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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; providing for receipt and appropriation of federal  
1.3 economic recovery funds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 161.36, by  
1.4 adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 161.36, is amended by adding a  
1.7 subdivision to read:

1.8 Subd. 7. **Economic recovery funds.** (a) All federal funds made available to  
1.9 the commissioner under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and  
1.10 designated for transportation purposes, including but not limited to assistance for  
1.11 highways and bridges, transit, aeronautics, ports, and railroads, are appropriated to the  
1.12 commissioner from the trunk highway fund or the federal fund, as appropriate. This  
1.13 appropriation includes any funds not initially made available to the commissioner under  
1.14 the act, including but not limited to competitive grant awards and funds made available  
1.15 in addition to the amount expected on the effective date of this section. The money is  
1.16 available until expended.

1.17 (b) The commissioner shall make every reasonable effort to seek and utilize all funds  
1.18 available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

1.19 (c) The commissioner shall expend funds appropriated under this subdivision in  
1.20 conformance with federal requirements established in association with use of the funds.  
1.21 The commissioner may expend up to 17 percent of the funds for program delivery.

1.22 (d) Notwithstanding section 360.305, subdivision 4, no local contribution is required  
1.23 for eligible aeronautics project elements funded by a federal grant-in-aid through the  
1.24 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

2.1 (e) Within two weeks of submitting each report to the United States Department of  
2.2 Transportation as required for the federal aid under this subdivision, the commissioner  
2.3 shall submit a corresponding report to the chairs and ranking members of the house of  
2.4 representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and  
2.5 finance. The corresponding report must contain (1) a copy of the report submitted to  
2.6 the United States Department of Transportation, and (2) information on the geographic  
2.7 distribution of projects funded under this subdivision, which at a minimum specifies  
2.8 the amount provided for highways and bridges, transit, aeronautics, ports, and railroads  
2.9 within each of the department's districts.

2.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment,  
2.11 and expires on June 30, 2013.