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Rep. Frank Hornstein receives CGMC Legislator of Distinction Award

ST. PAUL—State Rep. Frank Hornstein was recognized by the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) July 29 during the Coalition's summer conference in Alexandria for his positive impact on the state's transportation policy.

Rep. Hornstein, a Democrat from Minneapolis, is serving his tenth term in the Minnesota House. The Legislator of Distinction Award is given to legislators who played key roles in advancing CGMC's policy during the preceding legislative session.

As chair of the House Transportation Committee, Rep. Hornstein is a driving force in calling for a substantial, comprehensive investment in transportation needs across the state. This session, he advocated for ongoing, dedicated funding for small-city streets (which currently do not receive any consistent funding from the state), as well as the Corridors of Commerce program, which funds highway improvements that are necessary to enhance safety and foster economic development.

In a time of deep partisan division, Rep. Hornstein and Senate Transportation Committee Chair Scott Newman, a Republican, also proved to be an example of cooperation and collaboration despite their political differences. While many conference committees refused to meet or met only behind closed doors, Rep. Hornstein and Sen. Newman opted to hold public hearings, welcome outside discussions and worked hard to find common ground. Another result of that bipartisan work was funding to re-open driver's license testing centers that have been shuttered since the beginning to COVID-19. This work will ensure better service to many areas of Greater Minnesota.

"Rep. Hornstein is passionate about addressing transportation needs statewide," said Greg Zylka, mayor of Little Falls and president of the CGMC. "Although he represents a district in the metro area, Rep. Hornstein understands the needs and concerns facing Greater Minnesota. He

works hard to ensure that all communities — from the smallest cities to his hometown of Minneapolis — have safe and reliable roads, bridges and transportation systems."

CGMC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy organization representing more than 100 cities outside of the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The Coalition educates legislators about issues important to Greater Minnesota.

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