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The Honorable Dee Long  
Speaker of the House  
Minnesota House of Representatives  
463 State Office Building  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

Dear Speaker Long:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 294, House File 623/Senate File 474, a bill relating to metropolitan transportation area goals and plans.

This bill represents a classic case of the legislature micro-managing state agencies. It directs the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Council to include certain specific items in their respective transportation plans. MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council are under extremely capable direction, and have professional staffs dedicated to resolving transportation issues. It is not necessary to enact legislation telling them how to conduct their business. In fact, both organizations have indicated that House File 623 adds nothing to their current transportation planning practice or authority.

House File 623 would set an undesirable precedent for legislative micro-management of agency affairs, and is unacceptable for that reason.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Arne H. Carlson".

ARNE H. CARLSON  
Governor

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