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Dear Mr. Carlson,

On behalf of the City of Saint Paul, it gives me great pleasure to support Metro Transit in pursuing funding for and design and implementation of Rapid Bus for the Snelling Avenue/Ford Parkway, West Seventh Street, and East Seventh Street corridors.

I want to thank the Metropolitan Council for their excellent work on the recent *Arterial Transitway Corridors Study*. We appreciate that this project builds on the strengths of our existing high-ridership bus lines, proposes reduced transit delays and increased service, and recommends upgraded passenger amenities in the urban core. We value Metro Transit's extensive research, detailed evaluation, and the thorough public process that led to these recommendations.

The *Saint Paul Comprehensive Plan* (2010) outlines the need to focus improvement and extension of bus service and facilities on existing transit routes. In addition, the plan calls for creating enhanced bus connections to feed light rail stations both on University Avenue and in Downtown Saint Paul. The City strongly supports limited stop bus service to better connect the East Metro to regional centers, and the addition of more frequent and reliable service on urban routes in the midday, evening, and weekend periods.

We look forward to a collaborative process for the design and construction of the region's first Rapid Bus lines, and hope to engage our neighborhoods in an open and thoughtful dialogue to maximize the benefits of these improvements.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman  
Mayor