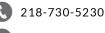


Emily Larson Mayor

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March 28, 2023

Chair Hornstein:

I write to thank you for including funding for the construction of the Northern Lights Express passenger railway project between Duluth/Superior and Minneapolis/St. Paul as part of your omnibus Transportation Finance bill.

This critical piece of infrastructure will serve as a vital, efficient, sustainable connector between the Twin Cities metro area and northeastern Minnesota. The enhanced connectivity provided by NLX will allow Minnesotans to better access businesses, attractions, and have an economic impact all along the line.

With many deserving projects seeking funding we sincerely appreciate your inclusion of this significant and shovel ready project in your bill. Thank you for what you do in service to Duluth, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and our country.

Sincerely,

Mayor Emily Larson