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Dear Mr. Hunter:

Please consider this letter an expression of Saint Paul's support of your efforts to finance and build The Interchange as a critical second multi-modal hub in our regional transit system. Acknowledging that Saint Paul's Union Depot received similar support from throughout the region, we look forward to doing everything we can to ensure that your facility is open by the time the Central Corridor LRT line welcomes its first passengers in 2014.

As we are learning in Saint Paul, these hubs both serve an important transit function and represent an unparalleled place-making and economic development opportunity. In your case, The Interchange will allow you to safely meet the needs of thousands of transit riders in any given day. But it will also create an important civic space for the North Loop neighborhood, opening up into the Warehouse District, Hennepin Theatre District, the Minneapolis Farmers Market and the Mississippi River. To the extent you are able to leverage those connections to create even more vitality, entrepreneurial opportunity and economic growth in a place so well served by transit, our entire region will benefit.

Thank you for your vision for this project and your persistence in bringing it to fruition.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor