



Thank you.

It's an honor to be recognized for the work my administration has done and I thank the Minnesota Public Transit Association for this award.

From the beginning of my term in office, we have been of one mind on the issue of transportation and agree that Minnesota, and Minnesotans, need transportation choices.

We also agree that funding must be provided for all forms of transportation, WITHOUT funding one at the expense of the other!

As I travel to other cities, it is obvious to me that we are falling behind in transportation. That translates to our economy. If we are going to repair our economy, and ensure future economic viability for the State of Minnesota, we simply can't afford to stop fighting for a dedicated source of transit funding.

Thanks again, and I want to add that I may be the "Friend of Transit" today, but YOU make the transit systems in this state work day in and day out. Thank you for your work, your dedication, and your service.