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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transit; establishing a farebox recovery objective for certain Twin Cities  
1.3 metropolitan area transit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 473.146,  
1.4 subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 473.146, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Development guide: transportation.** (a) The transportation chapter must  
1.8 include policies relating to all transportation forms and be designed to promote the legislative  
1.9 determinations, policies, and goals set forth in section 473.371.

1.10 (b) In addition to the policy plan content requirements under subdivision 1, the policy  
1.11 plan must also establish as a primary objective an increase of the average farebox recovery  
1.12 ratio, calculated for all regular routes and lines operated by the council, to at least 80 percent  
1.13 by 2022. The plan must identify strategies to achieve the farebox recovery objective under  
1.14 this paragraph.

1.15 (c) In addition to the requirements of subdivision 1 regarding the contents of the policy  
1.16 plan, the nontransit element of the transportation chapter must include the following:

1.17 (1) a statement of the needs and problems of the metropolitan area with respect to the  
1.18 functions covered, including the present and prospective demand for and constraints on  
1.19 access to regional business concentrations and other major activity centers and the constraints  
1.20 on and acceptable levels of development and vehicular trip generation at such centers;

1.21 (2) the objectives of and the policies to be forwarded by the policy plan;

1.22 (3) a general description of the physical facilities and services to be developed;

2.1 (4) a statement as to the general location of physical facilities and service areas;

2.2 (5) a general statement of timing and priorities in the development of those physical  
2.3 facilities and service areas;

2.4 (6) a detailed statement, updated every two years, of timing and priorities for  
2.5 improvements and expenditures needed on the metropolitan highway system;

2.6 (7) a general statement on the level of public expenditure appropriate to the facilities;  
2.7 and

2.8 (8) a long-range assessment of air transportation trends and factors that may affect airport  
2.9 development in the metropolitan area and policies and strategies that will ensure a  
2.10 comprehensive, coordinated, and timely investigation and evaluation of alternatives for  
2.11 airport development.

2.12 (d) The council shall develop the nontransit element in consultation with the transportation  
2.13 advisory board and the Metropolitan Airports Commission and cities having an airport  
2.14 located within or adjacent to its corporate boundaries. The council shall also take into  
2.15 consideration the airport development and operations plans and activities of the commission.  
2.16 The council shall transmit the results to the state Department of Transportation.

2.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
2.18 final enactment and applies to all future updates to the plan. This section applies in the  
2.19 counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

2.20 Sec. 2. **TRANSPORTATION POLICY PLAN UPDATE.**

2.21 By December 31, 2017, the Metropolitan Council must revise the transportation policy  
2.22 plan under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.146, subdivision 3.

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