



February 3, 2021

Representative Sandra Masin
543 Minnesota State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Support of House File 527 – Municipal street impact fees

Dear Chair Masin,

Thank you for authoring HF527. As a regional voice, the North Metro Mayors Association (NMMA) supports clearly defining the legal right of municipalities to impose impact fees for development as outlined in HF527.

Clarification of the authority of municipalities to impose impact fees on new development will remove the uncertainty of how to fund new development in the North Metro Region as well as other metropolitan regions and cities across the state. HF527 will reinforce the practice that new development funds itself rather than increases the tax burden of existing development and residents.

Representing cities with a combined population of more than 450,000 Minnesota residents, NMMA is a collaboration of 15 North Metro cities plus community partners working together to encourage private and public investments in the northern suburbs. NMMA member cities include Andover, Anoka, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Circle Pines, Coon Rapids, Dayton, Fridley, Maple Grove, Mounds View, New Brighton, New Hope, Ramsey, and Spring Lake Park.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jerry Koch
City of Coon Rapids
NMMA President

Mayor Ryan Karasek
City of Champlin
NMMA Vice-President

Mayor Kathi Hemken
City of New Hope
Former President