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TO: Honorable County Commissioners  
Scott Arneson, County Administrator

FROM: Greg Isakson, Public Works Director

RE: 21 Feb 23 County Board Meeting – **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**  
**HF 246 – Repeal Moratorium on Future Passenger Rail**

Date: 15 Feb 23

A MnDOT legislative update stated that H.F. 246 which repeals moratoriums prohibiting planning, engineering, and construction of two passenger rails, one between the Twin Cities and Rochester and another between Minneapolis and Northfield, was discussed in the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee on 07 Feb 23 and laid over for possible inclusion in the House omnibus bill.

If approved by the State Legislators, this may bring back discussions of a passenger train through Goodhue County similar to the Zip Rail that was discussed several years ago.