



June 8, 2021

Will Seuffert
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: Letter of Support
COVID-19 Relief & Recovery
Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of Electric Vehicle Programs
Docket No. E002/M-20-745

I am writing in support of Xcel Energy's Petition for Approval of Electric Vehicle Programs, specifically the rebates proposed for electric transit buses. The City of Saint Paul supports this proposal because it will help us achieve our adopted goals of carbon neutrality by 2050 and 50% emission reductions by 2030.

There are several Saint Paul plans and policies that support vehicle electrification specifically as one method to achieve carbon neutrality and emission reduction. The 2040 Comprehensive Plan [Saint Paul For All](#) has **Policy T-4**: "Significantly reduce carbon emissions from motor vehicles by developing infrastructure that supports vehicle electrification". The [Climate Action and Resilience Plan](#) describes the importance and urgency of electrifying all vehicles types in **Key Action CO-8**: "Assess the city's vehicle fleet to identify opportunities for electrifying, right-sizing, and improving overall efficiency of vehicles" and in **Key Action CO-9**: "Identify opportunities to convert heavy-duty vehicles to alternative fuels that reduce carbon emissions".

Docket No. E002/M-20-745 represents one of those opportunities to convert heavy-duty/transit vehicles to lower-emission vehicles. The electric transit bus rebates within the proposal would greatly accelerate the ability of Metro Transit and other transit providers in Saint Paul to replace their oldest buses with new, zero-emission vehicles. We therefore support this measure and ask Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to favorably consider Xcel Energy's rebate proposal for electric transit buses to help us achieve our goal of carbon neutrality.

Sincerely,

Russ Stark
Chief Resilience Officer