

Subject MnDOT cost participation limitations

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## Overview

This bill sets requirements on the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) cost participation policy. The bill (1) prevents MnDOT from requiring local funding participation to cover any portion of project costs that are necessitated by the project, with exceptions for agreements to expand the project design or scope; and (2) makes an appropriation from the General Fund for project costs that cannot be paid from the Trunk Highway Fund.

**Background.** The MnDOT cost participation policy forms the general basis to delineate cost payment between MnDOT and a local unit government for a cooperative construction project involving the trunk highway system.

## Summary

Section	Description
1	<p><b>[Adds § 161.375] Cost participation.</b></p> <p>Sets limitations on MnDOT's cost participation policy so that local units of government cannot be required to pay costs of work within the trunk highway right-of-way that are necessitated by a trunk highway project. Provides exceptions from the limitation for agreements to perform work that is beyond the original project design or scope.</p>
2	<p><b>Appropriation; trunk highway project costs.</b></p> <p>Makes an appropriation, in an amount to be determined, in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 from the General Fund for project costs related to the cost participation limitations that cannot be paid from the Trunk Highway Fund. Specifies a base in an amount to be determined.</p>



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