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This bill would expand authority for buses to operate on the shoulder of freeways (divided highways with limited access) and expressways (divided highways with partial access control), so that counties and towns having jurisdiction over the road could authorize the buses. The 35 m.p.h. speed limit for the bus, as well as the 35 m.p.h. maximum speed of traffic that triggers the allowed use of a shoulder, could be adjusted (up to the posted limit) following a traffic engineering study performed by the local unit of government and approved by MnDOT.

Under current law, the provision allowing bus use of shoulders only applies to the trunk highway system.