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Directs the Department of Transportation to develop and implement a town road sign replacement program to:

- inventory all county and town road signs;
- evaluate town road signs for compliance with applicable standards;
- remove and replace town road signs as the department deems necessary;
- establish an ongoing sign maintenance program

Requires standards for sign removal, replacement and installation to conform to applicable federal, state, and local safety standards. Authorizes the department to establish conditions for local participation in the program, including involvement of county engineers and establishment and maintenance of a database of county and town road signs.

Appropriates \$6 million from the general fund for the program. Makes the appropriation available until spent. Allows the appropriation to be used to match federal funds. Authorizes the department to establish a pilot program in consultation with the Minnesota Association of Townships.