

1.1 Koznick and Tabke from the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy to which
1.2 was referred:

1.3 H. F. No. 3926, A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying various
1.4 transportation-related provisions; prohibiting silencing of railroad crossing bells; modifying
1.5 rail service improvement program accounts; increasing cost thresholds for major highway
1.6 projects; removing authorization for maintenance of Piney-Pinecreek Border Airport in
1.7 Roseau County; repealing highway designations for the Hiawatha Pioneer Trail; making
1.8 technical corrections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 174.56, subdivision 1;
1.9 219.14, by adding a subdivision; 222.50; 360.021, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota
1.10 Statutes 2024, section 161.14, subdivisions 12, 12a.

1.11 Reported the same back with the following amendments:

1.12 Page 1, delete section 1 and insert:

1.13 "Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 160.05, is amended to read:

1.14 **160.05 DEDICATION OF ROADS.**

1.15 Subdivision 1. **Six years.** ~~(a)~~ When any road or portion of a road has been used and kept
1.16 in repair and worked for at least six years continuously as a public highway by a road
1.17 authority, it shall be deemed dedicated to the public to the width of the actual use and be
1.18 and remain, until lawfully vacated, a public highway whether it has ever been established
1.19 as a public highway or not. Nothing contained in this subdivision shall impair the right,
1.20 title, or interest of the water department of any city of the first class secured under Special
1.21 Laws 1885, chapter 110. This subdivision shall apply to roads and streets except platted
1.22 streets within cities. ~~If a road authority fails to give the notice required by paragraph (b),~~
1.23 ~~this subdivision does not apply.~~

1.24 ~~(b) Before a road authority may make any repairs or conduct any work on a private road~~
1.25 ~~as defined by section 169.011, subdivision 57, the road authority must notify the owner of~~
1.26 ~~the road of the intent to make repairs or conduct work on the private road. The notice must~~
1.27 ~~be sent to the owner by certified mail. The notice must specify the segment of road that is~~
1.28 ~~the subject of the notice and state the duration of the repairs or work. The notice must include~~

~~the following: "Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 160.05, your private road may be deemed to be dedicated to the public if the following conditions are met for six continuous years: (1) the road is used by the public; and (2) the road is repaired or worked on by a road authority. This means that the road will no longer be a private road but will be a public road. You will not receive compensation from the road authority when the road is dedicated to the public."~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 160.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. **Other means of access.** For purposes of this section, "other means of access" includes but is not limited to establishment of a cartway under section 163.11, subdivision 4a, or 164.08.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 164.07, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Appeal.** Within 40 days after the filing of the award of damages any owner or occupant may appeal from the award by filing a notice of appeal with the court administrator of the district court of the county where the lands lie. However, the owner or occupant must file the notice of appeal within ten days in order to delay the opening, construction, alteration, change, or other improvement in or to the road pursuant to subdivision 10. The notice of appeal ~~shall~~ must be accompanied by a bond of not less than ~~\$250~~ \$1,500, with sufficient surety approved by the judge or the county auditor conditioned to pay all costs arising from the appeal in case the award is sustained. A copy of the notice ~~shall~~ must be mailed by registered or certified mail to the town clerk or any member of the town board. The notice of appeal ~~shall~~ must specify the award or failure to award appealed from, the land to which it relates, the nature and amount of the claim of appellant, and the grounds of the appeal, which may include a challenge to the public purpose or necessity of the proposed road or condemnation."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, delete "increasing cost thresholds for major highway projects;" and insert "modifying provisions related to town roads and private roads;"

Correct the title numbers accordingly

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be placed on the General Register.

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This Committee action taken March 23, 2026

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