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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill modifies authority and allocation of funds under MnDOT's MnPASS program.

- 1 Restrictions on toll facility.** Adds exceptions to a general prohibition on tolled roads, for:
  - a lane that adds capacity, is temporarily operated as a general purpose or auxiliary lane, and is subsequently converted to a high-occupancy toll lane; and
  - an auxiliary lane that is converted to a high-occupancy toll lane; and
  - a general purpose lane that is converted to a high-occupancy toll lane, if capacity is added in the same segment of highway and the segment has been formally designated a MnPASS corridor.
- 2 Fees authorized.** Clarifies that user fees (tolls) can be imposed in high-occupancy toll lanes.
- 3 Deposit of revenues; appropriation.** Amends the allocation of revenue collected from user fees (tolls) on the trunk highway system, which has been implemented through the MnPASS program. Eliminates separate accounts for each MnPASS corridor, removes a provision on initial repayment to the trunk highway fund, requires funds to go to MnPASS system operation, and eliminates a requirement that remaining funds be used by MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council within that MnPASS corridor.
- 4 Repealer.** Eliminates a provision allocating user fees along a segment of I-35W, replaced by a revised fee allocation structure (in section 3) that applies to all MnPASS corridors. This has the effect of changing the allocation of I-35W MnPASS funds between MnPASS system operation, capital improvements in the corridor, and bus transit service.