



March 25, 2025

Dear Chair Koegel, Chair Koznick, and Members of the Transportation Committee:

Metro Cities, representing the collective interests of cities in the metropolitan area, appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on HF 2505 (Jones), which is being heard in the Transportation Committee on Wednesday.

Metro Cities supports giving cities greater flexibility within state design guidelines for local streets so as to safely accommodate all modes of travel, lower traveling speeds on local streets, address infrastructure needs and ensure livability within a context appropriate for the city's needs.

In the metropolitan region, local streets in rural areas will differ from streets in highly urban areas, but both are designed to balance safety and convenience for everyone using the road. Metro Cities supports statutory changes that increase a city's ability to design their local system (including state-aid streets) in a manner that meets local needs.

We look forward to working with committee members, city engineers, and other local subject matter experts as the bill is further considered.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Lund'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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