

TRANSPORTATION FINANCE AND POLICY

MINUTES

Representative Koznick, Chair of the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on February 24, 2025, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll:

Members present:

KOZNICK, Jon, Chair
MYERS, Andrew, Vice-Chair
ANDERSON, Patti
BERG, Kaela
FOGELMAN, Marj
GREENE, Julie
JONES, Katie
JOY, Jim
KRAFT, Larry
MURPHY, Tom
OLSON, Bjorn
REHM, Lucy
SENCER-MURA, Samantha (zoom)
SKRABA, Roger
TABKE, Brad

Non-voting member present:

KOEGEL, Erin, Lead

Members excused:

Representative Anderson moved to approve the minutes of February 17, 2025. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF795 (Myers) Online booking availability of driver's license road skills examinations modified, and fees for cancellation modified.

Representative Myers moved **HF795** before the committee.

The following individuals testified on **HF795**:

Pat Benner, Legislative Representative, AFSCME Council 5
Pong Xiong, Director, Department Public Safety Driver and Vehicle Services Division

Representative Myers moved to adopt the A4 Amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Tabke moved to adopt the A5 Amendment.

Representative Tabke withdrew the A5 Amendment.

Representative Greene moved to adopt the A3 Amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair Koznick laid over **HF795**, as amended.

Vice-Chair Myers assumed the gavel at 1:33PM.

HF749 (Koznick) Northstar Commuter Rail line performance requirements and conditional termination established

Chair Koznick moved HF749 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on HF749:

Annette Meeks, Former Chair, Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee
Jesse Cook, Resident, City of Minneapolis
Darwin Schaeferlane, Resident, City of Bloomington
Joel Mueller, Local Chairman, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen
Katie Nicholson, Resident, City of St. Paul
Charlie Zelle, Chair, Metropolitan Council
Annie Buckvold, Resident, City of St. Cloud
Nancy Daubenberger, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation
Matt Bailey, Director Passenger Rail, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Vice-Chair Myers laid over HF749.

HF269 (Koznick) Commissioner of transportation and the Metropolitan Council required to request approval to discontinue Northstar passenger rail operations, and report required.

Chair Koznick moved HF269 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on HF269:

Annette Meeks, Former Chair, Metropolitan Council Transportation Committee
Jesse Cook, Resident, City of Minneapolis
Darwin Schaeferlane, Resident, City of Bloomington
Joel Mueller, Local Chairman, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen
Katie Nicholson, Resident, City of St. Paul
Charlie Zelle, Chair, Metropolitan Council
Annie Buckvold, Resident, City of St. Cloud
Nancy Daubenberger, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Transportation
Matt Bailey, Director Passenger Rail, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Chair Koznick moved HF269 be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.



Representative Jon Koznick, Chair



Cyndy Waljin, Committee Legislative Assistant