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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation and Transit Policy and Oversight Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transit; centralizing purchasing of transit vehicles and supplies, and
1.3 other activities related to transit; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.4 Statutes, chapter 473.

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

1.6 Section 1. [473.376] CENTRAL PURCHASING BY METRO TRANSIT.

1.7 Subdivision 1. Metro Transit authority. Metro Transit is established as the central
1.8 purchasing entity for all vehicles and related materials and supplies for publicly owned
1.9 transit systems in the state. For the purposes of this section, the general manager of
1.10 Metro Transit, or the general manager's designee, is responsible for all decisions and
1.11 recommendations to the council.

1.12 Subd. 2. Bus purchases. Metro Transit shall develop specifications for and purchase
1.13 all transit buses, all bus parts and repair materials, and all fuel and bus consumables for
1.14 all publicly owned transit operators in the state. All publicly owned transit operators in
1.15 the state must purchase transit buses, all bus parts and repair materials, and all fuel and
1.16 transit bus consumables from Metro Transit.

1.17 Subd. 3. Transit control. Metro Transit's transit control center shall manage all
1.18 metropolitan area fixed route transit buses, regardless of provider, when they are in
1.19 operation, including all on-street supervision of transit operators. Within Metro Transit's
1.20 operating area, Metro Transit shall determine and allocate the use of bus stops, bus lanes,
1.21 and bus terminals by all transit operators.

1.22 Subd. 4. Transit information. Metro Transit is responsible for all metropolitan area
1.23 transit information to the public and all customer complaint handling.

2.1 Subd. 5. **Subsidies.** The Metropolitan Council shall develop subsidy per passenger
2.2 standards and ceilings that will ensure financial equity in publicly funded transit service
2.3 and that will be binding on all public transit operators in the metropolitan area.