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This bill authorizes the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to expend transportation funds provided to Minnesota in the federal economic recovery package. It creates a standing appropriation to MnDOT for any initial funds as well as additional funds made available. The funding is available until expended. The bill also:

- Requires that MnDOT make every effort to seek and utilize any available funding;
- Requires that MnDOT meet all federal requirements for the aid;
- Establishes a maximum 17 percent allocation for program delivery (i.e., preliminary engineering, design, and environmental analysis);
- Eliminates a required local match for aeronautics projects funded by the federal aid; and
- Mandates reports to the legislature, which primarily consists of providing a copy of each report required by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The provision is effective the day after enactment, and expires on June 30, 2012.