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S.F. No. 3859 – Municipal consent required for guideways

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S.F. 3859 establishes a process for municipal consent for guideways constructed by the Metropolitan Council (“Council”). (A guideway is a form of public transportation that is provided on a regular, ongoing basis that operates entirely or mostly within separated rights-of-ways.) The process is similar to the municipal consent process for light rail transit projects. The process requires local hearings on proposed guideway plans followed by approval or disapproval of the plans from local governments where the guideway is proposed to be located. Local governments are permitted with revoke approval prior to the Council obtaining federal funding for the project. The Council is prohibited from applying for or requesting federal funds for a guideway project until municipal consent is obtained from each local government where the guideway is proposed to be located.