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The Honorable Allan Spear
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Dear President Spear:

I have vetoed and am returning Chapter 349, Senate File 811/House File 1125, a bill relating to a metropolitan high speed bus system implementation study.

This bill would spend \$50,000 on yet another study of an issue that is currently being examined in the metro area on several fronts. The current plans and studies include:

The Metropolitan Council's Transit Facilities Plan, issued in February, 1992, examined eighteen transportation corridors and suggested transit improvements in each, including high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-94 north from Minneapolis and I-94 east from Saint Paul.

The Regional Transit Board's "Vision for Transit" already includes elements of this concept such as timed-transfer bus stations.

MnDOT's Alternatives Analysis of the Central Corridor between Minneapolis and Saint Paul is currently examining a busway as one alternative transit improvement. The draft Environmental Impact Statement for this corridor is scheduled to be completed in the Fall of 1993.

"Team Transit" is currently examining methods of improving bus service in the I-494 and I-35W corridors.

The provision of intercity bus service, including links to the Twin Cities, is currently being examined by MnDOT in its Greater Minnesota Transit Plan.

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Accordingly, this study would be largely duplicative and an inefficient use of scarce financial resources.

Warmest regards,



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