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## Bill Summary

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This bill establishes appropriations that apply only if a budget for state roads has not been enacted by July 1 of an odd-numbered year (budget year). The first appropriation is from the trunk highway fund to the Commissioner of Transportation in an amount necessary to cover the actual costs of contracts, as well as essential Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) employees needed for contract administration and receipt of associated federal funds, for:

- state road construction;
- operation and maintenance on state roads; and
- program planning and delivery (which includes trunk highway project development, preliminary engineering, and project management).

The contingent appropriation only covers contracts in which funds were encumbered prior to July 1 of the applicable year. Appropriated funds cannot exceed the unexpended appropriations and carry forward authority of the biennium that is ending, plus the amount of base appropriations for the budget activities that would fund supporting services for the construction contracts (were a budget in place).

A second appropriation is made from the general fund to the Commissioner of Management and Budget for the associated costs of accounting, payroll, and human resources necessary to the contingent trunk highway fund appropriation authorized in the bill.