

Subject Transportation finance omnibus

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Overview

This bill draft proposes to establish the transportation budget for fiscal years 2026-2027 and make a variety of transportation finance and policy changes.

Article 1: Appropriations

This article contains appropriations to establish the state transportation budget for fiscal years (FY) 2026-2027, which includes the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), administrative and transportation functions within the Department of Public Safety, and state funding for transportation activities of the Metropolitan Council. It also contains additional transportation-related appropriations, transfers, prior appropriation availability extensions and cancellations, and other spending allocation provisions.

Section	Description – Article 1: Appropriations
1	Transportation appropriations. Sets out the appropriations article structure and defines terms. Establishes that appropriations are from the Trunk Highway Fund unless another is named.
2	Department of Transportation. Establishes the FY 2026-2027 biennial budget for MnDOT. Makes various appropriations and provides for carryforward of funds, conditional appropriations, transfers, and legislative reporting.
3	Metropolitan Council. Makes FY 2026-2027 biennial appropriations for transportation functions of the Metropolitan Council.
4	Department of Public Safety. Establishes the FY 2026-2027 biennial budget for transportation-related as well as some agency-wide functions of the Department of Public Safety, including departmental administration, the State Patrol, Driver and Vehicle Services, the Office of Traffic Safety, and the Office of Pipeline Safety.

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- 5 **Appropriation; Board of Water and Soil Resources.**
Makes a \$3 million appropriation from the General Fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources in FY 2026 for local road wetland replacement activities.
- 6 **Appropriation; Department of Administration.**
Makes onetime appropriations of \$48.513 million in each of fiscal years 2026 and 2027 from the Trunk Highway Fund to the Department of Administration for a State Patrol central headquarters building.
- 7 **Appropriation; Department of Employment and Economic Development.**
Makes a \$250,000 appropriation from the General Fund to the Department of Employment and Economic Development for a grant to provide financial assistance for businesses impacted by a construction project on Arcade Street. Specifies aid distribution and reporting requirements.
- 8 **Appropriation; University of Minnesota.**
Makes onetime appropriations of \$2.5 million in each of fiscal years 2026 and 2027 from the General Fund to the University of Minnesota under a program to implement infrastructure project development partnerships with local units of government (which is being codified in article 2).
- 9 **Appropriation cancellations.**
Cancels portions of prior General Fund appropriations for (1) a rail corridor service analysis, (2) an electric vehicle infrastructure program, (3) a grant for transportation management organization development, and (4) projects and activities of the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety. Effective the day after enactment.
- 10 **Multimodal systems. (2021 appropriations law)**
Extends the availability of a FY 2022 appropriation for construction related to a second daily intercity passenger train service, from FY 2025 to FY 2028. Effective the day after enactment.
- 11 **Appropriation; Department of Transportation. (2021 appropriation law)**
Extends the availability of a FY 2022 appropriation for I-94 land bridge project development, from FY 2025 to FY 2026. Effective the day after enactment.
- 12 **Department of Transportation. (2023 appropriations law)**
Modifies use of funds in a FY 2024 appropriation for assistance to auto manufacturers, to remove a requirement to provide assistance through grants.

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13 Multimodal systems. (2023 appropriations law)

Extends the availability of FY 2024-2025 appropriations for capital and operating costs of a second daily intercity passenger train service, from FY 2025 to FY 2028. Effective the day after enactment.

14 State roads. (2023 appropriations law)

Extends the availability of (1) a FY 2024 appropriation for the Highways for Habitat program, from FY 2025 to FY 2027; and (2) a FY 2024 appropriation for costs of a property conveyance within Upper Sioux Agency State Park, from FY 2025 to FY 2027. Effective the day after enactment.

15 Trunk Highway 5; Chanhassen and Victoria. (2023 appropriations law)

Lengthens the permissible project segment for funds appropriated in FY 2024 for Trunk Highway 5 improvements. Effective the day after enactment.

16 U.S. Highway 8; Chisago County. (2023 appropriations law)

Extends a 2023 trunk highway bond sale authorization and appropriation of bond sale proceeds for a U.S. Highway 8 project in Chisago County.

