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**ARTICLE 6**

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**METROPOLITAN COUNCIL GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS**

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**Sec. 2. [174.48] CONSTRUCTION OF NONARTERIAL BUS RAPID TRANSIT FACILITIES.**

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If a planned bus rapid transit line has either a total estimated construction cost of more than \$100,000,000 or will operate substantially within separated rights-of-way, the commissioner is the responsible authority and must construct bus rapid transit facilities and infrastructure in the metropolitan area. The commissioner must ensure any construction project subject to this section is constructed in compliance with applicable plans and designs adopted by the Metropolitan Council.

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**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to all bus rapid transit projects excluding the Gold Line bus rapid transit project.

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**Sec. 6. [473.248] METROPOLITAN AREA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.**

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Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "active transportation" means bicycling, pedestrian activities, and other forms of nonmotorized transportation.

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Subd. 2. **Program established.** Subject to available funds received under section 473.4465, the council must establish a program to support active transportation within the metropolitan area.

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Subd. 3. **Program administration.** (a) The council must establish active transportation program requirements, including:

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(1) assistance eligibility, subject to the requirements under subdivision 4;

(2) a solicitation and application process that minimizes the burden on applicants; and

(3) procedures to award and pay financial assistance.

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(b) The council must annually conduct a solicitation for active transportation projects under this program.

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(c) The council must make reasonable efforts to publicize each application solicitation among all eligible recipients. The council must assist applicants to create and submit applications, with an emphasis on providing assistance in communities that are historically and currently underrepresented in local or regional planning, including communities of color, low-income households, people with disabilities, and people with limited English proficiency.

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(d) The council may provide grants or other financial assistance for a project.

85.10 (e) The council is prohibited from expending more than one percent of available funds  
85.11 in a fiscal year under this section on program administration.

85.12 Subd. 4. **Eligibility.** An eligible recipient of financial assistance under this section  
85.13 includes:

85.14 (1) a political subdivision; or

85.15 (2) a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as  
85.16 amended.

85.17 Subd. 5. **Use of funds.** The council must determine permissible uses of financial  
85.18 assistance under this section, which are limited to:

85.19 (1) construction and maintenance of bicycle, trail, and pedestrian infrastructure, including  
85.20 but not limited to safe routes to school infrastructure and bicycle facilities and centers; and

85.21 (2) noninfrastructure programming, including activities as specified in section 174.40,  
85.22 subdivision 7a, paragraph (b).

85.23 Subd. 6. **Project evaluation and selection.** The council must establish a project  
85.24 evaluation and selection committee. The chair of the council must appoint one city council  
85.25 member or mayor from each council district to serve on the committee. The committee must  
85.26 establish a process to select projects that are competitive, criteria-based, and objective. The  
85.27 process must include criteria and prioritization of projects based on:

85.28 (1) the project's inclusion in a municipal or regional nonmotorized transportation system  
85.29 plan;

85.30 (2) the extent to which policies or practices of the political subdivision encourage and  
85.31 promote complete street planning, design, and construction;

86.1 (3) the extent to which the project supports connections between communities and to  
86.2 key destinations within a community;

86.3 (4) identified barriers or deficiencies in the nonmotorized transportation system;

86.4 (5) identified safety or health benefits;

86.5 (6) geographic equity in project benefits, with an emphasis on communities that are  
86.6 historically and currently underrepresented in local or regional planning; and

86.7 (7) the ability of a grantee to maintain the active transportation infrastructure following  
86.8 project completion.

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

86.10 Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.3994, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

86.11 Subd. 1a. **Designation of responsible authority.** For each proposed light rail transit  
86.12 facility in the metropolitan area, the governor must designate either the Metropolitan Council

86.13 ~~or~~ the state of Minnesota acting through the commissioner of transportation as the entity  
86.14 responsible for planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, and equipping the facility.  
86.15 ~~Notwithstanding such designation,~~ The commissioner ~~and the council~~ may enter into one  
86.16 or more cooperative agreements with the Metropolitan Council with respect to the planning,  
86.17 designing, ~~acquiring, constructing,~~ or equipping of a particular light rail transit facility that  
86.18 provide for the parties to exercise their respective authorities in support of the project in a  
86.19 manner that best serves the project and the public.

86.20 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
86.21 applies to projects that enter into full funding grant agreements on or after that date.

