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FIRST COMMITTEE ENGROSSMENT

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Finance

Referred by Chair to Transportation Finance Division.

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Returned to the Committee on Finance as Amended.

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; requiring report on mitigating effects of transportation
1.3 construction projects on small businesses.

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

1.5 Section 1. **REPORT ON MITIGATION OF TRANSPORTATION**
1.6 **CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner of transportation shall submit a report to the chairs and
1.8 ranking minority members of the senate and house committees with jurisdiction over
1.9 transportation policy and finance and over economic development policy and finance that
1.10 proposes a model public information program targeted at small businesses as defined in
1.11 Minnesota Statutes, section 645.445, subdivision 2, that are impacted by transportation
1.12 construction projects.

1.13 (b) The report must include, but not be limited to:

1.14 (1) identification of methods and techniques for informing small businesses about
1.15 upcoming transportation construction projects;

1.16 (2) a description of components of an information packet for businesses, which
1.17 includes:

1.18 (i) the nature, extent, and timing of planned construction, including anticipated
1.19 changes in parking, traffic, and public access in the area;

1.20 (ii) identification of a contact within the appropriate road authority that can provide
1.21 information about construction progress and timing; and

1.22 (iii) a listing of area business development organizations that can assist businesses
1.23 with financing, marketing, and technical counseling during the construction period; and

2.1 (3) recommendations for opportunities to provide further assistance to small
2.2 businesses impacted by transportation construction projects.

2.3 (c) In preparing the report, the commissioner shall consult with the commissioner of
2.4 employment and economic development, the Metropolitan Council, counties, cities, and
2.5 community organizations, including a metropolitan consortium of community developers
2.6 and local chambers of commerce.

2.7 (d) The commissioner of transportation shall submit the report no later than March
2.8 15, 2009.