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Chair Stephanie Bloomingdale
City Plan Commission
City of Milwaukee
809 North Broadway
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Chair Bloomingdale and members of the City Plan Commission,

I encourage the City Plan Commission to vote to recommend adoption of Growing MKE as part of the City's Comprehensive Plan to establish a collective vision for how housing development can advance Milwaukee's goals for housing choice, equity, affordability, sustainable transportation, economic development, and climate resilience.

The recommendations contained within Growing MKE are well aligned with the MCTS mission to "connect our community to jobs, education, and life with essential transit services." Growing MKE will make it possible to develop the types of housing and neighborhoods that work well with transit, supporting our organization's existing service and future plans. Specifically, it will allow for more transit-oriented development along the CONNECT 1 Bus Rapid Transit Line, our 15 high-frequency transit lines, and the planned CONNECT 2 Bus Rapid Transit on 27th Street.

In sum, MCTS whole-heartedly endorses Growing MKE to meet the changing housing and transportation needs of our city. We would also appreciate any efforts by the City of Milwaukee to secure dedicated funding for MCTS given the importance that transit plays in supporting the goals of Growing MKE.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Denise Wandke".

Denise Wandke, President and Managing Director