86.22 Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.3994, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

86.23 Subd. 4. **Preliminary design plans; council hearing.** If the governing body of one or  
86.24 more cities, counties, or towns disapproves the preliminary design plans within the period  
86.25 allowed under subdivision 3, the council shall hold a hearing on the plans, giving the  
86.26 commissioner of transportation, ~~if the responsible authority,~~ any disapproving local  
86.27 governmental units, and other persons an opportunity to present their views on the plans.  
86.28 The council may conduct independent study as it deems desirable and may mediate and  
86.29 attempt to resolve disagreements about the plans. Within 60 days after the hearing, the  
86.30 council shall review the plans and shall decide what amendments to the plans, if any, must  
86.31 be made to accommodate the objections presented by the disapproving local governmental  
87.1 units. Amendments to the plans as decided by the council must be made before continuing  
87.2 the planning and designing process.

87.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
87.4 applies to projects that enter into full funding grant agreements on or after that date.

87.5 Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.3994, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

87.6 Subd. 7. **Council review.** ~~If the commissioner is the responsible authority,~~ Before  
87.7 proceeding with construction of a light rail transit facility, the commissioner must submit  
87.8 preliminary and final design plans to the Metropolitan Council. The council must review  
87.9 the plans for consistency with the council's development guide and approve the plans.

87.10 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
87.11 applies to projects that enter into full funding grant agreements on or after that date.

87.12 Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.3994, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

87.13 Subd. 9. **Light rail transit operating costs.** (a) Before submitting an application for  
87.14 federal assistance for light rail transit facilities in the metropolitan area, the Metropolitan  
87.15 Council must prepare an estimate of the amount of operating subsidy which will be required  
87.16 to operate light rail transit in the corridor to which the federal assistance would be applied.  
87.17 The estimate must indicate the amount of operating subsidy estimated to be required in each  
87.18 of the first ten years of operation of the light rail transit facility. ~~If the commissioner of~~

87.19 ~~transportation is the responsible authority;~~ The commissioner must provide information  
87.20 requested by the council that is necessary to make the estimate.

87.21 (b) The council must review and evaluate the estimate developed under paragraph (a)  
87.22 with regard to the effect of operating the light rail transit facility on the currently available  
87.23 mechanisms for financing transit in the metropolitan area.

87.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
87.25 applies to projects that enter into full funding grant agreements on or after that date.

87.26 Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.3994, subdivision 14, is amended to read:

87.27 Subd. 14. **Transfer of facility after construction.** ~~If the commissioner of transportation~~  
87.28 ~~is the responsible authority for a particular light rail transit facility;~~ The commissioner must  
87.29 transfer to the Metropolitan Council all facilities constructed and all equipment and property  
87.30 acquired in developing the a particular light rail transit facility upon completion of  
87.31 construction.

88.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
88.2 applies to projects that enter into full funding grant agreements on or after that date.

88.3 Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.3995, is amended to read:

88.4 **473.3995 LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT; DESIGN-BUILD METHOD.**

88.5 (a) A responsible authority may use a design-build method of project development and  
88.6 construction for light rail transit. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a responsible  
88.7 authority may award a design-build contract on the basis of requests for proposals or requests  
88.8 for qualifications without bids. "Design-build method of project development and  
88.9 construction" means a project delivery system in which a single contractor is responsible  
88.10 for both the design and construction of the project and bids the design and construction  
88.11 together.

88.12 (b) If a responsible authority utilizes a design-build method of project development and  
88.13 construction for light rail transit, the requirements and procedures in sections 161.3410 to  
88.14 161.3426 apply to the procurement, subject to the following conditions and exceptions:

88.15 ~~(1) if the Metropolitan Council is the responsible authority for a particular light rail~~  
88.16 ~~transit project, when used in sections 161.3410 to 161.3426, (i) the terms "commissioner,"~~  
88.17 ~~"Minnesota Department of Transportation," "department," "state agencies," and "road~~  
88.18 ~~authority" refer to the Metropolitan Council, and (ii) the term "state" refers to the~~  
88.19 ~~Metropolitan Council except in references to state law or in references to the state as a~~  
88.20 ~~geographical location;~~

88.21 ~~(2)~~ (1) the provisions of section 161.3412, subdivisions 3 and 4, are not applicable to  
88.22 the procurement; and

88.23 ~~(2)~~ (2) if any federal funds are used in developing or constructing the light rail transit  
88.24 project, any provisions in sections 161.3410 to 161.3426 that are inconsistent with, or  
88.25 prohibited by, any federal law, regulation, or other requirement are not applicable to the  
88.26 procurement.

88.27 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
88.28 applies to projects that enter into full funding grant agreements on or after that date.

