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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill mandates implementation of a “complete streets” policy for state roads and encourages its use on local roads. The concept refers to design and construction of roadways in a manner that takes into account needs and abilities of all potential users of the road as well as the local circumstances surrounding the street.

Section

### Article 1: Implementation

- 1 **Variations from rules and engineering standards.** Makes conforming changes, to add a cross reference.
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- 3 **[174.75] Complete streets.** Mandates implementation of a complete streets policy by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

**Subd. 1. Definition.** Defines “complete streets.”

**Subd. 2. Implementation.** Mandates that MnDOT implement a complete streets policy upon consultation with various stakeholders.

**Subd. 3. Report.** Requires reporting on the implementation process as part of the biennial budget submitted to the legislature.

**Subd. 4. Local road authorities.** Clarifies that local road authorities (such as cities and counties) are permitted but not required to adopt complete streets policy for

roads under their jurisdiction.

**Subd. 5. Variances from engineering standards.** Encourages MnDOT, as part of their process for granting variances from design standards for state-funded local projects involving complete streets, to use national design manuals that incorporate complete streets and context sensitive design principles. Requires that the reason for a complete streets related variance denial is provided.

## Article 2: Reports

- 4 Complete streets reports.** Mandates legislative reports on complete streets (submitted electronically, and only in printed form if by request):
- By November 15, 2010, a plan for implementation and identification of statutory barriers to complete streets;
  - By November 15, 2011, a status update on stakeholder collaboration and list of modifications to design standards;
  - By November 15, 2013, a status update on implementation of complete streets and the variance process, and recommendations for statutory changes.