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To Whom It May Concern:

Metro Transit is pleased to support the cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant application to "Create a Regional Electric Vehicle Carshare Service."

Metro Transit is the largest transit provider for the Twin Cities, offering an integrated network of buses, light rail, and commuter trains as well as resources for those who carpool, vanpool, walk, or bike. Metro Transit is developing a network of enhanced transitways throughout the region. Metro Transit has worked closely with and supported carshare in the region to provide additional options to transit customers. Carshare supports and complements transit and helps transit users get where they need to go without having to own a private vehicle. Metro Transit is currently working closely with the City of Saint Paul to expand Evie Carshare along the METRO Gold Line, a dedicated guideway bus rapid transit line opening in 2025.

Saint Paul and Minneapolis propose to build on existing, successful carshare through four measures:

1. Add Evie Carshare vehicles to the current service area to meet growing demand.
2. Work with Community Based Organizations to identify an expanded Evie Carshare service area and support that new area with new Evie Carshare vehicles.
3. Expand EV carshare at or near transit stations, including outside Evie Carshare service area.
4. Expand EV carshare at affordable multi-family housing buildings.

Metro Transit supports this approach and looks forward to working with Minneapolis and Saint Paul to continue to strengthen connections between transit stations and electric vehicle carshare stations, especially along Metro Transit's High Frequency Network.

The environmental benefits of transit and electric carshare lead to reduced emissions and improved air quality for all residents. Planning and implementing a system that allows people to use transit and carshare together will multiply these sustainability benefits.

Similarly, the equity benefits of transit expansion and carshare improves access and mobility especially for underserved communities and zero vehicle households. Coordinating with complementary first and last mile services on our transit system will especially benefit the residents of the region who most need additional transportation options.

Metro Transit strongly supports the application by the cities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis to "Create a Regional Electric Vehicle Carshare Service."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lesley Kandaras". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lesley" and last name "Kandaras" clearly distinguishable.

Lesley Kandaras
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