

Subject Sale of state property to a private entity; Stearns County

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Overview

Allows the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to sell a 30,000 square foot parcel of land in Stearns County, which is within the state rail bank, to a private entity at a fair market value. The proceeds of the sales are redeposited in the state rail bank maintenance account. Notwithstanding the general law, the sale may reduce the rail bank corridor width from no less than 100 feet to no less than 10 feet. Effective the day following final enactment.

Background. The state rail bank was established to allow MnDOT to acquire abandoned rail lines and right of way to preserve the space for future transportation and transmission needs. Under general law, MnDOT may only convey rail right of way to another state agency or political subdivision for public transportation or transmission purposes, or when it is not needed for transportation or transmission purposes and it does not reduce the rail bank corridor to less than 100 feet.