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Council President Rebecca Noecker Councilmember Anika Bowie Councilmember Saura Jost Councilmember Matt Privratsky Council Vice President Hwa Jeong Kim Councilmember Nelsie Yang Councilmember Cheniqua Johnson

Re: Support for Ord. 25-38 - Amending Saint Paul's Pedicab Ordinance

Dear Council President Noecker and members of the City Council,

On behalf of the St. Paul Area Chamber and our 1,600+ members and affiliates, I write to express our support for the proposed amendments to the City's pedicab ordinance that will allow the addition of a trailer and remove the current rush hour operating restrictions.

These updates make practical changes that expand transportation options in downtown Saint Paul. Allowing trailers improves service for families and small groups while increasing earning potential for operators. Removing rush hour operating restrictions enables expanded service throughout the day and better aligns with the city's transportation goals. These changes support small businesses, reduce regulatory barriers, and align with current demand for alternative transportation options.

We applaud the Council's engagement with pedicab operators throughout this process. This kind of partnership ensures the proposed changes support both user experience and operational viability. The result is stronger policy and a more connected downtown experience for workers, residents, and visitors.

These proposed ordinance changes improve accessibility while supporting downtown activation and economic vitality. We urge the Council to support the amendments to Chapter 375 of the legislative code to allow pedicabs to pull a trailer and remove the current rush hour operating restrictions.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Benda J. Kyle

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