17 State roads. (2024 appropriations law)

Modifies various aspects of 2024 appropriations for the trunk highway system, namely to (1) broaden the uses of funds under a landscaping rider; (2) extend the availability of grants to metropolitan planning organizations related to modeling activities as part of greenhouse gas emissions assessment, from FY 2025 to FY 2026; and (3) extend availability of funds for Trunk Highway 65 intersection improvements, from FY 2025 to FY 2028. Effective the day after enactment.

18 Transfers.

Paragraph (a) makes transfers in each of fiscal years 2026 and 2027 from the General Fund to an account for the Active Transportation program and sets a tracking base for transfers in FY 2028-31 from the General Fund to the active transportation account.

Paragraph (b) makes a onetime transfer of \$250,000 in FY 2026 to the local government road funding gap assistance account (which is being codified in article 2).

19 Allocation; Rum River Dam pedestrian bridge.

Redirects \$6.2 million in regional transportation sales tax funds in FY 2026, and FY 2027 if necessary, that would be allocated by formula to Anoka County, to instead be provided as a grant to city of Anoka for the Rum River Dam pedestrian bridge and bridge work.

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| 20 | <p>Allocations; Metropolitan Council; Hennepin County; Washington Avenue pedestrian bridge.</p> <p>Redirects regional transportation sales tax funds in FY 2026 to be provided as grants to the University of Minnesota for pedestrian enclosure and suicide deterrent barriers on the pedestrian section of the Washington Avenue Bridge in Minneapolis. The funds are (1) \$2 million from the allocation to the Metropolitan Council for active transportation, and (2) \$6 million from the allocation to Hennepin County.</p> |
| 21 | <p>Allocation; Metropolitan Council; transportation management organizations.</p> <p>Redirects \$1.4 million in regional transportation sales tax funds in FY 2026 that would be allocated to the Metropolitan Council for transit activities, to instead be provided as \$350,000 grants to four specified transportation management organizations.</p> |

Article 2: Transportation Finance and Policy

This article contains various provisions involving transportation finance and policy. The changes are effective July 1, 2025, unless specified otherwise.

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| 1 | <p>Duties. (Advisory Council on Traffic Safety)</p> <p>Revises duties for the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety, to direct advising the Department of Public Safety on traffic safety grants. Effective the day after enactment.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Administration. (Advisory Council on Traffic Safety)</p> <p>Authorizes the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety to host a traffic safety conference and authorizes the Department of Public Safety to enter into agreements to assist the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety. Effective the day after enactment.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Grant agreements for safety projects. (Advisory Council on Traffic Safety)</p> <p>Authorizes the Department of Public Safety to make grants on behalf of the Advisory Council on Traffic Safety for specified types of safety projects. Effective the day after enactment.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Driver's license photograph; exceptions.</p> <p>Makes a conforming change.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Greater Minnesota transit account.</p> <p>Establishes a reserve balance maximum for the Greater Minnesota transit account.</p> |

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- 6 **[Adds § 137.345] Empowering Small Minnesota Communities program.**
Establishes a program for partnerships between entities in the University of Minnesota and smaller political subdivisions to provide support and assistance on analysis, design, and project development for infrastructure projects.
- 7 **Project funding; regional balance.**
Revises requirements under the Corridors of Commerce program, to eliminate use of a rolling average in regional allocation calculations. Effective the day after enactment.
- 8 **Route No. 246.**
Revises a statutory route description as part of a trunk highway turnback.
- 9 **Officer Jason B. Meyer Memorial Highway.**
Designates a stretch of U.S. Highway 63 south of Racine as "Officer Jason B. Meyer Memorial Highway."
- 10 **Elmstrand * Finseth * Ruge Heroes Memorial Bridge.**
Designates a bridge on Burnsville Parkway over Interstate I-35W as "Elmstrand * Ruge * Finseth Heroes Memorial Bridge."
- 11 **Sergeant Joshua A. Schmit Memorial Highway.**
Designates a portion of Trunk Highway 23 from north of Willmar to Spicer as "Sergeant Joshua A. Schmit Memorial Highway."
- 12 **Impact mitigation; interlinking.**
Broadens the types of projects that can be linked as offsets to meet greenhouse gas emissions assessment and mitigation requirements for some trunk highway projects, to specify types of natural systems improvements as well as include some land acquisition for outdoor recreation activities and regional parks.
- 13 **[Adds § 162.175] Local government road funding gap assistance.**
Establishes a local government road funding gap assistance account and provides for financial assistance from the account to eligible local units of government for road systems.
- 14 **Dealer.**
Authorizes the Department of Public Safety to treat a motor vehicle dealer that is licensed in a neighboring state as licensed in Minnesota for some functions, including handling electronically-transmitted vehicle registrations and transfers. Effective October 1, 2025.

