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Overview

This bill modifies various duties and mission of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) relating to environmental impacts and vehicle emissions requires MnDOT to develop a strategic plan to reduce vehicle emissions by 30 percent of 2007 levels by the year 2030 and appropriates \$500,000 for the University of Minnesota for a study.

Section

- 1** **Transportation goals.** Expands the goals of the state's transportation system to include minimizing adverse environmental impact, promotion and use of low-emissions vehicles, expanding transit statewide, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions related to transportation.
- 2** **Mission; efficiency; legislative report, recommendations.** Expands MnDOT's mission to include preventing of air and water quality degradation.
- 3** **Statewide transportation plan; priorities; schedule of expenditures.** Includes minimizing adverse environmental impact from transportation as a reason for developing and maintaining the statewide transportation plan.
- 4** **Social, economic, and environmental effect; vehicle emissions.** Expands MnDOT's duties to include consideration of the effects of transportation facilities on the state goal of reducing motor vehicle greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.
- 5** **Strategic plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from motor vehicles.** Requires MnDOT to develop a strategic plan to reduce motor vehicle greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent of 2007 levels, by the year 2030. Identifies reporting and evaluation requirements. Requires a report to the legislature by January 2, 2008.

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Appropriation. Appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund to develop the strategic plan for vehicle emissions reductions.