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November 16, 2023

Mr. Wendell Meyer
Division Administrator, Minnesota Division
Federal Highway Administration
180 East Fifth Street, Suite 930
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

Re: Minnesota 2023 Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment and Amendment to the 2020-2024
Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Dear Mr. Meyer,

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is pleased to submit the 2023 Vulnerable Road User Safety Assessment (VRUSA).

The federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, passed in 2021, created a new requirement for state departments of transportation to conduct a VRUSA every five years. Anchored in the Safe System Approach, this assessment uses a data-driven process to identify high risk areas for people walking, biking and rolling across the state and incorporates equity and demographics into the analysis.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation commissioned this report to document the State's robust and multifaceted efforts to understand vulnerable road user safety, document findings from crash data analysis and public engagement and make recommendations for improving safety for Minnesota's Vulnerable Road Users. This report satisfies the FHWA requirement.

In addition to this report, this VRUSA is being amended into our current 2020-2024 Strategic Highway Safety Plan and will be posted online for all Minnesotans to access.

Please contact me if you have questions about this assessment at nancy.daubenberg@state.mn.us. You may also contact MnDOT's Active Transportation Safety Engineer, Sonja Piper, at sonja.piper@state.mn.us, or by telephone at 651-234-7376.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nancy Daubenberg'.

Nancy Daubenberg, P.E.
Commissioner

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Jay Hietpas, Assistant Commissioner, Operations Division, Minnesota Department of Transportation
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