

**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**  
**390 N. Robert St.**  
**St. Paul, MN 55101**

**RESOLUTION 2008-12**

**WHEREAS**, Robert McFarlin has worked for the Minnesota Department of Transportation for nearly 14 years in high-level positions, including public affairs director, chief of staff, assistant to the commissioner and acting commissioner, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McFarlin has been a tireless advocate for cost-effective investments in improved highways and transit, helping Minnesotans travel to key destinations safer, smarter and more efficiently, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McFarlin played a major role in shaping and securing legislative passage of transportation funding packages in 2003 and 2005, providing a much-needed infusion of resources to meet the transportation needs of our region and state, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McFarlin has been a valued partner on the Northstar Commuter Rail Project, playing a leading role in obtaining \$97.5 million in state bonding dollars, securing the necessary easement for use of BNSF tracks and winning a Full-Funding Federal Grant agreement from the Federal Transit Administration, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McFarlin has also provided valuable input, support and guidance in the Central Corridor Light-Rail Transit Project, serving as a member of the Corridor Management Committee.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. McFarlin distinguished himself in the wake of the I-35W bridge collapse, demonstrating grace under pressure and providing stable, steady leadership in dealing with the many challenges arising from that tragic event,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,**

That the Metropolitan Council recognizes and commends Robert McFarlin for his many, invaluable contributions to our state and region, and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

Adopted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008

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Peter Bell, Chair

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Pat Curtiss, Secretary