88.29 Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.3997, is amended to read:

88.30 **473.3997 FEDERAL FUNDING; LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT.**

88.31 (a) Upon completion of the alternatives analysis and draft environmental impact statement,  
88.32 and selection of the locally preferred alternative, for each light rail transit facility, the  
89.1 responsible authority may prepare an application for federal assistance for the light rail  
89.2 transit facility. ~~If the commissioner is the responsible authority,~~ The application must be  
89.3 reviewed and approved by the Metropolitan Council before it is submitted by the  
89.4 commissioner. In reviewing the application the council must consider the operating cost  
89.5 estimate developed under section 473.3994, subdivision 9.

89.6 (b) Except for the designated responsible authority for a particular light rail transit  
89.7 facility, no political subdivision in the metropolitan area may on its own apply for federal  
89.8 assistance for light rail transit planning or construction.

89.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
89.10 applies to projects that enter into full funding grant agreements on or after that date.

89.11 Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.405, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

89.12 Subd. 4. **Transit systems.** Except as provided by sections 174.48 and 473.3993 to  
89.13 473.3997, the council may engineer, construct, equip, and operate transit and paratransit  
89.14 systems, projects, or any parts thereof, including road lanes or rights-of-way, terminal  
89.15 facilities, maintenance and garage facilities, ramps, parking areas, and any other facilities  
89.16 useful for or related to any public transit or paratransit system or project. The council may  
89.17 sell or lease naming rights with regard to light rail transit stations and apply revenues from  
89.18 sales or leases to light rail transit operating costs.

89.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
89.20 applies to projects that enter into full funding grant agreements on or after that date.

95.25 Sec. 18. **[473.453] COMPLETE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS; LEGISLATIVE**  
95.26 **REPORT.**

95.27 Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 471.345 and 473.3994, if the Metropolitan  
95.28 Council is the responsible authority of a transit project with a total project cost of greater  
95.29 than \$50,000,000, the council must notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
95.30 legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance and policy at least 30  
95.31 days before bidding commences if the council's project specifications are incomplete or

- 96.1 subject to significant additions. The notification must include the council's reasons for  
96.2 incomplete project specifications or the reasons why the significant project additions are  
96.3 not included in the bidding process.
- 96.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
96.5 final enactment and applies to bids made on or after October 1, 2023. This section applies  
96.6 in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.
- 96.7 **Sec. 19. [473.454] CONTINGENCY PLANS AND RESERVE; REPORT REQUIRED.**
- 96.8 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 471.345 and 473.3994, a responsible  
96.9 authority must establish formal contingency plans for temporarily or permanently stopping  
96.10 work if:
- 96.11 (1) a light rail transit project will not be completed within a year of its scheduled  
96.12 completion date;
- 96.13 (2) total expenditures on the project to date are anticipated to increase by ten percent  
96.14 above the most recent cost estimate; or
- 96.15 (3) any of the responsible authority's civil contractors submits a schedule update with a  
96.16 delay of greater than six months from the most recent estimated completion date.
- 96.17 (b) A contingency plan created under this section must evaluate:
- 96.18 (1) how the responsible authority will address any increases to the total project cost;  
96.19 (2) the impact to any delay to the responsible authority's contingency budget reserves;  
96.20 (3) the effect on existing contractual obligations; and  
96.21 (4) a new baseline schedule for completion of the project.
- 96.22 Within 30 days of the contingency plan being created, the responsible authority must submit  
96.23 the contingency plan to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
96.24 committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance and policy.
- 96.25 (c) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, if a responsible authority  
96.26 applies for grants from the Federal Transit Administration totaling more than \$50,000,000  
96.27 and the Federal Transit Administration institutes an evaluation of the responsible party's  
96.28 financial capacity, the responsible authority must report to the chairs and ranking minority  
96.29 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and  
96.30 finance. The report must be submitted to the legislature within 30 days of the Federal Transit  
96.31 Administration initiating the review. The report must detail how the responsible authority  
97.1 plans to provide sufficient funding for unexpected cost overruns and which local authority  
97.2 would be responsible for providing the additional funding if necessary.

