



AGENCY INITIATIVE: STREAMLINE TRANSPORTATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

H.F. 2204 (Rehm) / S.F. 2886 (Johnson Stewart)

This proposal would change required Metropolitan Council transportation financial, and cleaning and repair standards reporting requirements to streamline reporting processes, reduce redundancies, and optimize transparency.

Why the Met Council is pursuing this legislation

- The Met Council is committed to providing accurate and comprehensive reports to the legislature that detail important accomplishments throughout the seven-county metro region. New reporting requirements were established for the Met Council during the 2023-24 legislative session, where the organization would provide additional transportation financial reporting to the legislature, along with new reports for Metro Transit's Cleaning and Repair Standards and Transit Safety and Rider Experience. This proposal will align the various reporting timelines, reduce redundancies, and improve efficiency.
- Currently, the Met Council provides multiple financial forecasts and reports for its transportation program. Often, these reports contain redundant information previously provided to the legislature. Consolidating the reports will minimize redundant information and reviews. In addition, new deadlines would enable the Met Council staff to include more complete, up-to-date information in the reports for a simplified, more comprehensive review process.
- The proposal to change the reporting due date in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.412, subdivision 3 to February 15 annually will align the timing of two legislative reports relating to the transit customer experience and allow more comprehensive reporting for a full calendar year. The legislature will receive the most accurate, up-to-date information near the beginning of the legislative session.

Section 1

- Removes a transportation program forecast reporting requirement that is currently required under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.13, subdivision 6 and Minnesota Statutes, section 473.4485.

Section 2

- Moves the reporting requirement for replacement service providers to Minnesota Statutes, section 473.13 from Minnesota Statutes, section 473.452, which is then repealed in this bill.

Section 3

- Removes a duplicative expenditure reporting requirement that is required in other legislatively mandated reports due on January 15 (previous four years).

Section 4

- Changes the due date for the required cleaning standards and expenditures report in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.412, subdivision 3 from “October 1, 2024, and every year thereafter” to “annually by February 15.” This is the same due date as the required transit safety and rider experience report in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.4077, subdivision 2.
- Removes the following requirement from the cleaning standards and expenditures report in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.412, subdivision 3: “(6) any recommendations for additions to the transit rider code of conduct adopted by the council under section 473.4065 or the transit rider investment program under section 473.4075.” This reporting requirement duplicates reporting required in Minnesota Statutes, section 473.4077, subdivision 2.

Section 5

- Repeals Minnesota Statutes, section 473.452, as the requirements found in that statute are being incorporated into Section 2 of this bill

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