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Sent Via Email

Acting Administrator Jane Williams
Federal Transit Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
United States of America

Dear Acting Administrator Williams:

2020 Partners is an evolving private and public forum that organizes to facilitate the continuing transformation of a vital and unique place. Its goal is to lay the foundation and attract investment for future development in the North Loop by knitting together communities and leveraging district assets with a special emphasis on Target Field, Minneapolis Farmers Market, transit and energy. The members of 2020 Partners represent businesses in downtown Minneapolis who have realized the economic and public benefit of light rail transit with the extremely successful Blue and Green lines. Many of our business investments are predicated on transit.

Representing multiple parties in the areas adjacent to Target Field Station, we write this letter in support of the continued development of Minnesota's transit system.

The diverse participation of the firms listed below identifies the scope of the business and residential community in the North Loop that directly benefits from existing transit and will further benefit from extension/expansion of the system.

For firms that have been long established in the area, the existence of Target Field Station as a transit hub for two LRT lines—and the two planned extensions, the Northstar Commuter lines, bus service and bike trails has enhanced our ability to obtain and retain

employees, created high occupancy for multifamily residential housing and added retail and hospitality opportunities for our employees, customers and residents.

But perhaps of more importance are the new entrants—attracted to the area because of available transit which has a broad geographic reach. Hundreds of millions of dollars has been invested by private developers in commercial, residential and hospitality venues since Target Field Station was completed in 2014. And more are expected particularly in the areas West and North of Target Field Station as it benefits from extended service of the Southwest and Bottineau LRT lines.

Below listed are participating members of 2020 Partners. This letter received unanimous support of the Steering Committee comprised of many of those listed below. We are pleased to express the support of 2020 Partners for your recognizing the economic benefit transit has had and can have as you consider apportionment for the Capital Investment Grant program for fiscal year 2018 and beyond.

Sincerely,



Nicholas R. Koch
Chair
2020 Partners



Dan Collison
Executive Director
2020 Partners

Cc: Mr. Matt Welbes - Executive Director, Federal Transit Administrator
Minnesota Congressional Delegation
Ms. Alene Tchourmoff – Chair, Metropolitan Council
Hennepin County Board of Commissioners
Ramsey County Board of Commissioners
Washington County Board of Commissioners
Dakota County Board of Commissioners

The 2020 Partners membership includes the following stakeholders,
along with many individual participants:

Minnesota Twins Baseball Club

Hines Interests

HGA Architects & Engineers

Downtown Minneapolis
Neighborhood Association

Xcel Energy

Minnesota Ballpark
Authority

Target Corporation

North Loop
Neighborhood Association

Be The Match

Lee Associates

Minnesota Timberwolves | Lynx

Minneapolis Downtown Council

Great River Energy

Warehouse District
Business Association

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