- 97.3 (d) A responsible authority may not adopt changes to design or construction plans for  
97.4 a light rail transit project without establishing a contingency plan under this section if the  
97.5 responsible authority:
- 97.6 (1) has insufficient funds to complete the light rail transit project; or
- 97.7 (2) has insufficient funds to halt the light rail transit project.
- 97.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
97.9 final enactment and applies to bids made on or after October 1, 2023. This section applies  
97.10 in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.
- 97.11 **Sec. 20. [473.455] CONTRACT SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS; REPORT**  
97.12 **REQUIRED .**
- 97.13 **Subdivision 1. Schedule agreement required.** (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of  
97.14 sections 471.345 and 473.3994, if the council is the responsible authority for a light rail  
97.15 transit project, any agreement between the council and a contractor with respect to  
97.16 constructing any portion of a light rail transit project must contain a preliminary construction  
97.17 schedule agreement and a proposed general baseline schedule.
- 97.18 (b) If the council is the responsible authority, the council must consider whether to  
97.19 approve a preliminary construction schedule. A preliminary construction schedule agreement  
97.20 must contain:
- 97.21 (1) contractual milestones needed to complete the project within the required interim  
97.22 and final completion dates;
- 97.23 (2) a schedule for the first 180 days of work under the contract; and
- 97.24 (3) an initial draft baseline schedule that forms the basis of a general baseline schedule  
97.25 proposed in paragraph (c).
- 97.26 (c) Upon approval by the council of a preliminary construction schedule, the contractor  
97.27 and the council must evaluate the initial general baseline schedule set forth in paragraph  
97.28 (b), clause (3), as the basis for the proposed general baseline schedule. The proposed general  
97.29 baseline schedule must establish how the contractor plans to complete all contracted work  
97.30 for the light rail transit project and include a detailed scope of work that includes but is not  
97.31 limited to a framework that assigns costs and resources for each specifically scheduled task.
- 98.1 (d) If the council is the responsible authority and approves the proposed general baseline  
98.2 schedule with respect to constructing any portion of a light rail transit project, the contractor  
98.3 must submit monthly written status reports to the council. Any late, repeat, or incomplete  
98.4 submissions by the contractor are considered a nonexcusable delay and entitles the council  
98.5 to stop completed work payments under subdivision 4.
- 98.6 **Subd. 2. Prohibition.** If the council is the responsible authority for a light rail transit  
98.7 project, construction cannot begin without an accepted general baseline schedule by both

98.8 the council and the contractor under subdivision 1, paragraph (c). The council and the  
98.9 contractor must approve the preliminary construction schedule before establishing and  
98.10 approving a proposed general baseline schedule.

98.11 Subd. 3. **Conditional approval.** If the council is the responsible authority for a light  
98.12 rail transit project and the contractor proposes revision to either an approved preliminary  
98.13 construction schedule or an accepted general baseline schedule under subdivision 1, paragraph  
98.14 (d), the council must decide whether to approve the proposed revision before issuing any  
98.15 further completed work payment to the contractor. If the council rejects the proposed revision,  
98.16 the council must immediately suspend payments to the contractor.

98.17 Subd. 4. **Enforcement.** An agreement between the council and the contractor with  
98.18 respect to constructing any portion of a light rail transit project must include provisions to  
98.19 allow the council to withhold payments for completed work if the contractor is delinquent  
98.20 under the general baseline schedule requirements in subdivision 1, paragraph (c), and for  
98.21 conditional approval of construction as provided in subdivision 3. Withheld payments under  
98.22 this subdivision must be greater than five percent and less than ten percent of the total  
98.23 payment requested by the contractor.

98.24 Subd. 5. **Report required.** (a) If the council is the responsible authority and a preliminary  
98.25 construction schedule and a general baseline schedule are approved for constructing a portion  
98.26 of a light rail project, the council must submit the preliminary construction schedule and  
98.27 general baseline schedule to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
98.28 committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance and policy within 30 days.

98.29 (b) If the council is the responsible authority, and no agreement can be reached on a  
98.30 general baseline schedule under subdivision 1, paragraph (c), the council must submit a  
98.31 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with  
98.32 jurisdiction over transportation finance and policy within 30 days on the barriers facing  
98.33 approval of the general baseline construction schedule.

99.1 (c) If the council is the responsible authority and receives notification of a proposed  
99.2 revision to either the preliminary construction schedule or general baseline schedule under  
99.3 subdivision 3, the council must report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the  
99.4 legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance and policy within 14  
99.5 days of the proposed revision on the estimated impact on the project completion date and  
99.6 total project cost from the proposed revision. If the council rejects the proposed revision,  
99.7 the council must notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees  
99.8 with jurisdiction over transportation finance and policy within seven days of rejection.

