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Dear Chair DeFazio and Ranking Member Graves:

I am requesting \$5 million in funding for the E – Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Expansion Project in the surface transportation reauthorization legislation.

The project sponsor for this project is Metro Transit and the project is planned to benefit the following cities: Minneapolis, Richfield, St. Louis Park, and Edina.

The funding is designated for providing a faster and more reliable service in bus rapid transit (BRT), neighborhood-scale stations with amenities, pre-boarding fare payment for faster stops and more.

The project is an appropriate use for taxpayer dollars as this project will serve one of the busiest routes in the region accumulating more than 8,000 customers each weekday. The proposed improvements by Metro Transit will improve and amplify accessibility, safety, and mobility for my constituents.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Ilhan Omar Member of Congress April 20, 2021