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**HOUSE FILE NO. 229**

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

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; appropriating funds for accelerated highway  
1.3 construction projects.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; ACCELERATED HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION.**

1.6 (a) \$500,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
1.7 transportation for construction, reconstruction, and improvement of trunk highways,  
1.8 including design-build contracts and consultant usage to support these activities, the  
1.9 cost of actual payments to landowners for lands acquired for highway rights-of-way,  
1.10 payments to lessees, interest subsidies, and relocation expenses. The commissioner of  
1.11 transportation may use up to \$85,000,000 of this appropriation for program delivery.

1.12 This is a onetime appropriation.

1.13 (b) The money appropriated under this section must be used for those projects  
1.14 identified in the Minnesota Department of Transportation's 2007-2009 state transportation  
1.15 improvement program, and must be allocated as follows:

1.16 (1) 50 percent to the department's metropolitan district; and

1.17 (2) 50 percent to greater Minnesota.

1.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007.