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S.F. No. 3990 – Guideway funding modifications (as amended by the A1 amendment)

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Section 1 [§473.39; Limitation on certain debt obligations] prohibits the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) from issuing certificates of participation for guideways. This broadens the current prohibition, which only applies to certificates of participation for light rail transit.

Section 2 [§473.4487; County responsibility for guideway funding] requires counties where a guideway will be located to pay for all costs of guideways using nonstate funds. The state is prohibited from contributing in any manner to any guideway costs.

Background. Guideways are forms of public transportation that are provided on a regular, ongoing basis that operates entirely or mostly within separated rights-of-ways, including rail transit and some bus lines.