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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1529

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transit; designating responsible authorities for light rail transit projects;
1.3 amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 473.3993, subdivision 4; 473.3994,
1.4 subdivision 1a.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.3993, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 4. Responsible authority. "Responsible authority" means either the Metropolitan
1.8 Council or, the state of Minnesota acting through the commissioner of transportation, or a
1.9 county board of a metropolitan county as designated by the governor under section 473.3994,
1.10 subdivision 1a, for a particular light rail transit facility.

1.11 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and
1.12 applies to projects that enter into full funding grant agreements on or after that date.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.3994, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

1.14 Subd. 1a. Designation of responsible authority. For each proposed light rail transit
1.15 facility in the metropolitan area, the governor must designate either the Metropolitan Council
1.16 or, the state of Minnesota acting through the commissioner of transportation, or a county
1.17 board of a metropolitan county as the entity responsible for planning, designing, acquiring,
1.18 constructing, and equipping the facility. If a proposed light rail transit facility will be entirely
1.19 located within a single metropolitan area county, the governor must designate the county
1.20 board of that county as the entity responsible for planning, designing, acquiring, constructing,
1.21 and equipping the facility. Notwithstanding such designation, the commissioner and, the
1.22 council, and the county board may enter into one or more cooperative agreements with

2.1 respect to the planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, or equipping of a particular light  
2.2 rail transit facility that provide for the parties to exercise their respective authorities in  
2.3 support of the project in a manner that best serves the project and the public.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and  
2.5 applies to projects that enter into full funding grant agreements on or after that date.