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15 Passenger automobile; hearse.

Eliminates a hold harmless requirement for the surcharge on all-electric vehicles, so that increases are not limited based on prior registration and surcharge amounts imposed for the vehicle. Effective for surcharges on or after January 1, 2026.

16 Electric vehicle.

Modifies the surcharge on electric vehicles, to shift to surcharge calculation based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price with a declining rate (matching the schedule for the registration tax). Sets a minimum flat amount that begins at \$150 and then adjusts to \$100 on and after July 1, 2027. Effective for registrations on or after January 1, 2026.

17 Plug-in hybrid electric vehicle.

Establishes a surcharge on plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, calculated based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price with a declining rate (matching the schedule for the registration tax). Sets a minimum flat amount that starts at \$75 and then adjusts to \$50 on and after July 1, 2027. Effective for registrations on or after January 1, 2026.

18 60-day temporary vehicle permit.

Extends the valid period, from 31 to 60 days, on a temporary vehicle permit that is issued instead of vehicle registration for a vehicle to be transported out of state. Effective October 1, 2025.

19 [Adds § 168.1289] Rental motor vehicle plates.

Establishes a rental motor vehicle special license plate. Sets eligibility, identifies eligible vehicles, specifies application requirements, provides for plate design, sets plate transfer requirements, and sets an exemption from validation stickers. Applies the earlier of July 1, 2026, or once the plates are made available.

20 Exemptions.

Establishes that independent contractors are not exempt from requirements to hold a dealer license for the relevant type of motor vehicle business activity.

21 Dealers' licenses; location change notice; fee.

Expands qualification requirements to obtain a dealer license related to motor vehicle business activity, which includes necessitating a national background check. Effective January 1, 2026.

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- 22 Dealer plates; issuance, fee, tax, use.**
Modifies requirements on motor vehicle dealer special plates, to set a maximum of 50 plate issuances to a dealer and allow use of the plates on a courtesy vehicle while a customer's vehicle is being repaired.
- 23 Dealer license for trailers, motorized bicycles; plates, fees; exemptions.**
Sets a maximum of 50 dealer plates that can be issued to dealers involved in sales of mopeds and some types of trailers.
- 24 Reimbursements.**
Directs payments to deputy registrars for some types of motor vehicle transactions, in specified reimbursement amounts based on the type of transaction. Effective August 1, 2025.
- 25 Requirements upon subsequent transfer; service fee.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 26 [Adds § 168A.1502] Insurer application for title.**
Authorizes a process for issuance of a title on a motor vehicle that is acquired by an insurer through an insurance payment, when the title was not provided to the insurer following a claim payment. Effective September 1, 2025.
- 27 [Adds § 168A.1503] Requirements upon unpaid insurance vehicle claim.**
Sets requirements on disposition of a motor vehicle in the possession of a salvage vehicle auction company on behalf of an insurer following an insurance claim. Effective September 1, 2025.
- 28 Fuel products. (Retail delivery fee)**
Defines "fuel products" for the chapter of state statutes governing the retail delivery fee.
- 29 Road construction materials. (Retail delivery fee)**
Defines "road construction materials" for the chapter of state statutes governing the retail delivery fee.
- 30 Transactions. (Retail delivery fee)**
Adds an exemption from the retail delivery fee for delivery following a sale of (1) some liquefied fuel products that are subject to the state general sales tax when sold, and (2) road construction materials.

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- 31 **Intersection.**
Revises the definition of “intersection” for the chapter of state statutes governing traffic regulations.
- 32 **Traffic-control signal.**
Clarifies the traffic regulation meaning for flashing yellow arrows on traffic-control signals. Effective August 1, 2025.
- 33 **Seat belt requirement.**
Requires use of a factory equipped seatbelt in a class 2 all-terrain vehicle when it is operated in a public road right-of-way.
- 34 **Definition. (Special farm products permit)**
Temporarily—until January 1, 2031—adds crude soybean oil to the set of agricultural products that can be transported under a special overweight vehicle permit for farm products. Effective January 1, 2026.
- 35 **Requirements; restrictions. (Special farm products permit)**
Limits the county routes and state highways on which a vehicle can haul crude soybean oil under the special farm products permit. Effective January 1, 2026.
- 36 **Driving rules.**
Limits the road types where a motorcyclist may perform lane splitting or filtering.
- 37 **Road test.**
Defines “road test” in the chapter of state statutes that governs driver licensing.
- 38 **Work zone.**
Defines “work zone” in the chapter of state statutes that governs driver licensing.
- 39 **Person 18 or more years of age.**
Extends the valid length of time for a commercial learner’s permit, from six months to one year.
- 40 **Evidence; identity; date of birth.**
Eliminates documents from a list of the ones that can be provided to demonstrate identity and date of birth in application for a REAL-ID compliant credential (which are reproduced in a separate statutory list of name change documents).

