



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chair Torkelson

**FROM:** Transportation Forward Coalition

**CC:**

**DATE:** April 24, 2018

**RE:** Governor Dayton's Metropolitan Council Bus Rapid Transit Bonding Request:  
Busway, Bus Guideway and Express Bus Development Program

Chair Torkelson and Committee Members:

I write to you today, to provide our strong support for the Busway, Bus Guideway and Express Bus Development Program. Funding this initiative will provide faster, more reliable transit access for the people of Minnesota using Arterial Bus Rapid Transit (aBRT).

The proposed aBRT lines are practical, support economic competitiveness, and help prepare our state for future population growth. Improvements included within the program include bus and station updates for faster trips, off-board ticketing at machines that accept multiple forms of payment, and bus shelters with real-time information as well as enhanced lighting and heating.

On behalf of our statewide coalition of over 50 partner organizations and thousands of supporters, we ask you to fully fund this Arterial Bus Rapid Transit bonding request. Thank you in advance for standing up for expanding transportation options.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Treat".

Jessica Treat

Chair, Transportation Forward