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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 money for highway and bridge
1.3 construction projects.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION.**

1.6 (a) \$750,000,000 is appropriated for the fiscal biennium ending June 30, 2009, from
1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of transportation for construction, reconstruction,
1.8 and improvement of highway systems, including design-build contracts and consultant
1.9 usage to support these activities. This includes the cost of actual payments to landowners
1.10 for lands acquired for highway rights-of-way, payments to lessees, interest subsidies, and
1.11 relocation expenses. Of this appropriation, the commissioner of transportation may use
1.12 up to \$127,500,000 for program delivery. Of this appropriation, \$375,000,000 is added
1.13 to the transportation appropriation base beginning in fiscal year 2010 for distribution
1.14 under paragraphs (b) and (c). Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, this
1.15 appropriation is available until expended.

1.16 (b) Ninety-five percent of the money appropriated under this section must be used in
1.17 the same manner as money from the highway user tax distribution fund and distributed
1.18 as follows:

- 1.19 (1) 62 percent to the trunk highway fund;
- 1.20 (2) 29 percent to the county state-aid highway fund; and
- 1.21 (3) nine percent to the municipal state-aid street fund.

1.22 (c) The remaining five percent of the money appropriated under this section must
1.23 be used in the same manner as the five percent of the highway user tax distribution fund

- 2.1 apportioned under Minnesota Statutes, section 161.081, deposited in the county state-aid
2.2 highway fund, and distributed as follows:
- 2.3 (1) 30.5 percent to the town road account under Minnesota Statutes, section 162.081;
2.4 (2) 16 percent to the town bridge account under Minnesota Statutes, section 161.082,
2.5 subdivision 2a; and
- 2.6 (3) 53.5 percent to the flexible highway account under Minnesota Statutes, section
2.7 161.081, subdivision 3.