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41 Evidence of name change.

Establishes a list of documents that can be provided to demonstrate a name change as part of application for a REAL-ID compliant credential.

42 Reimbursements.

Directs payments to driver's license agents for some types of license and identification card transactions, in specified reimbursement amounts based on the type of transaction. Effective August 1, 2025.

43 Driver education; work zone safety.

Directs Department of Public Safety rulemaking to require work zone and road construction worker safety curriculum in driver's education. Applies beginning July 1, 2026.

44 Driver's manual; work zone safety.

Directs the Department of Public Safety to update the driver's manual with information on work zone and road construction worker safety. Effective the day after enactment.

45 Certain head wear permitted.

Permits an applicant to refrain from removing a medically required head covering for a driver's license or identification card photograph. Effective the day after enactment.

46 Examination subjects and locations.

Adds work zone and road construction worker safety as required topics in the driver's license knowledge exam. Effective for examinations beginning January 1, 2027.

47 Examination fees.

Increases the fee, from \$20 to \$40, for a road test no-show or a cancellation within 24 hours of the scheduled appointment time. Imposes a fee of \$20 for a cancellation that is 24 to 72 hours before the scheduled time. Effective August 1, 2025.

48 Test scheduling.

Allows Department of Public Safety scheduling of recurring appointment time blocks for commercial driver's license road tests. Makes a technical change.

49 Offenses.

Makes a technical change, to identify statutory cross references related to driver's license revocations.

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- 50 **Establishment.**
Makes a conforming change (which is related to revised numbering for driver's license revocation provisions).
- 51 **Conditions of issuance.**
Makes a conforming change (which is related to revised numbering for driver's license revocation provisions).
- 52 **Expiration. (Reintegration license)**
Extends the valid period for a reintegration driver's license, from 15 to 24 months. Effective the day after enactment.
- 53 **Issuance of regular driver's license. (Reintegration license)**
Provides a 90-day grace period during which an expired reintegration driver's license can be provided in regular license applications. Effective the day after enactment.
- 54 **Definitions.**
Makes a conforming change (which is related to revised numbering for driver's license revocation provisions).
- 55 **Issuance of restricted license.**
Makes a conforming change (which is related to revised numbering for driver's license revocation provisions).
- 56 **Rulemaking. (Ignition interlock)**
Revises direction to the Department of Public Safety to adopt rules relating to the ignition interlock device program. Effective the day after enactment.
- 57 **[Adds § 171.97] Flexible instruction permitted.**
Authorizes a combination of online, teleconference, and in-person classroom instruction in specified circumstances. Effective August 1, 2025.
- 58 **[Adds § 174.065] Consolidated local transportation financials report.**
Directs MnDOT to submit an annual report that combines and summarizes reporting from Twin Cities metropolitan area counties and associated regional railroad authorities. Specifies required financial details.
- 59 **Exceptions.**
Prevents expiration of a consolidated local transportation financial report being established elsewhere in this article.

