

1.1 ..... moves to amend H.F. No. 246 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, after line 5, insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **[473.4486] MUNICIPAL APPROVAL OF HEAVY RAIL GUIDEWAY**  
1.4 **PLANS.**

1.5 Subdivision 1. **Definitions; application.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following  
1.6 terms have the meanings given them.

1.7 (b) "City" includes a statutory or home rule charter city.

1.8 (c) "Final design plan" has the meaning given in section 473.3993, subdivision 3, except  
1.9 that any reference to "light rail transit" is instead to "heavy rail guideway."

1.10 (d) "Heavy rail guideway" has the meaning given to "guideway" as specified in section  
1.11 473.4485, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), clause (1) or (3), except that the term does not  
1.12 include light rail transit.

1.13 (e) "Preliminary design plan" has the meaning given in section 473.3993, subdivision  
1.14 2, except that any reference to "light rail transit" is instead to "heavy rail guideway."

1.15 (f) "Preliminary engineering plan" has the meaning given in section 473.3993, subdivision  
1.16 2a, except that any reference to "light rail transit" is instead to "heavy rail guideway."

1.17 (g) "Project originator" means: (1) a county or a statutory or home rule charter city, or  
1.18 the commissioner of transportation, that performs and leads initial heavy rail guideway  
1.19 planning and project development prior to the transfer of project leadership to the council;  
1.20 or (2) the council, if initial heavy rail guideway project development is performed by the  
1.21 council.

1.22 Subd. 2. **Application.** This section does not apply to: (1) light rail transit; or (2) a  
1.23 guideway as specified in section 473.4485, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), clause (2).

2.1 Subd. 3. Preliminary design plans; public hearing. Before final design plans are  
2.2 prepared for a heavy rail guideway that is wholly or partially in the metropolitan area, the  
2.3 project originator must hold a public hearing on the physical design component of the  
2.4 preliminary design plans. The project originator must provide appropriate public notice of  
2.5 the hearing and publicity to ensure that affected parties have an opportunity to present their  
2.6 views at the hearing. The project originator must summarize the proceedings and testimony  
2.7 and maintain the record of a hearing held under this section, including any written statements  
2.8 submitted.

2.9 Subd. 4. Preliminary design plans; local approval. At least 30 days before the hearing  
2.10 under subdivision 3, the project originator must submit the physical design component of  
2.11 the preliminary design plans to the governing body of each statutory and home rule charter  
2.12 city, county, and town in which the route is proposed to be located. The city, county, or  
2.13 town must hold a public hearing. Within 45 days after the hearing under subdivision 3, the  
2.14 city, county, or town must review and approve or disapprove the plans for the route to be  
2.15 located in the city, county, or town. A local unit of government that disapproves the plans  
2.16 must describe specific amendments to the plans that, if adopted, would cause the local unit  
2.17 to withdraw its disapproval. Failure to approve or disapprove the plans in writing within 45  
2.18 days after the hearing is deemed to be an approval unless an extension of time is agreed to  
2.19 by the city, county, or town and the project originator.

2.20 Subd. 5. Preliminary design plans; council hearing. (a) If the governing body of one  
2.21 or more cities, counties, or towns disapproves the preliminary design plans within the period  
2.22 allowed under subdivision 4, the council must hold a hearing on the plans, giving the project  
2.23 originator, any disapproving local governmental units, and other persons an opportunity to  
2.24 present their views on the plans. The council may conduct an independent study as it deems  
2.25 desirable and may mediate and attempt to resolve disagreements about the plans.

2.26 (b) Within 60 days after the hearing under paragraph (a), the council must review the  
2.27 plans and must decide what amendments to the plans, if any, must be made to accommodate  
2.28 the objections presented by the disapproving local governmental units. Amendments to the  
2.29 plans as decided by the council must be made before continuing the planning and designing  
2.30 process.

2.31 Subd. 6. Final design plans. (a) If the final design plans incorporate a substantial change  
2.32 from the preliminary design plans with respect to location, length, or termini of routes;  
2.33 alignment of routes and crossings; or shelters or stops, before beginning construction, the  
2.34 council must submit the changed component of the final design plans to the governing body  
2.35 of each statutory and home rule charter city, county, and town in which the changed

3.1 component is proposed to be located. Within 60 days after the submission of the plans, the  
3.2 city, county, or town must review and approve or disapprove the changed component located  
3.3 in the city, county, or town. A local unit of government that disapproves the change must  
3.4 describe specific amendments to the plans that, if adopted, would cause the local unit to  
3.5 withdraw its disapproval. Failure to approve or disapprove the changed plans in writing  
3.6 within the time period is deemed to be an approval, unless an extension is agreed to by the  
3.7 city, county, or town.

3.8 (b) If the governing body of one or more cities, counties, or towns disapproves the  
3.9 changed plans within the period allowed under paragraph (a), the council must review the  
3.10 final design plans under the same procedure and with the same effect as provided in  
3.11 subdivision 5 for preliminary design plans.

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

3.13 Renumber the sections in sequence and correct the internal references

3.14 Amend the title accordingly