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A brazen shooting at 5:30 pm in the core of downtown at a busy transit stop is disturbing, intolerable, and thankfully a rare occurrence. I am grateful for the quick, coordinated action by the Mpls Police Department, Metro Transit Police Department and other law enforcement agencies to apprehend the suspected shooter within an hour's time.

Our downtown, like downtowns across the country, is experiencing a rise in use of firearms and other criminal behaviors. Data shows us that violent crime is less likely to occur during daytime hours, and many law enforcement entities are working together to keep our community safe. But they need our support now more than ever. We are also working with the private sector to provide more non-policing strategies to fill gaps in coverage.

Violent criminal behavior is simply unacceptable, and we cannot tolerate it as a community—especially as we work to support bringing more vibrancy back to our downtown.