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- 60 **Program administration. (Active Transportation program)**
Removes a requirement of annual funding solicitations by MnDOT under the Active Transportation program.
- 61 **Metropolitan counties; use of funds.**
Adds a definition of active transportation in a provision governing Twin Cities metropolitan area county use of funds from the transportation advancement account. Makes technical changes.
- 62 **Metropolitan counties; financial information.**
Directs Twin Cities metropolitan area counties to submit specified financial information to MnDOT as part of a consolidated financial report being established elsewhere in this article.
- 63 **Passenger rail account; transfers; appropriation.**
Delays the commencement of annual transfers from the General Fund to the passenger rail account, to begin in 2029 instead of 2027.
- 64 **Definitions. (Electric-assisted bicycle rebate)**
Adds two prior years of income tax return filing as part of the eligibility requirements for an electric-assisted bicycle rebate. Effective for 2025 rebates. Defines “person with a disability.”
- 65 **Amount of rebate. (Electric-assisted bicycle rebate)**
Revises electric-assisted bicycle rebate program requirements, including to reduce the maximum amount to \$750, lower the adjusted gross income cap, and allow for rebate issuance to a person with a disability regardless of income. Effective for 2025 rebates.
- 66 **Commissioner to issue rebate certificates. (Electric-assisted bicycle rebate)**
Revises the allocation process for electric-assisted bicycle rebates, including to shift to a lottery basis instead of first-come, first-served. Effective for 2025 rebates.
- 67 **Electric vehicle.**
Defines “electric vehicle” in the chapter of state statutes that governs motor fuels taxes.
- 68 **Electric vehicle supply equipment.**
Defines “electric vehicle supply equipment” in the chapter of state statutes that governs motor fuels taxes.

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- 69 **Electricity as vehicle fuel.**
Defines “electricity as vehicle fuel” and “electricity sold as vehicle fuel” in the chapter of state statutes that governs motor fuels taxes.
- 70 **Public charging station.**
Defines “public charging station” in the chapter of state statutes that governs motor fuels taxes.
- 71 **Public charging station operator.**
Defines “public charging station operator” in the chapter of state statutes that governs motor fuels taxes.
- 72 **Rules; administration and enforcement.**
Authorizes the Department of Revenue to undertake rulemaking for administration and enforcement related to electricity sold as vehicle fuel.
- 73 **[Adds § 296A.051] Public charging station operator’s license; requirements.**
Establishes requirements on Department of Revenue qualifications and licensing for a public charging station operator.
- 74 **Suspension of license.**
Makes public charging station operators subject to the license suspension requirements in place for motor fuel distributors and dealers.
- 75 **Cancellation or nonrenewal of licenses.**
Provides for public charging station operator license cancellation or nonrenewal in some circumstances.
- 76 **[Adds § 296A.075] Electricity as vehicle fuel tax.**
Beginning July 1, 2027, imposes a tax on a public charging station operator for electricity sold as vehicle fuel at a public charging station. The rate is five cents per kilowatt hour of electricity sold. Sets requirements, specifies exemptions, and directs deposit of the revenue into the Highway User Tax Distribution (HUTD) Fund.
- 77 **Required records.**
Sets requirements on bookkeeping and records for public charging station operators.
- 78 **Operating without license.**
Makes a public charging station operator who operates without a license subject to the taxes and penalties in place for motor fuel distributors and dealers.

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79 Deposit of revenues. (General sales tax – automotive parts)

Revises the allocation formula for revenue from the state general sales tax attributed to automotive parts sales, to reduce the percentage directed to the HUTD Fund and increase the share to the General Fund. Subsequently phases in a return to the current HUTD Fund share over FY 2030-37.

80 Definitions. (Regional transportation sales tax)

Defines “metropolitan counties” in the statute on the regional transportation sales tax.

81 Distribution. (Regional transportation sales tax)

Paragraph (a) revises the revenue allocation from the regional transportation sales tax, so that:

- 83 percent goes to the Metropolitan Council for transit and active transportation (which is unchanged from current law);
- 8.5 percent goes to the Metropolitan Council for bus rapid transit and busway capital build-out, as a new distribution and purpose; and
- 8.5 percent goes to Twin Cities metropolitan area counties, decreased from 17 percent.

Paragraph (b) appropriates the county allocation to MnDOT for formula-based distribution (which uses the same formula as county distribution of transportation advancement account funds).

Effective for revenue starting July 1, 2025.

82 Revenue bonds. (Regional transportation sales tax)

Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to issue revenue bonds using regional transportation sales tax revenue allocated to the council for bus rapid transit and busways.

83 Uses reporting.

Revises legislative reporting requirements from Twin Cities metropolitan area counties on use of county transportation sales and use tax funds.

84 Railroad and pipeline safety account.

Eliminates appropriations and transfers from the railroad and pipeline safety account (which are substantially reproduced in a different subdivision). Effective the day after enactment.

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85 Assessments.

