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Cynthia Brown, Chief
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Dear Ms. Brown:

I am urging the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to consider documents submitted by the Metropolitan Council (document #36178) and Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (document #36177) on behalf of Metro Transit's proposed METRO Green Line Extension/Southwest Light Rail Transit (SWLRT) project from downtown Minneapolis to the Southwest suburbs.

My community, Brooklyn Park, is located along the upcoming METRO Blue Line Light Rail Transit Extension project which connects the Northwest metropolitan area to downtown Minneapolis. We recognize that the METRO Green Line Extension/SWLRT project is an important piece of the regional transportation network and fully support it moving forward as quickly as possible because it benefits all of us.

Brooklyn Park and other Blue Line cities recognize that full buildout of our region's comprehensive transit system is essential to growing the Twin Cities economy through business investment and the attraction of talented workers. We consider construction of the METRO Green Line Extension (SWLRT) and Blue Line Extension projects essential to our future transit system. Toward this end, I ask that you make a timely decision about the future of the METRO Green Line Extension/SWLRT line.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Lunde
Mayor of the City of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota
METRO Blue Line LRT Extension Community

I certify that I have this day served copies of the document upon the Parties of Record in this proceeding, by U.S. Mail or E-mail.

Signature /s/Jeffrey Joneal Lunde, Mayor, City of Brooklyn Park, MN

Date /s/June 26th, 2018