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S.F. No. 1625 – Commissioner of MnDOT established as responsible authority for light rail transit projects (Committee Engrossment)

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S.F. 1625, as amended by the A-3 amendment adopted on March 6, 2023, requires the commissioner of transportation to be the responsible authority for light rail transit projects and to construct certain transit facilities in the metropolitan area.

Section 1 [Construction of nonarterial bus rapid transit] requires the commissioner of transportation to construct bus rapid transit facilities and infrastructure if the bus rapid transit project's estimated costs exceed \$100,000,000 or the bus rapid transit line operates substantially within separated rights-of-way (also known as arterial bus rapid transit).

Section 2 [Designation of responsible authority] requires the governor to designate the commissioner of transportation as the entity responsible for planning, designing, acquiring, construction, and equipping a light rail transit facility in the metropolitan area.

Sections 3 to 9 make conforming changes stemming from the designation of the commissioner of transportation as the sole responsible authority on light rail transit projects in **section 2**.

Section 10 [Effective date] provides an effective date of final enactment for all bus rapid transit projects, except for the Gold Line bus rapid transit project. Sections 2 to 9 are effective the day following final enactment and apply to projects that secure full funding grant agreements on or after that date.