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H.F. No. 80 - Miscellaneous Capital Investment Bonding Appropriations (Minnesota Laws 2019, Chapter 2)

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Article 1 repeals the authorization in the 2018 bonding bill (Laws 2018, chapter 214) to sell appropriation bonds that would have been repaid from money in the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund. Article 1 also repeals appropriations of proceeds from the sale of those appropriation bonds.

Article 1 authorizes the sale of general obligation bonds and appropriates the proceeds of those bonds for the same projects and purposes as had been funded with the 2018 appropriation bonds.

Article 2 amends some project descriptions and other provisions in the 2018 bonding bill.

Article 1 - Appropriations

Section 1 [Capital Improvement Appropriation] specifies that the appropriations in the bill are from the bond proceeds fund, unless otherwise specified, and describes constitutional and other constraints and conditions on the use of the appropriations in the bill. The appropriations are available until a project is completed or abandoned, unless unspent and unencumbered after four years.

Sections 2-6 appropriate proceeds from the sale of general obligation bonds for specified projects. These appropriations are for the same projects and in the same amounts as were funded through appropriation bonds in the 2018 bonding bill, except that the amount of the appropriation for the Anoka landfill project is increased to \$10.3 million.

Section 7 appropriates money for expenses associated with the sale of bonds.

Section 8 [Bond Sale Authorization] authorizes the sale of up to \$102,402,000 of general obligation bonds.

Section 9 [Repealer] repeals:

- a statutory section that established technical and procedural requirements for the sale of appropriation bonds to be repaid from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund;
- the section of the 2018 bonding bill that authorizes the sale of appropriation bonds and appropriates the proceeds from the sale of those appropriation bonds.

Section 10 [Expenditures] amends the statutory list of allowed uses of money in the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund by removing "to pay principal and interest on special appropriation trust fund bonds."

Section 11 [Effective Date] sets the effective date for the article as the day after enactment.

Article 2 – Corrections to 2018 Act

This article modifies provisions in the 2018 bonding bill (Laws 2018, Chapter 214).

Section 1 [Program authority; funding] permits the commissioner of transportation to use up to 17 percent of any appropriation for the Corridors of Commerce program. This codifies a provision that typically has been included in a rider for an appropriation to the program.

Sections 2 to 8 modify certain riders for appropriations in the 2018 bonding bill.

Section 2 [Local Road Improvement Fund Grants] modifies the project description for the expansion of Highway 26.

Section 3 [Brooklyn Park] adds the name of the grantee for the Trunk Highway 169 and 101st Avenue Interchange project.

Section 4 [Corridors of Commerce] allows flexibility to use appropriations for the Corridors of Commerce program in the 2017 and 2018 bonding bills. Allows MnDOT to move forward with projects identified in and funded with an appropriation in the 2018 bill that are ready to begin, while waiting on projects identified in and funded with an appropriation in the 2017 bill that are not ready to make use of the funding.

Section 5 [White Bear Lake Trail] deletes duplicative words in the description of the White Bear trails project,

Section 6 [St. Paul – Southeast Asian Language Job Training Facilities] modifies the project description for the Southeast Asian Language Job Training Facility.

Section 7 [Arden Hills – Water Main] corrects names of roads for the Arden Hills water main project.

Section 8 [Trunk Highway Fund] extends the availability of an appropriation for bond sale expenses for trunk highway bonds.

Section 9 [Bond Proceeds Fund] corrects the amount of general obligation bonds that the commissioner of management and budget is authorized to sell under the 2018 bonding bill.

Section 10 [Appropriation] modifies the description from the 2018 bonding bill of a grade separation project at Ramsey Boulevard in Anoka County.

Sections 11 [Ely Trailhead] eliminates an unnecessary bond sale authorization in the 2018 bonding bill. This authorization is not needed because the amount is included in the total general obligation bond sale authorization.

Sections 12 [Reforestation and Stand Improvement] eliminates an unnecessary bond sale authorization in the 2018 bonding bill. This authorization is not needed because the amount is included in the total general obligation bond sale authorization.

Section 13 [Application] corrects an internal cross-reference so that the proper project – the Anoka County Highway 10 project, rather than the Duluth Zoo project – is funded from the

local road improvement fund.

Section 14 [Reductions] clarifies an instruction as to a reduction of an appropriation in the 2018 bonding bill.

Section 15 [Repealer] repeals unnecessary bond sale authorizations in the 2018 bonding bill. These authorizations are not needed because the amounts are included in the total general obligation bond sale authorization.

Section 16 [Effective Date] makes this article effective the day after enactment.

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