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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 investment; appropriating money for local roads and bridges;  
1.3 authorizing grants for fracture-critical bridges; amending Minnesota Statutes  
1.4 2008, section 174.50, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 174.50, is amended by adding a  
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 6c. Fracture-critical bridges. (a) The commissioner may make a grant to  
1.9 any political subdivision for replacement or rehabilitation of a fracture-critical bridge. To  
1.10 be eligible for a grant under this subdivision, the project must produce a bridge structure:

1.11 (1) that is no longer classified as fracture critical, by having alternate load paths; and

1.12 (2) whose failure of a main component will not result in the collapse of the bridge.

1.13 (b) A grant under this subdivision is subject to the procedures and criteria established  
1.14 under subdivisions 5 and 6.

1.15 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

1.16 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATIONS; LOCAL ROADS AND BRIDGES

1.17 Subdivision 1. Local road improvement program. \$60,000,000 is appropriated  
1.18 from the bond proceeds account in the state transportation fund as provided in Minnesota  
1.19 Statutes, section 174.50, to the commissioner of transportation for the local road  
1.20 improvement program. Of this appropriation:

1.21 (1) \$30,000,000 is for grants to counties to assist in paying the costs of rural road  
1.22 safety capital improvement projects on county state-aid highways under Minnesota  
1.23 Statutes, section 174.52, subdivision 4a; and

2.1 (2) \$30,000,000 is for grants for construction and reconstruction of local roads with  
2.2 statewide or regional significance under Minnesota Statutes, section 174.52, subdivision 4.

2.3 Subd. 2. **Local bridge replacement and rehabilitation.** \$20,000,000 is  
2.4 appropriated from the bond proceeds account in the state transportation fund as provided  
2.5 in Minnesota Statutes, section 174.50, to the commissioner of transportation for matching  
2.6 federal funds and replacement or rehabilitation of local bridges under Minnesota Statutes,  
2.7 section 174.50, subdivisions 6a and 6c.

2.8 Subd. 3. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the  
2.9 state transportation fund, the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the  
2.10 state in an amount up to \$80,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect  
2.11 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota  
2.12 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7. The proceeds of the bonds, except accrued interest  
2.13 and any premium received on the sale of the bonds, must be credited to a bond proceeds  
2.14 account in the state transportation fund.

2.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.