



March 20, 2024

Russ Stark  
Chief Resilience Officer  
City of Saint Paul  
15 Kellogg Blvd. West  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mr. Stark:

The City of Bloomington strongly supports the application by the coalition of Saint Paul and Minneapolis for a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant to “Create a Regional Electric Vehicle Carshare Service.”

Bloomington’s Energy Action Plan calls for Bloomington to pursue all viable opportunities for promoting the elimination of vehicle emissions, including support for electric vehicles, increased public transportation, higher-density and mixed-use zoning, additional biking and pedestrian infrastructure, and telecommuting. Furthermore, our recently adopted Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan calls for Bloomington to investigate locations suitable for siting electric vehicles and encouraging their use throughout the City.

The proposal by Minneapolis and Saint Paul would help us support electric vehicles and increase the use of public transportation.

The proposal describes how the Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul will work with regional stakeholders, including other cities like Bloomington, to locate electric carshare hubs at or near Metro Transit high frequency lines.

Bloomington benefits from several high-frequency transit lines, but also has many destinations that people cannot easily reach from transit stations. Locating carshare hubs at or near transit stations would provide needed connectivity for our residents, and to people traveling to destinations in Bloomington that are not now easily reachable by transit.

Bloomington endorses this approach, and should this proposal be selected, will be an enthusiastic partner in evaluating locations for possible hubs here.

Bloomington supports the coalition application by the cities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis to “Create a Regional Electric Vehicle Carshare Service.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. P. Keel".

Karl Keel  
Director of Public Works