

## **Klobuchar, Franken, Ellison announce \$1.2 Million for bus service improvement in Twin Cities**

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Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken and Congressman Keith Ellison announced today that the Department of Transportation has awarded the Metropolitan Council in St. Paul \$1.2 million to expand the use of transit signal priority and improve bus service between neighborhoods, commercial areas, and high-population centers.

“Projects like these create jobs and bolster a transportation network that thousands of Minnesotans have come to rely on,” Klobuchar said. “By investing in our infrastructure today, we are laying the groundwork to address Minnesota’s transportation needs in the future.”

“While Minneapolis and St. Paul are making great strides by expanding Light Rail service, our bus system continues to be of enormous importance to thousands of riders each day,” said Sen. Franken. “With this money, we’ll ensure that our buses continue to provide safe, reliable, and affordable service to every customer.”

“Minnesotans have a proud history of embracing a multitude of transportation options—from bike trails to light rail,” Ellison said. “This project continues our tradition of reliable transit options for the communities that need it most, while creating jobs and connecting our communities.”

The project invests in real-time sign information to help travelers get to their destinations faster and more reliably. The project was developed to improve accessibility and transit services for seniors, non-drivers, economically disadvantaged citizens, and people with disabilities.

Minnesota was awarded the money as part of the Bus and Bus Livability Grant program.