

February 15, 2019

The Honorable Frank Hornstein, Chair
House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
545 State Office Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Scott Newman, Chair
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
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Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Paul Torkelson, GOP Lead
House Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
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The Honorable Scott Dibble
Ranking Minority Member
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee
2213 Minnesota Senate Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: 2018 Annual 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 Greater Minnesota as required by [Minn. Stat. 174.247](#).

Transit is a key component of Minnesota's multimodal transportation system, contributing to the health of people, the environment and the economy. In 2017, Minnesota had 40 public transit systems in 87 counties offering scheduled transportation services 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 throughout our 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 Victoria Nill, Director of MnDOT's Office of Transit and Active Transportation at victoria.nill@state.mn.us or 651-366-41612.

Sincerely,



Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Commissioner