

Subject ReConnect Rondo land bridge

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Summary

This bill prohibits the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and the Metropolitan Council from expending funds for study, project development, or construction of a proposed land bridge over a segment of Interstate Highway 94 in St. Paul (known as the ReConnect Rondo project). Effective the day after enactment.

Background. Among the prior funding, legislation in 2021 included a \$6.2 million General Fund appropriation to MnDOT for project development and grants related to the ReConnect Rondo project. Laws 2021, 1st Spec. Sess., ch. 14, art. 11, sec. 45. A federal planning grant for \$2 million was awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation from 2024 funds in the Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Grant Program.