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Dear Ms. Tarpgaard and Mr. Kotke:

On behalf of the City of Saint Paul, I am pleased to support the application from the City of Minneapolis for the *Beyond Traffic: Smart City Challenge*. We are grateful that the USDOT is offering this opportunity to mid-sized cities such as Minneapolis and Saint Paul. Both cities are experiencing renewed population and economic growth, bringing new challenges in the movement of residents, employees, visitors and goods.

We know that the future of urban mobility will be defined by innovative technologies and partnerships. Bold data-driven approaches will improve our quality of life by making transportation smarter, cleaner, safer, easier and more reliable.

The City of Saint Paul is committed to collaborating with the City of Minneapolis, Metro Transit and our other partners along the Green Line Light Rail line. We support the proposed demonstration area along the Green Line-University Avenue-Interstate 94 corridor. This major east-west corridor connects job centers and anchor institutions in downtown Saint Paul and downtown Minneapolis as well as the State Capitol area, University of Minnesota, cultural and civic institutions, event venues, freight facilities and diverse residential and business communities.

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The City of Saint Paul has a long track record of working with the City of Minneapolis and a host of public and private partners around work that improves mobility, enhances safety, promotes racial equity and addresses climate change. We look forward to advancing those efforts in collaboration with our local partners and with the wider *Smart City Challenge* team.

As a partner on this application, we are confident of the commitment, capacity and ability to deliver this initiative and are honored to participate in this first round of the *Smart City Challenge*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Christopher B. Coleman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Christopher B. Coleman
Mayor