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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance Division

Referred by Chair to Transportation and Transit Policy Subcommittee.

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Returned to the Transportation Finance Division as Amended.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; requiring commissioner of transportation to file annual
1.3 report on major highway projects; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 174.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. **[174.56] REPORT ON MAJOR HIGHWAY PROJECTS.**

1.7 **Subdivision 1. Report required.** The commissioner of transportation shall submit a
1.8 report on January 15, 2008, and on January 15 of each year thereafter, on the status of
1.9 major highway projects under construction or planned during the year of the report and for
1.10 the ensuing 15 years. For purposes of this section, a "major highway project" is a highway
1.11 project that has a total cost for all segments that the commissioner estimates at the time of
1.12 the report to be at least (1) \$25,000,000 in the metropolitan highway construction district,
1.13 or (2) \$10,000,000 in any nonmetropolitan highway construction district.

1.14 **Subd. 2. Report contents.** For each major highway project the report must include:

1.15 (1) a description of the project sufficient to specify its scope and location;
1.16 (2) a history of the project, including, but not limited to, previous official actions
1.17 by the department or the appropriate area transportation partnership, or both, the date
1.18 on which the project was first included in the state transportation improvement plan,
1.19 the cost of the project at that time, the dates of environmental approval, the dates of
1.20 municipal approval, the date of final geometric layout, and the date of establishment of
1.21 any construction limits;

1.22 (3) the project's priority listing or rank within its construction district, if any, as
1.23 well as the reasons for that listing or rank, the criteria used in prioritization or rank, any

- 2.1 changes in that prioritization or rank since the project was first included in a department
- 2.2 work plan, and the reasons for those changes; and
- 2.3 (4) past and potential future reasons for delay in letting or completing the project.