99.9 (d) If the council is the responsible authority and withholds completed work payments  
99.10 greater than \$50,000 from a contractor under subdivision 4, the council must report to the  
99.11 chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over  
99.12 transportation finance and policy within 14 days on the amount withheld, the reasons for  
99.13 withholding payment, and the steps needed to address the delay.

99.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
99.15 final enactment and applies to bids made on or after October 1, 2023. This section applies  
99.16 in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

99.17 Sec. 21. **[473.456] PEER REVIEW FOR CERTAIN PROJECT ELEMENTS;**  
99.18 **LEGISLATIVE REPORTS.**

99.19 (a) For purposes of this section, the term "value analysis" has the meaning given in  
99.20 section 174.15, subdivision 3, and the term "value engineering proposal" has the meaning  
99.21 given in section 174.15, subdivision 4.

99.22 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if the Metropolitan Council is the responsible  
99.23 authority for a light rail transit project, the council must establish a multiparty peer review  
99.24 application to initiate a multiparty peer review process with the Department of Transportation  
99.25 and any counties within which a transit project is to be operated. The multiparty peer review  
99.26 application must be filed within 180 days of the start date of the contract and every 90 days  
99.27 thereafter until the project is completed. The commissioner of transportation must review  
99.28 the multiparty peer review application and determine whether to initiate a multiparty peer  
99.29 review. In determining whether to initiate a peer review, the commissioner must apply value  
99.30 analysis to either (1) the entirety of the light rail transit project, (2) a project element at risk  
99.31 of delay or high costs, or (3) any new or substantial work proposed after civil construction  
99.32 bidding was completed.

99.33 (c) If the commissioner of transportation determines a value analysis is appropriate after  
99.34 reviewing the multiparty peer review application or if the council estimates a project element  
100.1 will exceed \$20,000,000, the multiparty peer review must convene and produce a value  
100.2 engineering proposal report. The value engineering proposal report must be issued by the  
100.3 multiparty peer review within six months after the multiparty peer review is formed. In  
100.4 addition to the evaluation under section 174.15, subdivision 4, the report must analyze:

100.5 (1) improvements or efficiencies in construction methods;  
100.6 (2) improvements to the change order process;  
100.7 (3) an evaluation of contractor oversight and best practices;  
100.8 (4) improvements or efficiencies in the procurement process; and  
100.9 (5) any contractual issues arising from the transit project.

100.10 (d) With existing resources, the council is responsible for the costs of conducting and  
100.11 administering the peer review and value engineering proposal.

100.12 (e) If a value engineering proposal report is submitted under this section, the report must  
100.13 be submitted within 30 days to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative  
100.14 committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance.

- 100.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
100.16 final enactment and applies to bids made on or after October 1, 2023. This section applies  
100.17 in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.
- 100.18 Sec. 22. **[473.46] PROJECT COMPLETION DELAY NOTIFICATION**  
100.19 **REQUIREMENT.**
- 100.20 (a) Notwithstanding the requirements in Laws 2022, chapter 39, section 2, the responsible  
100.21 authority for a light rail transit project must provide status updates on the light rail project  
100.22 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction  
100.23 over transportation policy and finance. The status reports must be provided biannually by  
100.24 January 1 and July 1 and must include:
- 100.25 (1) total expenditures on the project during the previous three months as compared to  
100.26 projections;
- 100.27 (2) total expenditures on the project during the next three-, six-, and nine-month intervals;
- 100.28 (3) total expenditures on the project to date;
- 100.29 (4) the total project cost estimate; and
- 100.30 (5) any change in the date of anticipated project completion.
- 101.1 (b) The responsible authority must notify the chairs and ranking minority members of  
101.2 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance within  
101.3 seven calendar days when:
- 101.4 (1) the authority is deliberating whether a delay in the light rail project completion date  
101.5 of three months or more beyond the estimated completion date is likely to occur; and
- 101.6 (2) the authority is deliberating whether an increase to the total light rail project cost is  
101.7 anticipated to increase by \$50,000,000 or five percent or more above the most recent cost  
101.8 estimate, whichever is less.
- 101.9 (c) A responsible authority providing a status report under this section must initiate a  
101.10 multiparty peer review as provided under section 473.456 and conduct separate value  
101.11 engineering studies for individual project elements expected to cause the delay or increase  
101.12 in project cost within 30 days of filing the status report to the legislature.
- 101.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
101.14 final enactment and applies to bids made on or after October 1, 2023. This section applies  
101.15 in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.
- 101.16 Sec. 23. **[473.461] SETTLEMENT EXPENSES; LEGISLATIVE REPORT.**
- 101.17 If the council is the responsible authority and enters into a settlement agreement with a  
101.18 contractor in association with the construction of a light rail transit project, the council must  
101.19 submit a settlement expenditure notification to the chairs and ranking minority members of

