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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; establishing certain requirements concerning  
1.3 completion of construction projects on marked Trunk Highway 14.

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

1.5 Section 1. **TRUNK HIGHWAY 14 PROJECTS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have  
1.7 the meanings given:

1.8 (1) "commissioner" means the commissioner of the Department of Transportation;

1.9 (2) "department" means the Department of Transportation; and

1.10 (3) "Trunk Highway 14 projects" means construction or reconstruction of marked  
1.11 Trunk Highway 14 as a four-lane divided highway, along the following segments:

1.12 (i) from the city of New Ulm to the intersection with Nicollet County State-Aid  
1.13 Highway 6, located west of the city of North Mankato; and

1.14 (ii) from the interchange with marked Trunk Highway 218 near the city of Owatonna  
1.15 to the point near the city of Dodge Center at which marked Trunk Highway 14 constitutes  
1.16 a four-lane divided highway, located southeast of the intersection with marked Trunk  
1.17 Highway 56.

1.18 Subd. 2. **Project development and programming.** (a) By December 31, 2010, the  
1.19 commissioner shall submit the final environmental impact statement for the segment of  
1.20 marked Trunk Highway 14 from the city of New Ulm to the intersection with Nicollet  
1.21 County State-Aid Highway 6 to the Federal Highway Administration in the United States  
1.22 Department of Transportation.

1.23 (b) By May 31, 2010, the commissioner shall submit the final environmental impact  
1.24 statement for the segment of marked Trunk Highway 14 from the interchange with

2.1 marked Trunk Highway 218 near the city of Owatonna to southeast of the intersection  
2.2 with marked Trunk Highway 56 near the city of Dodge Center to the Federal Highway  
2.3 Administration in the United States Department of Transportation.

2.4 (c) Following final approvals for the Trunk Highway 14 projects as required under  
2.5 state and federal law, the commissioner shall include the projects in the next regular  
2.6 update to the statewide transportation improvement program. The Trunk Highway  
2.7 14 projects must remain in the statewide transportation improvement program until  
2.8 they are completed, and they may not be delayed from their initial date of scheduled  
2.9 commencement unless the commissioner (1) identifies special unforeseen circumstances  
2.10 and (2) submits a notification, including specific reasons for the delay, to the chairs and  
2.11 ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees with  
2.12 jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance.

2.13 Subd. 3. **Use of resources.** The commissioner shall perform the duties  
2.14 required under this section within existing appropriations allocated to the department's  
2.15 transportation districts 6 and 7, respectively. The requirements under this section do not  
2.16 change the trunk highway funding allocation process or formula used by the department,  
2.17 or the amount otherwise allocated to each transportation district.