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This bill directs MnDOT to establish an expedited process outside of administrative rulemaking that provides for appeal of driveway access permit denial or revocation for owners or occupants of land that abuts a trunk highway. It establishes some features for the process, including:

- appeal initiation no later than 30 days after the notice of trunk highway access denial or revocation;
- allowing for the parties to present their positions;
- a hearing conducted by an administrative law judge; and
- a recommendation from the administrative law judge to MnDOT regarding the access permit, to be provided within 30 days of conclusion of the hearing.

Current law provides for access by owners and occupants of land that abuts a highway, but any access is subject to reasonable regulation by the road authority on the basis of interference with construction, maintenance, or safe use of the road.