

**Subject** MnDOT policy provisions

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## Overview

This bill contains various Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) agency policy provisions, which include modifications to bridge inspection requirements; establishment of vehicle tunnel inspection standards; revisions to legislative report expirations; establishment of a truck parking improvement program; and repeal of some memorial highways.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Bridge.</b> Modifies the definition of “bridge” in the chapter of state statutes on bridges, to include bridges for all-terrain vehicles and snowmobiles that cross over a public road.
2	<b>Bridge and Structure Inspection Program Manual (BSIPM).</b> Defines “BSIPM” in the chapter of state statutes on bridges, to be a bridge inspection program manual created by MnDOT.
3	<b>National Tunnel Inspection Standards (NTIS).</b> Defines “NTIS” in the chapter of state statutes on bridges, to be standards on vehicle tunnel inspection established in federal regulations. Incorporates the standards by reference to the federal law.
4	<b>Inspection and load rating.</b> Modifies various requirements on bridge capability, inspections, and reporting, including to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ remove a provision on general bridge standards that is being substantially reproduced in another state statute;</li><li>▪ modify bridge inspection frequencies to be based on national standards or as determined by MnDOT, depending on the type of bridge;</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ require inspection of additional types of bridges for the spans over public roads;</li><li>▪ remove filing dates for local reports on inspections;</li><li>▪ eliminate a required biennial legislative report on bridge inspection quality assurance; and</li><li>▪ make technical changes.</li></ul>
5	<p><b>[Adds § 165.16] Bridge strength.</b></p> <p>Substantially reproduces a provision requiring that bridges meet general strength and dimensional standards imposed by MnDOT, and broadens the general requirement to all bridges.</p>
6	<p><b>[Adds § 165.17] Tunnel inspections.</b></p> <p>Sets vehicle tunnel inspection frequency requirements.</p>
7	<p><b>Expiration.</b></p> <p>Establishes an expiration of January 1, 2036, for legislative reports on: bridge inspection; trunk highway system performance; consolidated local financials; pavement life-cycle cost analysis; greater Minnesota transit; complete streets; Corridors of Commerce; and major highway projects. Requires some ongoing information on the MnDOT website. Sets a default ten-year expiration for reports when another date is not provided.</p>
8	<p><b>Exceptions.</b></p> <p>Adds an exception from the general MnDOT reporting expiration schedule for collaborative reports. Allows expiration under the general MnDOT schedule for legislative reports on dedicated fund expenditures and privatization contracts.</p>
9	<p><b>Use of funds.</b></p> <p>Amends allocation of the initial funds made available annually for the active transportation program administered by MnDOT, to direct the first ten percent, at up to \$500,000, for youth transportation safety curriculum programming.</p>
10	<p><b>[Adds § 174.68] Truck parking improvement program.</b></p> <p>Creates a truck parking improvement program. Directs MnDOT to establish program requirements, requires a competitive selection process, limits administrative costs, specifies eligible recipients, requires stakeholder input, identifies permissible uses of funds, and requires program information on the department's website.</p>
11	<p><b>Repealer.</b></p> <p>Repeals some specified highway designations.</p>



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