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Overview

This bill establishes accessibility and maintenance requirements for transit shelters and buses in the metropolitan area.

Section

- 1** **[473.41] Transit shelters and stops.** Establishes requirements for design of transit shelter and maintenance of shelters and stops in the metropolitan area.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines “transit authority” to include cities, the Metropolitan Council, and opt-outs for shelters and bus stop locations under their respective jurisdiction or via a vendor contract. Defines “transit shelter” for purposes of the new provision.

Subd. 2. Design. Requires transit authorities to create design specifications for transit shelters, which must include appropriate engineering standards, maximized protection from the elements and a fully enclosed shelter, warming capabilities at high-traffic locations, and accessibility for persons with disabilities and the elderly. Requires consultation with the Metropolitan Council’s Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Subd. 3. Maintenance. Requires transit authorities to maintain transit shelters, including regular automatic door inspections, keeping shelters clean, and removing snow and ice.

- 2** **Special transportation service buses.** Requires that the Metropolitan Council retrofit or replace Metropolitan Mobility buses in consultation with the Metropolitan Council’s Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee, so that the first step onto the bus is low enough to be accessible and accommodate all bus users.

- 3** **Applicability.** Technical provision to have the other sections in the bill apply to metropolitan counties.

