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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 capital improvements; appropriating money for Minnesota to Chicago  
1.3 High Speed Rail Corridor; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$10,000,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the Metropolitan  
1.7 Council for a grant to the Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority for the state's  
1.8 share of environmental analysis of a high-speed rail line connecting Chicago, La Crescent,  
1.9 Winona, Red Wing, and the Union Depot Concourse Multimodal Transit Hub, located in  
1.10 downtown St. Paul in the area south of Kellogg Boulevard and east of Jackson Street.

1.11 No part of this appropriation may be spent to acquire or better capital improvements  
1.12 that are located outside the state of Minnesota, that may be used from time to time  
1.13 outside the state of Minnesota, or that are part of a rail corridor that is not designated  
1.14 by the Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact. The commissioner shall work  
1.15 with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to coordinate application for federal  
1.16 capital assistance for the high-speed rail project. The commissioner shall develop a  
1.17 comprehensive rail plan, as part of the state transportation plan, including the high-speed  
1.18 rail project. The commissioner shall provide to the chairs of the legislative committees  
1.19 with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance a copy of the draft state  
1.20 transportation plan for review and comment before the plan is adopted.

1.21 Sec. 2. **BOND SALE.**

1.22 To provide the money appropriated in section 1 from the bond proceeds fund,  
1.23 the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to

2.1 \$10,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota  
2.2 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,  
2.3 sections 4 to 7.

2.4 **Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.5 Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.