

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2026-020

SUPPORTING FURTHER EXPLORATION OF
SOUTHEAST MINNESOTA TRANSIT MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION
FEASIBILITY STUDY

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield 2045 Comprehensive Plan desires Northfield to “foster human connections in our increasingly diverse community through well-designed neighborhoods, gathering places, and business districts that are inclusive for all, independent of age, economic status, mobility, gender, or racial and ethnic background”; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield 2045 Comprehensive Plan desires Northfield to “provide a full complement of mobility options so all Northfield residents and visitors can get where and how they want”; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield 2045 Comprehensive Plan desires Northfield to “emphasize equity to address disparities and to ensure equitable access to jobs, housing, education, essential services, retail, mobility options, and open space for all”; and,

WHEREAS, the SE MN TMO Study documented extensive economic and social benefits from transit in SE MN; and,

WHEREAS, the SE MN TMO Study found extensive remaining transit-related needs across the 11-county SE MN region; and,

WHEREAS, the SE MN TMO Phase 1 Study completed in June of 2025 identifies how a TMO could help meet those needs, how a TMO could be structured, identifies a governing model, and identifies the next steps to continue to advance the TMO.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:
The Northfield City Council

1. Supports work to advance the next phase of the SE MN TMO Study.
2. Asks staff to work with Study organizers to better understand how the TMO could benefit Northfield with regional coordination.
3. Desires to better understand the financial benefits/cost model for a TMO.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 10th day of February, 2026.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ___ ZWEIFEL ___ BEUMER ___ DAHLEN ___ HOLMES
 ___ NESS ___ PETERSON WHITE ___ SOKUP