

Subject Zero-emission transit bus transition
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Overview

This bill sets requirements for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and transit agencies to plan and implement a transition to procuring solely zero-emission transit buses for regular route transit, which starts January 1, 2030 (or potentially later under a procurement exemption). The provisions are generally effective the day after enactment.

Summary

Section	Description
1	<p>Bus procurement.</p> <p>Requires transit providers and other recipients of state transit assistance in greater Minnesota to only purchase zero-emission buses in their bus procurement for regular route or special transportation service, starting January 1, 2030.</p>
2	<p>[Adds § 174.249] Zero-emission transit buses.</p> <p>Sets requirements that govern zero-emission bus transition planning and procurement.</p> <p>Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms.</p> <p>Subd. 2. Transition plan required. Directs MnDOT to create a transition plan for the transition to zero-emission transit buses. Requires the initial plan by February 15, 2025.</p> <p>Subd. 3. Plan development. Specifies topics to include in the transition plan, including guidance and recommendations for transit providers and by reference to items identified in a parallel plan required of the Metropolitan Council.</p> <p>Subd. 4. Consultation. Identifies entities that must be consulted with during plan development and revision.</p>

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	<p>Subd. 5. Assistance. Directs MnDOT to provide technical assistance on transition implementation by transit providers.</p> <p>Subd. 6. Copy to legislature. Requires submission of the plan to the legislature.</p> <p>Subd. 7. Bus procurement exemptions. Authorizes and sets requirements for MnDOT to issue an exemption from zero-emission bus procurement mandates, for transit providers including the Metropolitan Council. Provides for types of exemptions, application contents, and criteria for MnDOT to review an exemption request.</p>
3	<p>Bus procurement.</p> <p>Requires suburban transit providers to only purchase zero-emission buses in their bus procurement for regular route or special transportation service, starting January 1, 2030.</p>
4	<p>Zero-emission and electric transit vehicles.</p> <p>Amends requirements for the Metropolitan Council on zero-emission transit vehicles, including to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ amend and broaden required contents of a zero-emission and electric transit vehicle transition plan;▪ require the next transition plan revision by February 15, 2025;▪ change the update cycle to be every three years; and▪ require the council to only purchase zero-emission buses in their bus procurement for regular route or special transportation service, starting January 1, 2030.
5	<p>Appropriation; zero-emission bus transition plan.</p> <p>Appropriates an amount to be determined from the general fund in fiscal year 2025 for MnDOT to develop the zero-emission bus transition plan.</p>
6	<p>Revisor instruction.</p> <p>Makes technical changes to move a subdivision.</p>



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