

Subject MnDOT highway system process

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## Overview

This bill modifies a variety of highway system process requirements for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), with provisions that include limitations on trunk highway expansion projects, planning requirements for trunk highway maintenance following a capacity expansion project, modifications to requirements in capital highway investment plans, a mandate for a transportation asset management plan, and revisions to other transportation performance measurement and reporting. It also makes technical changes that restructure the location of some planning provisions in state statutes. Effective August 1, 2026.

## Summary

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| 1 | <b>[Adds § 161.1775] Trunk highway system expansion and maintenance.</b><br>Sets requirements on trunk highway system expansion projects and maintenance. |
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**Subd. 1. Definitions.** Defines terms for the section.

**Subd. 2. Application.** Creates a delayed implementation for the section, to be for projects added to the state or a metropolitan transportation improvement program for fiscal year 2031 or later.

**Subd. 3. Limitations on expansion.** Prohibits trunk highway projects that are over a cost threshold and expand capacity or add an interchange, if there is a gap in pavement or bridge asset maintenance between performance targets and projected status. The cost threshold is \$15 million for a project in the department's metropolitan construction district or \$5 million elsewhere in the state.

Section	Description
	<b>Subd. 4. Major highway project maintenance plan.</b> Requires maintenance plans for trunk highway segments of each major highway project and specifies plan contents.
2	<b>Capital highway investment plan.</b> Substantially reproduces direction to MnDOT to prepare an annual capital highway investment plan. Adds and modifies requirements for the plan, including funding estimates based on a 60-year period and identification of investments across a statutory list of asset classes.
3	<b>Transportation asset management plan.</b> Directs MnDOT to maintain a transportation asset management plan for preservation and management of transportation system assets. Specifies plan features, including asset categories, incorporation of established performance measures and targets, and calculation of performance gaps.
4	<b>Trunk highway performance, resiliency, and sustainability; report.</b> Modifies various MnDOT requirements on performance measures and transportation planning, which includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ requiring annual trunk highway system performance targets;</li><li>▪ clarifying requirements for a legislative report on trunk highway system performance and requiring it to be signed by a licensed engineer;</li><li>▪ removing requirements on asset categories and performance gap identification, which are being moved to a transportation asset management plan in a separate subdivision;</li><li>▪ removing a provision on ten-year capital highway investment plans, which is being moved to a separate subdivision; and</li><li>▪ making conforming and technical changes.</li></ul>
5	<b>Fiscal transparency dashboard.</b> Directs MnDOT to create a fiscal transparency dashboard on its website. Specifies contents.



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