunk Highway 610 High Priority Project funds and State Road Construction Project Delivery funds were contributed to the program.

Corridors of Commerce is a new program that has already accelerated several projects around the state. Please let me know if you need any additional information about the program, or about the projects described in the report.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Zelle
Commissioner

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