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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; authorizing spending to acquire and better
1.3 public land and buildings and for other improvements of a capital nature with
1.4 certain conditions; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; appropriating
1.5 money.

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

1.7 Section 1. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.8 The sums shown in the column under "Appropriations" are appropriated from the
1.9 bond proceeds fund, or another named fund, to the state agencies or officials indicated,
1.10 to be spent for public purposes. Appropriations of bond proceeds must be spent as
1.11 authorized by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 5, paragraph (a), to acquire
1.12 and better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature, or
1.13 as authorized by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 5, paragraphs (b) to (j), or
1.14 article XIV. Unless otherwise specified, the appropriations in this act are available until
1.15 the project is completed or abandoned subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642.

1.16 **SUMMARY**

1.17	<u>Transportation</u>	\$	<u>256,940,000</u>
1.18	<u>Metropolitan Council</u>		<u>50,000,000</u>
1.19	<u>Bond Sale Expenses</u>		<u>307,000</u>
1.20	<u>TOTAL</u>	\$	<u>307,247,000</u>

1.21 **APPROPRIATIONS**

1.22 **Sec. 2. TRANSPORTATION**

1.23	<u>Subdivision 1. Total Appropriation</u>	\$	<u>256,940,000</u>
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2.1 To the commissioner of transportation
 2.2 for the purposes specified in this section.
 2.3 The commissioner must allocate money
 2.4 appropriated in this section so as to maximize
 2.5 the use of all available federal money from
 2.6 the American Recovery and Reinvestment
 2.7 Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, and any other
 2.8 federal funding.

2.9 **Subd. 2. Local Bridge Replacement and**
 2.10 **Rehabilitation**

75,000,000

2.11 This appropriation is from the bond proceeds
 2.12 account in the state transportation fund
 2.13 to match federal money and to replace
 2.14 or rehabilitate local deficient bridges as
 2.15 provided in Minnesota Statutes, section
 2.16 174.50.

2.17 Political subdivisions may use grants made
 2.18 under this subdivision to construct or
 2.19 reconstruct bridges, including but not limited
 2.20 to:

2.21 (1) matching federal-aid grants to construct
 2.22 or reconstruct key bridges;

2.23 (2) paying the costs of preliminary
 2.24 engineering and environmental studies
 2.25 authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section
 2.26 174.50, subdivision 6a;

2.27 (3) paying the costs to abandon an existing
 2.28 bridge that is deficient and in need of
 2.29 replacement, but where no replacement will
 2.30 be made; and

2.31 (4) paying the costs to construct a road
 2.32 or street to facilitate the abandonment
 2.33 of an existing bridge determined by
 2.34 the commissioner to be deficient, if the
 2.35 commissioner determines that construction

3.1 of the road or street is more economical than
3.2 replacement of the existing bridge.

3.3 Of this amount, \$5,000,000 is set aside to
3.4 promote innovation and accelerated bridge
3.5 construction.

3.6 **Subd. 3. Local Road Improvement Program** 100,000,000

3.7 This appropriation is from the bond proceeds
3.8 account in the state transportation fund as
3.9 provided in Minnesota Statutes, section
3.10 174.50. Of this appropriation:

3.11 (1) \$20,000,000 is for the trunk highway
3.12 corridor projects account, to be used as
3.13 provided in Minnesota Statutes, section
3.14 174.52, subdivision 2, for grants or loans
3.15 to local governments for the local share of
3.16 trunk highway projects with local costs that
3.17 are related to trunk highway improvements
3.18 and not fully funded with other state and
3.19 federal funds;

3.20 (2) \$40,000,000 is for the local road account
3.21 for routes of regional significance, to be used
3.22 as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section
3.23 174.52, subdivision 4, as grants or loans to
3.24 local governments to assist in paying the
3.25 costs of constructing or reconstructing city
3.26 streets, county highways, or town roads with
3.27 statewide or regional significance that have
3.28 not been fully funded through other state,
3.29 federal, or local funding sources; and

3.30 (3) \$40,000,000 is for the rural road safety
3.31 account, to be used as provided in Minnesota
3.32 Statutes, section 174.52, subdivision 4a, for
3.33 grants to counties to assist in paying the
3.34 costs of capital improvement projects on
3.35 county state-aid highways that are intended

4.1 primarily to reduce traffic crashes, deaths,
 4.2 injuries, and property damages.

