

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; providing for transportation research grants.

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

1.4 Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS; RESEARCH.**

1.5 (a) \$350,000 is appropriated from the highway user tax distribution fund to the  
1.6 commissioner of transportation in each year for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, for research  
1.7 grants under paragraph (c). The base appropriation is \$350,000 in each year through fiscal  
1.8 year 2018, and the base appropriation is \$0 in each fiscal year thereafter.

1.9 (b) \$150,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
1.10 transportation in each year for fiscal years 2014 and 2015, for research grants under  
1.11 paragraph (c). The base appropriation is \$150,000 in each year through fiscal year 2018,  
1.12 and the base appropriation is \$0 in each fiscal year thereafter.

1.13 (c) From the appropriations under this section, the commissioner of transportation  
1.14 shall provide grants to the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of  
1.15 Minnesota, for research on transportation policy and economic competitiveness, including  
1.16 but not limited to innovative transportation finance options and economic development,  
1.17 transportation impacts of industry clusters and freight, and transportation technology  
1.18 impacts on economic competitiveness.

1.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2013.