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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation and Transit Policy and Oversight Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transit; modifying restrictions on Dan Patch commuter rail line to
1.3 allow study and planning; amending Laws 2002, chapter 393, section 85.

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

1.5 Section 1. Laws 2002, chapter 393, section 85, is amended to read:

1.6 Sec. 85. **DAN PATCH COMMUTER RAIL LINE; PROHIBITIONS.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "Dan Patch commuter rail
1.8 line" means the commuter rail line between Northfield and Minneapolis identified in the
1.9 metropolitan council's transit 2020 master plan as the Dan Patch line.

1.10 Subd. 2. **Metropolitan council; prohibitions.** The metropolitan council must not
1.11 take any action or spend any money for ~~study, planning,~~ preliminary engineering, final
1.12 design, or construction for the Dan Patch commuter rail line. ~~The council must remove~~
1.13 ~~all references, other than references for historical purposes, to the Dan Patch commuter~~
1.14 ~~rail line from any future revisions to the council's transportation development guide and~~
1.15 ~~the council's regional transit master plan.~~

1.16 Subd. 3. **Commissioner of transportation.** The commissioner of transportation
1.17 must not expend any money for ~~study, planning,~~ preliminary engineering, final design,
1.18 or construction for the Dan Patch commuter rail line. ~~The commissioner must remove~~
1.19 ~~all references, other than references for historical purposes, to the Dan Patch commuter~~
1.20 ~~rail line from any future revisions to the state transportation plan and the commissioner's~~
1.21 ~~commuter rail system plan.~~

1.22 Subd. 4. **Regional rail authorities.** No regional rail authority may expend any
1.23 money for ~~study, planning,~~ preliminary engineering, final design, or construction for
1.24 the Dan Patch commuter rail line.

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