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This legislation creates a mandate that, under certain circumstances, the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) must relinquish land it owns located outside of the normal right-of-way limits of a trunk highway. The required relinquishment is upon request by a local unit of government, and applies when the local unit of government plans on creating new access to an existing street or highway, or to parcels of land. MnDOT can not charge a fee in association with the request.

The relinquishment is required to be performed unless MnDOT produces at least three traffic engineering or case studies indicating that the proposed establishment of a new street or driveway (prompting the request) would pose a measurable and consequential increase in safety hazards.