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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; naming and appropriating money for the  
1.3 Minnesota Valley Line; 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 \$500,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of  
1.7 transportation for environmental analysis, preliminary engineering, and predesign for the  
1.8 Minnesota Valley Line between Mankato and the Twin Cities.

1.9 Sec. 2. **BOND AUTHORIZATION.**

1.10 To provide the money appropriated in section 1 from the bond proceeds fund,  
1.11 the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to  
1.12 \$500,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota  
1.13 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,  
1.14 sections 4 to 7.

1.15 Sec. 3. **MINNESOTA VALLEY LINE.**

1.16 The commissioner of transportation and the Metropolitan Council shall reference in  
1.17 planning or study documents any commuter rail or other transit service proposal between  
1.18 Mankato and the Twin Cities as the Minnesota Valley Line.

1.19 Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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