4.3 **Subd. 4. Rail Service Improvement** 10,000,000

4.4 This appropriation is for the rail service
 4.5 improvement program to be spent as
 4.6 provided in Minnesota Statutes, section
 4.7 222.50, subdivision 7.

4.8 **Subd. 5. Northern Lights Express** 13,000,000

4.9 This appropriation is for a grant to the
 4.10 St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional
 4.11 Railroad Authority to plan and conduct
 4.12 studies in accordance with the Federal
 4.13 Rail Administration Railroad Corridor
 4.14 Transportation Planning Manual; and to
 4.15 administer, design, engineer, and construct
 4.16 a segment or segments of the Northern
 4.17 Lights Express intercity passenger rail
 4.18 service between the cities of Duluth and
 4.19 Minneapolis. This appropriation is in
 4.20 addition to the appropriation in Laws 2006,
 4.21 chapter 258, section 16, subdivision 5.

4.22 **Subd. 6. Port Development Assistance** 10,000,000

4.23 This appropriation is for the purposes of the
 4.24 port development assistance program under
 4.25 Minnesota Statutes, chapter 457A. Any
 4.26 improvements made with the proceeds of
 4.27 these grants must be publicly owned.

4.28 **Subd. 7. Greater Minnesota Transit Facilities** 29,140,000

4.29 This appropriation is to construct and
 4.30 rehabilitate facilities to support greater
 4.31 Minnesota transit. Of this appropriation:
 4.32 (1) \$13,600,000 is for the Rochester transit
 4.33 garage;

5.1 (2) \$5,200,000 is for the Mankato bus garage;

5.2 (3) \$520,000 is for the Northfield transit

5.3 station and park and ride;

5.4 (4) \$9,600,000 is for the Duluth multimodal

5.5 terminal; and

5.6 (5) \$220,000 is for the Stewartville park and

5.7 ride.

5.8 **Subd. 8. Railroad Grade Warning Devices**

19,800,000

5.9 This appropriation is for railroad grade

5.10 warning device installation and replacement.

5.11 Of this appropriation:

5.12 (1) \$10,800,000 is to replace existing devices

5.13 that have reached the end of their design life;

5.14 and

5.15 (2) \$9,000,000 is to install railroad grade

5.16 warning devices at unsignalized railroad

5.17 grade crossings with paved county highways.

5.18 **Sec. 3. METROPOLITAN COUNCIL**

\$ 50,000,000

5.19 This appropriation is for the transit way

5.20 capital improvement program to build

5.21 and improve transit ways by acquisition

5.22 of right-of-way, environmental work,

5.23 design, engineering, relocation of utilities,

5.24 and construction. The money from this

5.25 appropriation is to implement capital

5.26 improvements for one or more of the

5.27 following transit ways, that are not listed in

5.28 priority order: Bottineau Boulevard Transit

5.29 Way, Cedar Avenue Bus Rapid Transit, the

5.30 Central Corridor light rail line, I-94 Corridor

5.31 Transit Way, Red Rock Corridor Transit

5.32 Way, Riverview Corridor Transit Way,

5.33 Robert Street Corridor Transit Way, Rush

6.1 Line Corridor Transit Way, and Southwest
6.2 Corridor Transit Way.

6.3 The council shall determine project priorities
6.4 after consultation with the Counties Transit
6.5 Improvement Board and other stakeholders,
6.6 as appropriate. The council shall seek
6.7 geographic balance in the allotment of this
6.8 appropriation where possible and maximize
6.9 the use of all available federal money.

6.10 **Sec. 4. BOND SALE EXPENSES** **\$** **307,000**

6.11 To the commissioner of management
6.12 and budget for bond sale expenses under
6.13 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.641,
6.14 subdivision 8.

6.15 **Sec. 5. BOND SALE AUTHORIZATION.**

6.16 Subdivision 1. **Bond proceeds fund.** To provide the money appropriated in this act
6.17 from the bond proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and
6.18 issue bonds of the state in an amount up to \$131,940,000 in the manner, upon the terms,
6.19 and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and
6.20 by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

6.21 Subd. 2. **Transportation fund bond proceeds account.** To provide the
6.22 money appropriated in this act from the state transportation fund, the commissioner
6.23 of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to
6.24 \$175,000,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota
6.25 Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI,
6.26 sections 4 to 7. The proceeds of the bonds, except accrued interest and any premium
6.27 received on the sale of the bonds, must be credited to a bond proceeds account in the
6.28 state transportation fund.

6.29 **Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

6.30 This act is effective the day following final enactment.