

July 25, 2017

The Honorable Paul Torkelson, Chair  
House Transportation Finance Committee  
381 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Linda Runbeck, Chair  
House Transportation & Regional Governance Policy  
Committee  
417 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Frank Hornstein, DFL Lead  
House Transportation Policy & Finance Committee  
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Saint Paul, MN 55155

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

The Honorable Scott Dibble  
Ranking Minority Member  
Senate Transportation Finance & Policy Committee  
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Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Connie Bernardy, DFL Lead  
House Transportation & Regional Governance  
Policy Committee  
253 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

RE: 2016 Annual Railroad Lighting Report

Dear Legislators:

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is pleased to provide the annual report on Railroad Yard Lighting. This report is required under [Minnesota Statute 219.375, subdivision 4](#).

The report describes the information provided by the Class I and Class II railroads and the United Transportation Union representatives about the condition, efficacy and maintenance of railroad yard lighting. As the statute requires, the differences and discrepancies between the information provided by the railroads and the UTU were analyzed.

Included within the report are recommendations from MnDOT in order to improve compliance and reporting by the railroads and the UTU.

Please contact me if you have questions about this report, or you may contact Bill Gardner in the Office of Freight & Commercial Vehicle Operations, Rail Division at [william.gardner@state.mn.us](mailto:william.gardner@state.mn.us) or at 651-366-3665.

Sincerely,



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Commissioner