



August 9, 2010

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:

Metro Transit operates numerous transit routes into the South Loop District of Bloomington, including the very-successful Hiawatha Light Rail Transit line (HLRT). HLRT terminates at one of the busiest transit hubs in the Minneapolis-St Paul metropolitan area, the Mall of America Transit Station in South Loop. This transit hub will host up to four future Bus Rapid Transit lines in addition to many existing local routes.

Metro Transit 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. The City of Bloomington has actively engaged transit partners at Metro Transit, Minnesota Valley Transit Authority, and Dakota County Regional Rail Authority to ensure that the entire South Loop District Plan integrates both bus and rail transit into the plan. Therefore, Metro Transit supports the Lindau Corridor Complete Street and Safety Enhancement project.

Metro Transit 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 Brian.Lamb@metc.state.mn.us or 612-349-7510.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian J. Lamb'.

Brian J. Lamb
General Manager

cc:

Arlene McCarthy
Schane Rudlang, City of Bloomington

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