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ATTENTION: Surface Transportation Board

The City of Saint Paul is filing this letter in support of the proposed combination between Canadian Pacific and Kansas City Southern and asks that the Surface Transportation Board approve it.

CP is an important member of our community and economy. They provide businesses in our area and region with an important artery for their transportation needs – in some cases taking trucks off the highways, which we strongly support as it reduces air pollution including greenhouse gas emissions, aiding our climate action goals.

The Hoffman Yard in Saint Paul is a significant “hump-yard” operation in CP’s network and the City sees many positive benefits for our community in more freight moving by rail. We see the proposed transaction as a win-win. By giving CP greater market reach, the combined network will provide better transportation options for our businesses and support economic and job growth.

From Saint Paul’s perspective, the transaction promises to provide improved service options and invigorate transportation competition. The combined CPKC network – with new single-line hauls and access to premier ports on the U.S. Gulf, Atlantic and Pacific coasts as well as to key overseas markets – would help our community reach our existing markets and new markets more efficiently.

The City of Saint Paul sees this transaction as uniquely beneficial, with none of the downsides that might result from another round of Class I consolidation. The agricultural, construction, energy, and many other businesses in the Twin Cities Metropolitan

Respectfully,

Sean Kershaw
Director, Department of Public Works

CC: All Parties of Record

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