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- 1 **Legislative approval of light rail projects.** Prevents a regional railroad authority from spending any funds for study, project development, or construction of a light rail transit project, unless the project is specifically authorized by the legislature. Effective the day after enactment.
- 2 **Legislative approval of light rail projects.** Prevents a county or city in the Twin Cities metropolitan area from spending any funds for study, project development, or construction of a light rail transit project, unless the project is specifically authorized by the legislature. Effective the day after enactment.
- 3 **Metropolitan Council.**
 - Subd. 1. Creation; membership.** Provides that the Metropolitan Council consists of 27 members, instead of 17. Provides for: (1) each county board to appoint one member to the council; (2) a local elected official appointed from each of the 16 council districts by the municipal committee in each district; and (3) the commissioner of transportation and three other persons appointed by the commissioner of transportation to represent modes of transportation.

Specifies that local elected offices are compatible with serving on the Metropolitan Council.
 - Subd. 2a. Terms.** Specifies the terms of the various appointees, generally two years.
 - Subd. 2b. Municipal committee in each council district.** Directs the city councils in each Metropolitan Council district to appoint a member to serve on the municipal

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committee for the council district, which appoints one of its members to serve on the Metropolitan Council and otherwise discusses issues relating to the Metropolitan Council.

Subd. 3. Members', chair's compensation. Provides for members to be paid \$20,000 per year and the chair, \$40,000 per year. Provides this is in addition to pay as a local elected official. Provides that the commissioner of transportation does not receive compensation but may get reimbursed for expenses, as may the other members.

Strikes provisions relating to nominating committees, appointments process.

Subd. 3a. Redistricting. Technical, conforming.

Subd. 4. Chair; appointment, officers, selection; duties and compensation. Provides for the chair to be appointed by and from among the council members.

Subd. 9. Authority to vote; quorum; votes required for action. Divides authority to vote. Provides that all members may vote when the council is acting as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO). Provides that the commissioner of transportation and the commissioner's appointees may not vote on other matters.

Provides that imposing a levy or adopting a metropolitan system plan or plan amendment requires at least a 60 percent vote.

Effective date; transition; application. Effective January 1, 2019, and applies in the metropolitan counties. Provides for Metropolitan Council members serving on the effective date to continue to serve until new members are appointed from districts by the municipal committees.

Provides that the subdivision establishing municipal committees is effective immediately.

4 Budget. Requires the council to present its proposed budget to the legislature approximately 11 months before its implementation (by February 15) and prohibits the council from adopting a budget for the next calendar year until the legislature enacts a law authorizing a budget. Provides that if no law is enacted by August 1, the council may proceed to adopt a budget and certify levies at the same level but with no increases. Effective beginning for taxes payable in 2019.

5 Development guide; transportation. Directs the Metropolitan Council to set a farebox recovery objective of 40 percent by 2022. The recovery ratio is calculated as the average across all regular route bus, bus rapid transit, light rail transit, and commuter rail lines of the council (so it excludes dial-a-ride and Metro Mobility service). Effective the day after enactment.

6 Deadlines; estimates (levy). Conforming amendment to section 4. Effective beginning for taxes payable in 2019.

7 Transportation planning. Eliminates the Transportation Advisory Board. Prohibits expansion of the metropolitan planning organization boundaries beyond the area included on the effective date of this section until two years after the federal notice of Qualifying Urban Areas after the 2020 federal decennial census. Effective January 1, 2019.

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- 9** **Project development requirements; co-location.** Requires the council to establish standards and criteria for co-location of freight rail and light rail transit. Lists criteria and standards that must be included. Effective the day after enactment.
- 10** **Project development requirements; alternatives and benefits analysis.** Requires the responsible authority for a light rail transit project to perform an alternatives and benefits analysis before beginning an environmental analysis or preliminary engineering. Lists topics to be included. Effective the day after enactment.
- 11** **Within 60 days; report.** Allows a local government to challenge the reasonableness of a metropolitan system plan or part of one when objecting to a system statement. Effective the day after enactment for system statements prepared on or after that date.
- 12** **Transportation policy plan update.** Requires the council to revise the transportation policy plan by December 31, 2017. (This section is related to the farebox recovery requirement in section 5.) Effective the day after enactment.
- 13** **Requirements for certain light rail transit projects.** Subject to a specific law authorizing the project, rail project development requirements in sections 9 and 10 apply to light rail transit construction or expansion that is in project development on the effective date of this section. Effective the day after enactment.