

1.1 **Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred**

1.2 **S.F. No. 817:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying requirements related
1.3 to highway project development and highway purposes, including transportation cumulative
1.4 impacts analysis, alternative design analysis, position of environmental justice ombudsperson,
1.5 and permissible uses of certain highway funds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections
1.6 116.065, by adding a subdivision; 161.045; 174.02, subdivision 2a; proposing coding for
1.7 new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 161.

1.8 Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

1.9 Page 3, line 13, after "all" insert "current and future designs of"

1.10 Page 4, after line 9, insert:

1.11 "Subd. 3. Policy advisory committee; bylaws. The commissioner must adopt bylaws
1.12 and procedures to govern the approval and operation of the policy advisory committee.

1.13 Adopted bylaws must include:

1.14 (1) the establishment of a regular meeting schedule, with a minimum of 30 days public
1.15 notice between meetings;

1.16 (2) a process by which policy advisory committee members can introduce resolutions
1.17 to be voted on by the advisory committee to take formal positions and make requests of the
1.18 department for the project; and

1.19 (3) the establishment of procedures for organizing and holding public meetings under
1.20 the requirements of subdivision 4.

1.21 Subd. 4. Policy advisory committee; public meetings. The formation of a policy
1.22 advisory committee under this section must include a robust and meaningful process for
1.23 public participation and community engagement by the impacted community in project
1.24 development. The commissioner must conduct, in coordination with the policy advisory
1.25 committee, in-person public hearings at different locations and times and historically
1.26 underserved communities in the impacted projected area. Meetings must:

1.27 (1) be held with a minimum of 30 days of public notice and notice to elected officials,
1.28 with the notice specifying the date, time, and location of the meeting;

1.29 (2) include a published meeting agenda and post the agenda publicly on the department's
1.30 website;

1.31 (3) mandate at least 15 minutes of public comment period for members of the public to
1.32 testify, provide context, and offer input on the project and development of a preferred
1.33 alternative;

(4) offer the opportunity for written comment in advance of the hearing which must be reviewed and included in meeting records; and

(5) require the department to respond to public comments submitted in advance and explain whether and how the input will be used to influence future project decisions.

Subd. 5. Policy advisory committee; legislative report. Beginning February 15, 2026, and each year thereafter, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. The report must detail the activities of any policy advisory committee during the prior year, including the commissioner's identified impacted project areas where the formation of a policy advisory committee will be required. The report must also provide a detailed summary of public feedback and comment on specified projects, as well as any adopted resolutions or formal resolutions adopted by a policy advisory committee."

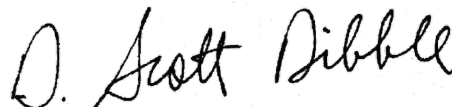
Page 4, line 23, after "exposure" insert "to past and current pollutants along with cumulative exposure"

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, after the second "analysis" insert "policy advisory committee and establishing bylaws, public comment requirements,"

Page 1, line 5, after the semicolon, insert "requiring a report;"

And when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government without recommendation. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.



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(Committee Chair)

April 2, 2025.....
(Date of Committee recommendation)