Modifies assessment amounts on railroad and pipeline companies, to reduce the amount assessed to pipeline companies and increase the assessment to railroad companies. Makes appropriations and provides for distribution to the grade crossing safety account (which substantially reproduce provisions eliminated in another subdivision). Effective the day after enactment.

86 Coordinated unmanned aircraft event.

Defines “coordinated unmanned aircraft event” for state statutes that govern aircraft registration and taxes.

87 Electronic attestation.

Defines “electronic attestation” for state statutes that govern aircraft registration and taxes. Effective August 1, 2025.

88 Collector's aircraft.

Allows electronic attestation in registration of some antique and classic aircraft. Makes technical changes. Effective August 1, 2025.

89 Recreational aircraft; classic license.

Allows electronic attestation in registration of some lower price recreational aircraft. Makes technical changes. Effective August 1, 2025.

90 Agricultural aircraft.

Allows electronic attestation in registration of some aircraft used for agricultural purposes. Makes technical changes. Effective August 1, 2025.

91 Coordinated unmanned aircraft system fleets.

Provides for fleet registration of unmanned aircraft systems used in coordinated flight as part of a one-day event. Sets registration and fee requirements.

92 Financial information.

Directs regional railroad authorities associated with Twin Cities metropolitan area counties to submit financial information to MnDOT for a consolidated financial report being established elsewhere in this article.

93 Direct negotiations.

Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to contract for construction or maintenance using direct negotiation under some circumstances. Effective the day after enactment.

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- 94 **Budget.**
Eliminates a transit financial plan requirement for the Metropolitan Council. Effective the day after enactment.
- 95 **Transportation financial review.**
Directs suburban transit providers to submit financial reporting to the Metropolitan Council (which is similar to required reporting in a section being repealed elsewhere in this article). Effective the day after enactment.
- 96 **Small businesses.**
Modifies bidding and contracting requirements related to small targeted group businesses and veteran-owned small businesses, including to authorize use of bid preferences on services and construction contracts at the percentages specified for state agencies. Effective the day after enactment.
- 97 **Working capital fund.**
Amends reference to a federal definition in a provision on working capital loans to businesses owned by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual. Effective the day after enactment.
- 98 **Forecasted funding.**
Eliminates prior year expenditure reporting in a Metro Mobility financial review required of the Metropolitan Council as part of each state forecast. Effective the day after enactment.
- 99 **Obligations.**
Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to issue bonds or other obligations for regional transit capital expenditures, up to specified limits for each of fiscal years 2026 and 2027. Effective the day after enactment.
- 100 **General fund impacts.**
Directs annual certification by the Department of Revenue and retention of regional transportation sales tax revenue to cover General Fund costs associated with regional transit capital bonding being authorized for the Metropolitan Council elsewhere in this article. Effective the day after enactment.
- 101 **Limitation; light rail transit.**
Prevents the proceeds from regional transit capital bonds, being authorized elsewhere in this article, from being used for light rail transit expansion projects. Effective the day after enactment.

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- 102 **Transit service for certified disabled riders.**
Establishes free regular route transit service in the Twin Cities metropolitan area for certified special transportation service (e.g., Metro Mobility) riders.
- 103 **Report required; cleaning standards and expenditures.**
Revises requirements for a Metropolitan Council report on transit cleanliness and ridership experience, including to change the due date to February 15 annually and eliminate a recommendations portion. Effective the day after enactment.
- 104 **Definition. (Regional transportation sales tax uses)**
Defines terms and revises a definition for the statute that governs uses of funds from the regional transportation sales tax.
- 105 **Use of funds; Metropolitan Council (Regional transportation sales tax uses)**
Makes conforming changes.
- 106 **Use of funds; Metropolitan Council; loan authorizations and requirements; coordinated corridor projects. (Regional transportation sales tax uses)**
Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to provide loans totaling up to \$250 million from the Council's portion of regional transportation sales tax revenue, for two specified bus rapid transit projects in coordination with highway construction. Sets use and reporting requirements and provides for expiration of the authority. Effective the day after enactment.
- 107 **Repayment of funds from authorized loan. (Regional transportation sales tax uses)**
Sets requirements on repayment of Metropolitan Council loans to MnDOT for transit and highway project coordination. Effective the day after enactment.
- 108 **Use of funds; bus expansion. (Regional transportation sales tax uses)**
Identifies uses of additional funds directed to the Metropolitan Council from the regional transportation sales tax, to be for project development and construction of bus rapid transit and other busway projects in conformance with an expansion plan (which is being required elsewhere in this article).
- 109 **Use of funds; metropolitan counties. (Regional transportation sales tax uses)**
Broadens the allowable uses of funds allocated among Twin Cities metropolitan area counties from a portion of the regional transportation sales tax, to be for transportation purposes generally as well as activities that provide for greenhouse gas emissions offsets as part of mitigation requirements for some trunk highway projects. The revised uses replaces existing specified percentages for various

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purposes that include active transportation, transportation system maintenance, and transit.

