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Subject Northern Lights Express project

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Overview

This bill sets prohibitions and cancels much of a prior appropriation for the Northern Lights Express passenger rail project between the Twin Cities metropolitan area and Duluth. Effective the day after enactment.

Summary

Section Description

1 Northern Lights Express passenger rail; prohibition.

Prohibits the Minnesota Department of Transportation and the Metropolitan Council from expending funds, including federal dollars, for the Northern Lights Express project.

2 Appropriation cancellation; Northern Lights Express.

Cancels the uncommitted balance from a fiscal year 2024 appropriation for the Northern Lights Express project (which is estimated at about \$194.4 million).

3 Transfer; trunk highway fund.

Directs a transfer in fiscal year 2025 of the amount canceled in section 2 from the General Fund to the Trunk Highway Fund.