

**Subject** Washington Ave bridge grant  
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## Summary

This bill directs Hennepin County to award a \$15 million grant to the University of Minnesota for design and construction of suicide barriers, and to provide suicide diversion information, on the Washington Avenue Bridge in Minneapolis. Funds for the grant are reallocated from money in the transportation advancement account (TAA) distributed to the county.

**Background.** The TAA receives revenue from the retail delivery fee and part of general sales tax revenue attributed to sales of automotive repair and replacement parts. Money in the TAA is distributed by statutory formula to various recipients and programs, with 36 percent allocated among counties in the Twin Cities metropolitan area for statutorily designated transportation uses.