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Directs the department of transportation and metropolitan council to study the feasibility of a bus rapid transit system on I-35W between Minneapolis and Lakeville. Requires the commissioner to appoint a joint powers board, in existence since 1990 and representing neighborhoods, employers, transit riders and transit providers, as a bus rapid transit advisory committee.

Requires the system to be studied to include frequent operation of buses, bus platforms that facilitate fare collection, stations located near the exclusive right-of-way, traffic management improvements on I-35W, and connections with existing transit. Requires analysis of costs and benefits of each implementation option.

Requires a report to legislative policy and finance committees by December 10, 2004.