



April 5, 2013

The Honorable Mark Dayton  
Governor of Minnesota  
130 State Capitol  
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Governor Dayton:

2020 Partners supports your proposed half-cent local sales tax increase to provide funding for expansion of the regional transit system. 2020 Partners is a public-private partnership that has a membership that exceeds 250 local stakeholders and is governed by a Steering Committee made up of local leaders and decision makers. For more information, please visit our website: [www.the2020partners.com](http://www.the2020partners.com).

The stated mission of 2020 Partners is to lay the foundation and attract investment for future development by knitting together communities and leveraging the assets of Target Field, Minneapolis Farmers Market, energy and transit. We are excited about the future development and real estate opportunities that will be supported by the Southwest Light Rail Line, as well as potential future light rail transit, bus rapid transit or community rail lines. We have already seen considerable private development in the vicinity of the Target Field Transit Station.

Public transit has been one of our highest priorities since our inception as 2010 Partners, and we will continue to support regional transit as a vital component. We appreciate the fact that you recognize that transit investments are important to the future vibrancy and economic competitiveness of our state, and are grateful that you included additional transit funding in your revised budget proposal.

Again, we support the proposed half-cent local sales tax increase, and stand ready to assist you in your efforts to obtain all the necessary votes for its passage.

Sincerely,

David Frank  
Acting Chair, 2020 Partners

cc: Charles A. Zelle, Transportation Commissioner  
Senator Thomas M. Bakk, Senate Majority Leader  
Senator D. Scott Dibble, Chair, Transportation and Public Safety Division  
Representative Paul Thissen, Speaker of the House  
Representative Erin Murphy, House Majority Leader  
Representative Frank Hornstein, Chair, Transportation Finance  
Representative Ron Erhardt, Chair, Transportation Policy