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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 regional transportation  
1.3 planning.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.**

1.6 \$300,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$300,000 in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from  
1.7 the general fund to the commissioner of transportation. These appropriations are available  
1.8 for grants of up to \$25,000 per year for transportation studies outside the metropolitan  
1.9 area to identify critical concerns, problems, and issues. These grants are available:

1.10 (1) to regional development commissions;

1.11 (2) in regions where no regional development commission is functioning, to joint  
1.12 powers boards established under agreement of two or more political subdivisions in the  
1.13 region to exercise the planning function of a regional development commission; and

1.14 (3) in regions where no regional development commission or joint powers board is  
1.15 functioning, to the department's district office for that region.

1.16 These appropriations are available until spent.

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