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Honorable Mayor Gene Winstead City of Bloomington 1800 West Old Shakopee Road Bloomington, MN 55431

Re: Letter of Support for TIGER II Grant Funding Application

Dear Mayor Winstead:

Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA) operates numerous transit routes into the South Loop District of Bloomington. MVTA, in conjunction with Dakota County, is developing the Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit line, which will serve the South Loop at the Mall of America and 28th Avenue Transit Stations. These transit hubs (some of the busiest in the Minneapolis-St Paul metropolitan area) will host up to four future Bus Rapid Transit lines in addition to many existing local routes and the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit line.

MVTA and the City of Bloomington continue to work cooperatively on the master planning of South Loop to promote transit oriented development. The Lindau Lane Corridor and Safety Enhancements is an important step in this effort. Therefore, MVTA supports the Lindau Corridor Complete Street and Safety Enhancements project, and the application for TIGER II Grant Funding to accomplish it.

MVTA looks forward to continued cooperation with the City of Bloomington as this project, and many others, move forward for the public benefit. Please contact me if there are questions or comments at mabegg@mvta.com or 952-882-7500.

Sincerely,

Michael Abegg

Transit Planning Manager

Cc: B. Miller, MVTA Executive Director

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