- 101.20 the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance within  
101.21 21 calendar days. The settlement expenditure notification must include:
- 101.22 (1) the terms of the settlement agreement;  
101.23 (2) the total expenditure of the settlement agreement;  
101.24 (3) whether the settlement agreement will lengthen the timeline for construction of the  
101.25 light rail project;  
101.26 (4) whether the settlement agreement resolves all outstanding disputes between the  
101.27 council and the contractor;  
101.28 (5) whether the settlement agreement increases estimated project expenses and costs;  
101.29 and  
101.30 (6) whether the settlement agreement requires the council to participate in alternative  
101.31 dispute resolution.
- 102.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following  
102.2 final enactment and applies to bids made on or after October 1, 2023. This section applies  
102.3 in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.
- 108.12 **Sec. 32. BLUE LINE LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS.**
- 108.13 (a) The Blue Line light rail extension project office must, at least quarterly, organize  
108.14 and facilitate community engagement meetings in consultation with community groups  
108.15 located along the Blue Line extension alignment route, including the Lyn Park community.  
108.16 Information requested by community groups in the meetings or in correspondence to the  
108.17 project office must be supplied in a timely manner, and, if practicable, before the next  
108.18 quarterly meeting. Information, concerns, and requests presented by the community at the  
108.19 community engagement meetings or provided directly to the extension project office must  
108.20 be documented in the official meeting minutes and must be provided to the project Corridor  
108.21 Management Committee and posted on the Blue Line extension project website.
- 108.22 (b) Representatives from the Metropolitan Council, Hennepin County, and the Department  
108.23 of Transportation must participate in the community engagement meetings and all other  
108.24 meetings relating to antidisplacement initiatives connected to the Blue Line light rail  
108.25 extension project. Representatives from the cities of Minneapolis, Robbinsdale, Crystal,  
108.26 and Brooklyn Park must attend meetings that occur in their respective cities, attend all  
108.27 meetings relating to antidisplacement initiatives, and attend other project-related meetings  
108.28 as requested.
- 108.29 (c) By July 1, 2023, the Blue Line light rail extension project office must coordinate  
108.30 with community groups to establish a framework for community engagement meetings.  
108.31 The framework must at a minimum include project information, light rail impacts on and  
108.32 opportunities for businesses and residents, and business mitigation and antidisplacement

- 109.1 strategies. The framework must also include a process for community feedback on project  
109.2 design options.
- 109.3 (d) State funds for the Blue Line light rail extension project must be available no sooner  
109.4 than August 1, 2023.
- 109.5 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 109.6 **Sec. 33. BLUE LINE LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION ROUTE ALIGNMENT**  
109.7 **CONSULTATION.**
- 109.8 The commissioner of transportation and the city of Minneapolis must consult with the  
109.9 Metropolitan Council and Hennepin County to evaluate the possible redesign of Interstate  
109.10 Highway 94, 10th Avenue, or Washington Avenue between downtown Minneapolis and  
109.11 West Broadway Avenue for a possible route of the Blue Line light rail extension project in  
109.12 the area between Interstate Highway 94 and the Mississippi River. All cities along the  
109.13 corridor must have the opportunity to present their concerns and proposals to the Blue Line  
109.14 extension project's Corridor Management Committee for consideration.
- 109.15 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.
- 110.19 **Sec. 35. MASS TRANSIT REPORTS; RIDERSHIP; CRIME.**
- 110.20 (a) The Metropolitan Council must post on the council's website a monthly report,  
110.21 including ridership statistics for each guideway and busway in revenue operation. In each  
110.22 report, the council must also include the ridership projections made at the time of the full  
110.23 funding grant agreement for each guideway and busway. The council must post each monthly  
110.24 report within 60 days after the end of that month. The council must ensure that a report is  
110.25 available on the council's website for a minimum of five years after the report is posted.
- 110.26 (b) The council must post on the council's website a quarterly report, including crime  
110.27 statistics for crimes occurring on a light rail transit vehicle, bus, commuter rail car, or at  
110.28 any transit platform, stop, or facility. The report must break down the data by mode of transit  
110.29 and type of crime. The council must ensure that a report is available on the council's website  
110.30 for a minimum of five years after the report is posted.
- 110.31 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.