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The Honorable Paul Torkelson, Chair
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The Honorable Scott Newman, Chair
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
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The Honorable Linda Runbeck, Chair
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The Honorable Frank Hornstein, DFL Lead
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The Honorable Connie Bernardy, DFL Lead
House Transportation & Regional Governance
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RE: 2017 Transit Report

Dear Legislators:

I am pleased to present the Minnesota Department of Transportation's Annual Transit Report. This report includes information on transit service in Minnesota as 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, 40 public transit systems in 87 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 moving people within our growing state to 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 Tim Mitchell in MnDOT's Transit Office at tim.mitchell@state.mn.us or 651-366-4162.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Zelle
Commissioner