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Glen Markegard Manager, Planning Division City of Bloomington 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road Bloomington, MN 55431

Re: Application Submittal: Rezoning, Comprehensive Plan Amendment, and Text

Amendment Submittal. Our File #27,171-01

Dear Glen:

This firm represents Delta Metro Lands LLC (the "Applicant"), an affiliate of the owner of Mall of America, with regard to the proposed rezoning and guidance of the properties addressed as 8200 28th Avenue South and 8201 24th Avenue South (together, the "Adjoining Lands"), east of the Mall of America in the City of Bloomington (the "City"). The purpose of this letter is to provide the required narrative for the following applications:

1. Comprehensive Guide Plan Amendment

The Adjoining Lands site is currently guided as "Innovation and Technology" in the City's Land Use Guide Plan (the "Guide Plan"). Applicant requests the City amend the Guide Plan to reclassify the Adjoining Lands as "High Intensity Mixed Use," consistent with the existing Mall of America properties. Reguiding the Adjoining Lands to High Intensity Mixed Use will allow for the high-quality investment in development that furthers the broader vision of the South Loop District. The amendment will allow the property to develop in a manner that builds on the South Loop District's character as a regional mixed-use destination, take advantage of the existing infrastructure investments by the City, and transform the district to a more urban character.

2. Rezoning from CO-2 to CX-2 District

Applicant requests that the City rezone the Adjoining Lands from the Commercial-Office/Mixed Use (CO-2) District to the Mixed Use (CX-2) District. In conjunction with the Comprehensive Plan map amendment, the rezoning the Adjoining Lands to CX-2 will allow the property to accommodate development that includes a broad mix of uses, while efficiently using existing

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transit and transportation infrastructure. The applications will further the South Loop District's character as an international mixed-use destination.

3. Text Amendment to the CX-2 District

Applicant requests that the City amend the uses allowed in the CX-2 District under Section 21.207.01 and Table 21.209(f). Applicant further seeks to revise or create new definitions for uses under Section 19.03, as well as an amendment to Section 21.301.01, which governs the development intensity and site characteristics for the CX-2 District. The proposed text amendment language is attached.

Please find the following attached materials:

- 1. Completed application form;
- 2. Memorandum of proposed text amendment language;
- 3. Comprehensive Plan amendment fee of \$1,660;
- 4. Rezoning application fee of \$1,660;
- 5. Ordinance amendment fee of \$1,660; and
- 6. Survey and legal description.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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