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The Honorable Tim Kelly, Chair
House Transportation Policy & Finance Committee
559 State Office Building
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The Honorable Frank Hornstein, DFL Co-Lead
House Transportation Policy & Finance Committee
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The Honorable Ron Erhardt, DFL Co-Lead
House Transportation Policy & Finance Committee
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The Honorable Scott Dibble, Chair
Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee
111 Capitol
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The Honorable John C. Pederson
Ranking Minority Member
Senate Transportation and Public Safety Committee
27 State Office Building
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RE: 2015 Transit Report

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, 56 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.

As we look to the future, public transportation will be increasingly important in helping residents access economic and social opportunities within their communities. MnDOT strives to make access to quality public transit systems available to citizens statewide. To ensure Minnesota is at the forefront of future transit strategies and financing, MnDOT will work proactively toward its mission to provide the highest quality, dependable multimodal transportation system.

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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