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Subject: Pass I-94 Resolution that Prioritizes Community and Transit

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Dear Ms. Prince,

I am all for this plan! For recent times planning has focused on the automobile and building everything around it. In hindsight I believe this is a huge mistake for the health of ourselves and our communities.

Please pass the Rethinking I-94 resolution (RES 21-164) currently up for your consideration.

This resolution is an important step forward in acknowledging the harm and injustice that I-94's construction inflicted on Saint Paul residents, particularly on Black community members in the Rondo neighborhood. This is harm and injustice that continues to this day. And--especially now with an I-94 reconstruction coming--we need your leadership to start correcting the mistakes of the past.

To that end, please firmly reject any reconstruction of I-94 that includes expanding highway lanes. Instead, commit to prioritizing fast and frequent transit along the I-94 corridor and ensure safe connections for people walking and biking in adjacent neighborhoods. Seize this massive opportunity to combat climate pollution and air pollution, reduce racial and economic disparities, and protect residents' health and wellbeing. Ensure the BIPOC communities along I-94 are heard throughout the planning process, and demand agency partners do the same.

For a more equitable and sustainable Saint Paul, I urge you to pass this resolution (RES 21-164). Thank you!

Sincerely,
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