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Overview

This bill requires the Met Council to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing light rail transit or commuter rail along the I-394 corridor, or in conjunction with the proposed southwest transitway. It outlines study requirements and appropriates \$500,000 for the study.

Section

- 1 Rail transit feasibility study.** Requires the Met Council to conduct a feasibility study of light rail transit or commuter rail along the I-394 or Trunk Highway 55 corridor, including possible combination with the southwest rail transit corridor.
- 2 Elements of feasibility study.** Establishes requirements for the feasibility study, including identification of costs and funding sources, evaluation of other transportation systems, evaluation of rail transit impacts, a cost-benefit analysis, identification of necessary conditions, and evaluation of feasibility of combining rail transit in the I-394 corridor with the proposed southwest rail transit corridor.
- 3 Report.** Requires the Met Council to submit the report to the legislature by December 15, 2007.
- 4 Appropriation.** Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund for the feasibility study.
- 5 Effective Date.** Makes the bill effective the day after final enactment.