This section also eliminates a legislative report from Twin Cities metropolitan area counties on use of regional transportation sales tax fund (which is being replaced by consolidated financial reporting requirements elsewhere in this article).

110 Regional bus expansion implementation plan. (Regional transportation sales tax uses)

Directs the Metropolitan Council to develop a plan for bus guideway and busway expansion. Makes the plan due by January 15, 2026, and specifies plan elements. Effective the day after enactment.

111 Traffic safety violations disposition analysis.

Extends the due date for a final report on an analysis of the disposition of various types of traffic citations, to be January 15, 2026, instead of July 1, 2025. Effective the day after enactment.

112 Driving while impaired conviction or adjudication; period of license revocation.

Makes a conforming change (which is related to revised numbering for driver's license revocation provisions).

113 Criminal vehicular operation or homicide conviction; period of license revocation.

Makes a conforming change (which is related to revised numbering for driver's license revocation provisions).

114 Minnesota Senate Majority Leader Kari Dziedzic Memorial Bridge.

Directs Minneapolis to designate the 10th Avenue Bridge as the "Minnesota Senate Majority Leader Kari Dziedzic Memorial Bridge." Effective the day after local approval.

115 Autonomous mower research and development.

Directs MnDOT to study autonomous mower technology. Specifies research details and requires a legislative report by February 15, 2027.

116 Department of Transportation; cost participation policy update required.

Directs MnDOT to adopt a revised cost participation policy between the department and local units of government by March 1, 2026. Requires a report on a draft policy. Effective the day after enactment.

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- 117 Rulemaking; loss of voluntary control provisions modification.**
Directs the Department of Public Safety to revise administrative rules that govern physician's statements on a driver's ability to safely operate a vehicle following an episode of loss of consciousness or voluntary control, to terminate mandated physician's statements in some situations. Effective the day after enactment.
- 118 Additional full-service provider in Circle Pines.**
Directs the Department of Public Safety to appoint the existing deputy registrar and driver's license agent as a full-service office in the city of Circle Pines.
- 119 Corridors of Commerce; 2022-2023 solicitation.**
Directs MnDOT regarding calculation of regional allocations for Corridors of Commerce project selections for funds used in the 2022-23 selection round.
- 120 Anoka Station shared use.**
Directs the Metropolitan Council to provide shared use of the Anoka Station. Effective the day after enactment.
- 121 Electricity as vehicle fuel working group.**
Directs creation of an Electricity as Vehicle Fuel Working Group. Specifies membership and appointments, identifies duties, provides for working group administration and support, and requires a legislative report by February 13, 2026. Effective the day after enactment.
- 122 Study; wheelchair accessible vehicle supply and availability.**
Directs MnDOT to conduct a study on supply and demand of transportation network company vehicles for individuals with mobility challenges. Specifies study objectives, sets public engagement requirements, and requires a legislative report by February 15, 2026.
- 123 Study; high-subsidy transit service analysis.**
Directs the Metropolitan Council to conduct an analysis of high-subsidy routes in the regular route transit system. Specifies analysis contents. Requires submission of the analysis to the legislature by March 1, 2026. Effective the day after enactment.
- 124 Study; Metro Mobility forecasting analysis.**
Directs MnDOT to arrange for an analysis of Metropolitan Council forecasting practices for Metro Mobility costs and service. Specifies analysis details. Requires submission of the analysis to the legislature by February 1, 2026. Effective the day after enactment.

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125 Study; bus rapid transit alternate mode analysis.

Directs the Metropolitan Council to conduct an analysis of alternate transit options in the corridor of the Blue Line light rail transit extension project. Specifies analysis contents. Requires a legislative report by January 15, 2026. Effective the day after enactment.

126 Repealer.

Repeals a legislative report from the Metropolitan Council on transit operating expenses and reserves.



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