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Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger
Minnesota Department of Transportation
395 John Ireland Boulevard
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Dear Ms. Daubenberger,

The Transportation Advisory Board (TAB) appreciates the Department of Transportation's (MnDOT) ongoing work to set greenhouse gas emission reduction allocation targets for the transportation sector, as required by 2023 state law. Ongoing analysis and collaboration will help ensure appropriate and achievable targets across the state. Members of TAB appreciated MnDOT's presentation at the November TAB meeting, and the department's consideration of two allocation options:

1. **Per capita**, based on the projected population in the target years, and
2. **Per capita plus regional priorities (levers, actions)**, which would also consider regional differences in the availability and opportunity of actions to reduce greenhouse gases.

During the presentation, TAB members were asked to provide input on 26 potential levers/actions. Discussion highlighted concerns, questions, and remaining uncertainties of this approach to allocating reduction targets, and a desire to fully understand the allocation options and process. Additional time to fully develop and validate forecasts and the efficacy of various mitigations will help ensure valid results and better understanding of the potential ramifications of these targets on communities in the region.

While work continues to develop a robust forecast basis for mitigation efforts, the TAB recommends initial allocations on a per capita basis. Ongoing work will yield a stronger understanding of the impacts and applicability of various mitigation actions. This work could enable a future adjustment to the allocation with more uniform support from TAB members. We look forward to engaging with MnDOT as work continues.

If you have any questions please contact TAB Coordinator Elaine Koutsoukos at elaine.koutsoukos@metc.state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

James Hovland, TAB Chair

cc: Charlie Zelle, Chair, Metropolitan Council