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This bill directs the Minnesota Department of Transportation to apply in timely fashion to the Federal Railroad Administration for grants related to railroad safety technology. Among the requirements, MnDOT must:

- solicit grant requests from eligible railroads;
- prioritize grant requests for installation of switch indicator signals where posted speeds are over 20 mph;
- apply annually for grant funding until all nonsignalized track territory in the state has switch indicator signals installed and in operation; and
- report to the legislative transportation chairs acceptance by a class I or class II railroad of federal grant program funding.

The bill requires participating railroads to provide the 20 percent nonfederal match; cooperate with the commissioner by providing technical documentation; and install rail safety technology obtained by any grants in compliance with federal requirements.