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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 301

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation finance; modifying an appropriation for state road
1.3 construction; amending Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1,
1.4 section 2, subdivision 3.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 1, section 2, subdivision 3,
1.7 is amended to read:

1.8 Subd. 3. State Roads

1.9 (a) Operations and Maintenance 370,975,000 369,481,000
1.10 \$2,130,000 in each year is for liquid deicing
1.11 chemicals and storage and application
1.12 equipment to reduce road salt use. This is a
1.13 onetime appropriation.

1.14 The base is \$367,351,000 in each of fiscal
1.15 years 2024 and 2025.

1.16 (b) Program Planning and Delivery

1.17 (1) Planning and Research 31,690,000 31,190,000
1.18 The commissioner may use any balance
1.19 remaining in this appropriation for program
1.20 delivery under clause (2).

1.21 Up to \$500,000 in fiscal year 2022 is for safety
1.22 improvements in Department of

2.1 Transportation District 1, to perform cost
 2.2 estimating, environmental permitting, and
 2.3 preliminary engineering on trunk highway
 2.4 segments with a continuous freeway or
 2.5 expressway gap.

2.6 \$130,000 in each year is available for
 2.7 administrative costs of the targeted group
 2.8 business program.

2.9 \$266,000 in each year is available for grants
 2.10 to metropolitan planning organizations outside
 2.11 the seven-county metropolitan area.

2.12 \$900,000 in each year is available for grants
 2.13 for transportation studies outside the
 2.14 metropolitan area to identify critical concerns,
 2.15 problems, and issues. These grants are
 2.16 available: (1) to regional development
 2.17 commissions; (2) in regions where no regional
 2.18 development commission is functioning, to
 2.19 joint powers boards established under
 2.20 agreement of two or more political
 2.21 subdivisions in the region to exercise the
 2.22 planning functions of a regional development
 2.23 commission; and (3) in regions where no
 2.24 regional development commission or joint
 2.25 powers board is functioning, to the Department
 2.26 of Transportation district office for that region.

2.27 **(2) Program Delivery** 231,028,000 231,028,000

2.28 This appropriation includes use of consultants
 2.29 to support development and management of
 2.30 projects.

2.31 \$1,000,000 in each year is available for
 2.32 management of contaminated and regulated
 2.33 material on property owned by the Department
 2.34 of Transportation, including mitigation of

3.1 property conveyances, facility acquisition or
 3.2 expansion, chemical release at maintenance
 3.3 facilities, and spills on the trunk highway
 3.4 system where there is no known responsible
 3.5 party. If the appropriation for either year is
 3.6 insufficient, the appropriation for the other
 3.7 year is available for it.

3.8			974,282,000
3.9	(c) State Road Construction	1,131,925,000	<u>1,289,782,000</u>

3.10 This appropriation is for the actual
 3.11 construction, reconstruction, and improvement
 3.12 of trunk highways, including design-build
 3.13 contracts, internal department costs associated
 3.14 with delivering the construction program,
 3.15 consultant usage to support these activities,
 3.16 and the cost of actual payments to landowners
 3.17 for lands acquired for highway rights-of-way,
 3.18 payment to lessees, interest subsidies, and
 3.19 relocation expenses.

3.20 This appropriation includes federal highway
 3.21 aid. The commissioner of transportation must
 3.22 notify the chairs, ranking minority members,
 3.23 and staff of the legislative committees with
 3.24 jurisdiction over transportation finance of any
 3.25 significant events that cause the estimates of
 3.26 federal aid to change.

3.27 The commissioner may expend up to one-half
 3.28 of one percent of the federal appropriations
 3.29 under this paragraph as grants to opportunity
 3.30 industrialization centers and other nonprofit
 3.31 job training centers for job training programs
 3.32 related to highway construction.

3.33 The commissioner may transfer up to
 3.34 \$15,000,000 in each year to the transportation
 3.35 revolving loan fund.

4.1 The commissioner may receive money
 4.2 covering other shares of the cost of partnership
 4.3 projects. These receipts are appropriated to
 4.4 the commissioner for these projects.

4.5 The base is \$974,282,000 in each of fiscal
 4.6 years 2024 and 2025.

4.7 **(d) Corridors of Commerce** 25,000,000 25,000,000

4.8 This appropriation is for the corridors of
 4.9 commerce program under Minnesota Statutes,
 4.10 section 161.088. The commissioner may use
 4.11 up to 17 percent of the amount in each year
 4.12 for program delivery.

4.13 **(e) Highway Debt Service** 235,849,000 281,064,000

4.14 \$232,849,000 in fiscal year 2022 and
 4.15 \$278,064,000 in fiscal year 2023 are for
 4.16 transfer to the state bond fund. If this
 4.17 appropriation is insufficient to make all
 4.18 transfers required in the year for which it is
 4.19 made, the commissioner of management and
 4.20 budget must transfer the deficiency amount
 4.21 as provided under Minnesota Statutes, section
 4.22 16A.641, and notify the chairs, ranking
 4.23 minority members, and staff of the legislative
 4.24 committees with jurisdiction over
 4.25 transportation finance and the chairs of the
 4.26 senate Finance Committee and the house of
 4.27 representatives Ways and Means Committee
 4.28 of the amount of the deficiency. Any excess
 4.29 appropriation cancels to the trunk highway
 4.30 fund.

4.31 **(f) Statewide Radio Communications** 6,239,000 6,239,000

4.32 Appropriations by Fund
 4.33 2022 2023

5.1	General	3,000	3,000
5.2	Trunk Highway	6,236,000	6,236,000
5.3	\$3,000 in each year is from the general fund		
5.4	to equip and operate the Roosevelt signal		
5.5	tower for Lake of the Woods weather		
5.6	broadcasting.		

5.7 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.