

Subject Transportation supplemental appropriations and finance

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Overview

This bill forms the transportation supplemental appropriations and finance bill.

Article 1: Transportation Appropriations

This article makes supplemental appropriations and appropriation-related modifications for the FY 2024-2025 biennium, primarily to make additional fiscal year 2025 appropriations.

Section Description – Article 1: Transportation Appropriations

- 1 Transportation appropriations.**
Sets out the appropriations article structure and defines terms. Establishes that appropriations are from the Trunk Highway Fund unless another is named.
- 2 Department of Transportation.**
Makes supplemental appropriations to MnDOT for FY 2025.
- 3 Metropolitan Council.**
Makes a supplemental appropriation to the Metropolitan Council for FY 2025.
- 4 Department of Public Safety.**
Makes supplemental appropriations to the Department of Public Safety for FY 2025.
- 5 Multimodal systems.**
Establishes that a prior appropriation in fiscal year 2022 for a grant to the city of Karlstad is for Phase 1 of an airport project.
- 6 Appropriation cancellation.**
Cancels \$8 million from a prior appropriation from the General Fund in fiscal year 2024 for Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) discretionary matches. Effective the day after enactment.

Article 2: Transportation Finance

This article contains a variety of transportation finance and policy provisions.

Section	Description – Article 2: Transportation Finance
1	Intensive testing program data. Makes a technical change, to establish a cross reference.
2	[Adds § 161.1258] Rumble strips. Directs MnDOT to establish in-road rumble strips at some locations on the trunk highway system. Sets an implementation timeline.
3	Mayor Dave Smiglewski Memorial Bridge. Designates a bridge on U.S. Highway 212 in Granite Falls as the “Mayor Dave Smiglewski Memorial Bridge.”
4	Gopher Gunners Memorial Bridge. Designates a bridge on Trunk Highways 55 and 62 over the Mississippi River as the “Gopher Gunners Memorial Bridge.”
5	Transportation greenhouse gas emissions impact assessment. Revises and broadens requirements on assessment of trunk highway projects for impacts on greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled, including to provide for a shift to portfolio-based assessments. Effective February 1, 2025.
6	[Adds § 161.1782] Transportation impact assessment; technical advisory committee. Establishes a technical advisory committee to assist in the transportation greenhouse gas emissions impact assessment process. Effective the day after enactment.
7	High voltage transmission; placement in right-of-way. Explicitly authorizes establishment of high-voltage transmission lines within trunk highway right-of-way. Effective the day after enactment.
8	High voltage transmission; coordination required. Directs MnDOT to coordinate on transmission line placement. Effective the day after enactment.
9	High voltage transmission; constructability report; advance notice. Requires reporting on a potential route for transmission line colocation on a trunk highway corridor. Provides for relocation costs in some circumstances. Effective the day after enactment.

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- 10 **High voltage transmission; relocation reimbursement prohibited.**
Sets restrictions on high voltage transmission line relocation reimbursement from the trunk highway fund for costs resulting from trunk highway projects and provides for cost recovery by utilities. Effective the day after enactment.
- 11 **Definitions.**
Adds a definition of “high voltage transmission line” for a statute on utility relocation costs.
- 12 **Relocation of facilities; reimbursement.**
Removes a restriction on high voltage transmission line relocation reimbursement from the trunk highway fund. Makes technical changes.
- 13 **Display of temporary permit.**
Makes conforming and technical changes, including to remove obsolete language.
- 14 **60-day temporary vehicle permit.**
Extends the valid period, from 21 to 60 days, for a temporary permit for vehicle operation that can be issued to the buyer of a new motor vehicle. Effective October 1, 2024.
- 15 **Contributions; account; appropriations.**
Allows designation of Minnesota professional sports team foundation special plate donations to go to the Minnesota Loon Restoration Project.
- 16 **[Adds § 168.1283] Rotary International plates.**
Establishes a Rotary International special license plate and provides for plate requirements, eligibility, donations, design, and transfer.
- 17 **Late fee.**
Makes a conforming change.
- 18 **Application for new certificate.**
Extends the deadline, from ten to 20 days, for submission of a title or title transfer application following the sale of a motor vehicle. Effective October 1, 2024.
- 19 **Requirements upon subsequent transfer; service fee.**
Makes a conforming change.

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- 20 **Electric-assisted bicycle.**
Modifies the definition of an electric-assisted bicycle in the chapter of statutes governing traffic regulations.
- 21 **Multiple mode electric-assisted bicycle.**
Defines a “multiple mode electric-assisted bicycle” in the chapter of statutes governing traffic regulations.
- 22 **Vulnerable road user.**
Defines “vulnerable road user” in the chapter of statutes governing traffic regulations.
- 23 **Driver education; vulnerable road users.**
Broadens driver education curriculum rulemaking requirements of the Department of Public Safety to address additional considerations related to vulnerable road users.
- 24 **Electric-assisted bicycle; riding rules.**
Establishes that multiple mode e-bikes can be operated on bicycle paths and trails, unless prohibited.
- 25 **Electric-assisted bicycle; equipment.**
Revises labeling and operating equipment and capability requirements for e-bikes.
- 26 **[Adds § 169.515] Lights On grant program.**
Creates a Lights On grant program for vouchers that are provided to vehicle operators to replace or repair malfunctioning motor vehicle lights, including to set a \$250 voucher maximum, establish program eligibility, identify prioritization for grants, and require an annual report.
- 27 **Nonfelony violations.**
Amends the pretrial release requirements for certain individuals charged with a DWI offense, including to require the individual to abstain from nonprescribed controlled substances and allow the use of random testing to monitor abstinence.
- 28 **Reinstatement of driving privileges; multiple incidents.**
Establishes requirements for a person charged with a DWI involving controlled substances to recover driving privileges that mirrors the ignition interlock program, through mandated participation in an intensive testing program in place of interlock.

