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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; authorizing Minnesota state transportation bonds and  
1.3 appropriating money for local bridge replacement and maintenance and for the  
1.4 local road improvement program.

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

1.6 Section 1. **LOCAL BRIDGE REPLACEMENT AND REHABILITATION.**

1.7 \$50,000,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of transportation from the bond  
1.8 proceeds account in the state transportation fund, as provided in Minnesota Statutes,  
1.9 section 174.50, to match federal money and to replace or rehabilitate local deficient  
1.10 bridges. Political subdivisions may use grants made under this section to construct  
1.11 or reconstruct bridges, including:

- 1.12 (1) matching federal-aid grants to construct or reconstruct key bridges;
- 1.13 (2) paying the costs of preliminary engineering and environmental studies authorized  
1.14 under Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, subdivision 6a;
- 1.15 (3) paying the costs to abandon an existing bridge that is deficient and in need of  
1.16 replacement, but where no replacement will be made; and
- 1.17 (4) paying the costs to construct a road or street to facilitate the abandonment of  
1.18 an existing bridge determined by the commissioner to be deficient, if the commissioner  
1.19 determines that construction of the road or street is more cost-efficient than the  
1.20 replacement of the existing bridge.

1.21 Sec. 2. **LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

1.22 \$20,000,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of transportation from the bond  
1.23 proceeds account in the state transportation fund, as provided in Minnesota Statutes,

2.1 section 174.50. Of this amount, \$10,000,000 is for construction, reconstruction, or  
2.2 reconditioning of local roads with statewide or regional significance under Minnesota  
2.3 Statutes, section 174.52, subdivision 4. The remaining \$10,000,000 is for grants to  
2.4 counties to assist in paying the costs of capital improvement projects on county state-aid  
2.5 highways that are intended primarily to reduce traffic crashes, deaths, injuries, and  
2.6 property damage, under Minnesota Statutes, section 174.52, subdivision 4a.

2.7 **Sec. 3. BOND SALE AUTHORIZATION.**

2.8 To provide the money appropriated in sections 1 and 2 from the transportation  
2.9 fund, the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up  
2.10 to \$70,000,000 in the manner, on the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota  
2.11 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,  
2.12 sections 4 to 7. The proceeds of the bonds, except accrued interest and any premium  
2.13 received on the sale of the bonds, must be credited to a bond proceeds account in the  
2.14 state transportation fund.

2.15 **Sec. 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.16 Sections 1 to 3 are effective July 1, 2007.