



March 13, 2023

MetroTransit
560 Sixth Avenue North
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55411

Dear Friends:

On behalf of staff and clients, I am writing to express Tubman's support of MetroTransit's Purple Line.

Tubman offers a range of community-accessible, violence prevention, intervention and support services in collaboration with other organizations, right here in Maplewood, to help people thrive. Safe and reliable public transit supports survivors and their ability to make progress on key goals, including connections to loved ones to reduce isolation and loneliness that can heighten emotional despair many are already experiencing. One of the top requests we receive across programs is for help with basics, like transportation access. We field these requests in Maplewood via drop-in support provided at Tubman's NorthStar Youth Outreach Center at the Maplewood Mall, through community-based violence prevention programs in homes, schools, and courts, and through additional site-based services, including shelter and housing provided at our Maplewood facility, Harriet Tubman Center East, to name a few.

In summary, due to these and many other reasons, Tubman strongly supports increased access to public transit opportunities in the city and have seen firsthand how essential transit is to building strong communities; ones that support safety, hope, and healing.

Thank you for your work and partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer J. Polzin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer J. Polzin
Chief Executive Officer