

Tim O'Driscoll
State Representative
District 13b



Minnesota House of Representatives

February 19, 2026

Congressman Emmer
Office of congressman Emmer (MN-06)

RE: Benton County Transportation Project

Dear Congressman/Whip Emmer:

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Thank you for your attention, and we respectfully request your full and fair consideration of Benton County's request for federal funds to support the CSAH I/Mayhew Lake Road Corridor Project.

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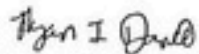
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Sincerely,



Ryan I. Daniel
CEO, St. Cloud Metro Bus



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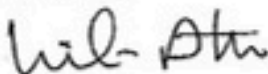


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Saint Cloud Regional Airport Authority

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District 10B
Morrison, Benton,
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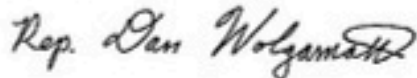
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Co-Chair
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