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- 29 **Driver’s manual; vulnerable road users.**
Broadens direction to the Department of Public Safety on information to include in the driver’s manual, to specify traffic laws related to vulnerable road users. Effective the day after enactment, for editions of the manual published after that date.
- 30 **Examination subjects and locations; provisions for color blindness, disabled veterans.**
Broadens the driver knowledge exam to include testing on traffic laws related to vulnerable road users.
- 31 **Definitions.**
Adds and modifies definitions for the ignition interlock statute, which has the effect of narrowing participation in the ignition interlock program to incidents involving alcohol.
- 32 **Rulemaking.**
Makes a technical change.
- 33 **[Adds § 171.307] Intensive testing program.**
Establishes a program to test individuals convicted of certain DWI offenses involving controlled substances, including to require participants to submit to weekly urine analysis and authorize issuance of a restricted license to program participants. Establishes requirements related to the length of participation and consequences for violations that mirror the requirements of the ignition interlock program.
- 34 **Tribal worksite training program.**
Directs MnDOT to create a Tribal worksite training program for state-funded construction projects.
- 35 **[Adds § 174.249] Zero-emission transit buses.**
Authorizes and sets requirements for MnDOT to issue an exemption from zero-emission bus procurement mandates for transit providers in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. Provides for types of exemptions, application contents, and criteria for MnDOT to review an exemption request. Effective the day after enactment.
- 36 **Active transportation accounts.**
Makes technical and conforming changes.

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- 37 **Use of funds.**
Provides funding under the Active Transportation program for the costs over four years of complete streets policy and guidance modifications.
- 38 **[Adds § 174.595] Transportation facilities capital program.**
Establishes a program on capital projects for MnDOT agency buildings and facilities, including to create program accounts, set project eligibility, and identify prioritization considerations. Effective the day after enactment.
- 39 **Passenger rail account; transfers; appropriation.**
Makes conforming and clarifying changes. Effective the day after enactment.
- 40 **Fee and revenue collection authorized.**
Authorizes MnDOT to arrange for fee and revenue collection related to passenger rail service. Effective the day after enactment.
- 41 **Definitions.**
Defines a term in the complete streets statute, by cross reference.
- 42 **Implementation.**
Specifies additional elements that MnDOT must include in their complete streets policy.
- 43 **Implementation guidance.**
Directs MnDOT to maintain guidance on the department’s complete streets policy. Specifies analysis to incorporate in it.
- 44 **Policy.**
Modifies a policy statement on electric power facility locations to explicitly identify high voltage transmission lines. Effective the day after enactment.
- 45 **Railroad company assessment; account; appropriation.**
Makes a conforming change, to amend uses of funds in the state rail safety inspection account.
- 46 **[Adds § 219.382] Wayside detector systems.**
Sets requirements for railroads to use wayside detector systems that monitor passing trains for some types of equipment defects. Effective January 1, 2025.

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- 47 **[Adds § 219.5505] Train length.**
Limits train lengths in Minnesota to a maximum of 8,500 feet, sets a schedule of fine amounts for violation, and provides for civil actions. Effective August 1, 2024.
- 48 **[Adds § 219.756] Yardmaster hours of service.**
Sets limits for on-duty hours of some railroad employees who supervise and coordinate train activity in a railyard. Effective August 1, 2024.
- 49 **Motor carrier of railroad employees; requirements.**
Increases the minimum automobile insurance required of a motor carrier of railroad employees, from \$1 million to \$5 million in uninsured and underinsured coverage.
- 50 **Inspection and investigation authority.**
Provides for complaint-initiated investigation of motor carriers of railroad employees.
- 51 **Civil penalty.**
Sets a schedule of penalties for a violation of motor carrier of railroad employee requirements and provides for enforcement.
- 52 **[Adds § 325F.661] Sale of electric-assisted bicycles and powered cycles.**
Regulates sale and some advertising of electric-assisted bicycles and powered cycles.
- 53 **Transportation financial review.**
Directs the Metropolitan Council to submit an annual financial review to the legislature that provides various fiscal details about the transportation area of the council's budget and financials. Effective the day following enactment.
- 54 **Bus procurement.**
Requires suburban transit providers to only purchase zero-emission buses in their bus procurement for regular route or special transportation service, under a phase-in that starts January 1, 2030.
- 55 **Zero-emission and electric transit vehicles.**
Amends requirements for the Metropolitan Council on zero-emission transit vehicles, including to amend and broaden required contents of a transition plan and set a phase-in for procurement of zero-emission buses.
- 56 **Bus rapid transit project infrastructure.**
Requires the Metropolitan Council to include and fund the costs of specified aspects of all bus rapid transit (BRT) projects.

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- 57 **Community roadside landscape partnerships.**
Specifies program expansion considerations for MnDOT’s community roadside landscape partnership program.
- 58 **Revisor instruction.**
Makes technical changes to move a subdivision.
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- 60 **Repealer.**
Paragraph (a) repeals a special plate provision (which is made obsolete by the Rotary International special plate established in this article).

Paragraph (b) repeals an administrative rule that mandates a minimum 180-hour length of instruction on commercial motor vehicle operation, which is required for a postsecondary institution that is approved as a third-party tester.



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