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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-SECOND SESSION

H. F. No. 2494

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment

1.1A bill for an act

1.2relating to capital investment; amending an appropriation for U.S. Highway 53 in

1.3Virginia for utilities relocation; amending Laws 2014, chapter 294, article 1, section

1.421, subdivision 23, as amended.

1.5BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6Section 1. Laws 2014, chapter 294, article 1, section 21, subdivision 23, as amended by

1.7Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 5, article 3, section 23, is amended to read:

1.8Subd. 23. **Virginia - Highway 53 Utilities**

1.9**Relocation**19,500,000

1.10(a) \$500,000 of this appropriation is for a grant

1.11to the city of Virginia Public Utilities

1.12Commission to acquire land, predesign,

1.13design, construct, furnish, and equip an

1.14electrical substation along or within six miles

1.15of the relocated U.S. Highway 53 in Virginia

1.16as part of relocating the electrical utilities. This

1.17appropriation fully funds the project described

1.18in this paragraph and meets the requirements

1.19in Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.502, that

1.20the project be fully funded. This appropriation

1.21does not require a nonstate match.

1.22(b) \$19,000,000 of this appropriation is for:

(1) a grant to the city of Virginia Public Utilities Commission to acquire land, predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip relocated water, electrical, and gas utilities along or within six miles of the relocated U.S. Highway 53 in Virginia, Eveleth, Gilbert, and Fayal Township;

(2) a grant to the city of Virginia to acquire land, predesign, construct, furnish, and equip relocated storm water and sanitary sewer along or within six miles of the relocated U.S. Highway 53 in Virginia, Eveleth, Gilbert, and Fayal Township; ~~and~~

(3) a grant to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority to acquire land, predesign, design, construct, furnish, and equip trails to handle bicycles, pedestrians, snowmobiles, and ATVs along or within six miles of the relocated U.S. Highway 53 in Virginia, Eveleth, Gilbert, and Fayal Township. This appropriation does not require a nonstate match; and

(4) any amount of this appropriation that is unspent after substantial completion of the work described in clauses (1), (2), and (3), may be used for a grant to the St. Louis Lake Counties Regional Railroad for construction of a segment of the Mesabi Trail extending from the eastern end of the Mesabi Trail in Biwabik at the intersection of marked Trunk Highway 135 and St. Louis County Road 20 to the intersection of County Road 20 and First Street South in the city of McKinley.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.