



S.F. No. 285 – Cost participation requirements for trunk highway projects; appropriation

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Section 1 states that Department of Transportation (MNDOT) policies regarding local governments' cost participation for trunk highway projects cannot require a local government to pay for project costs within trunk highway right-of-way, including utility relocation costs, regardless of facility ownership.

This prohibition:

- applies even if the relevant costs are not eligible for trunk highway funding or if the project has non-trunk highway system benefits; but
- does not apply for project costs agreed upon between MNDOT and a local government for work outside of the project scope.

This section is effective July 1, 2025, except for projects programmed prior to that date and scheduled to begin in calendar year 2025.

Section 2 appropriates an undetermined yearly amount, beginning in FY 2026, from the general fund to MNDOT for trunk highway project costs that are not eligible for trunk highway fund expenditures.

