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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4690

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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; appropriating money for transit in greater Minnesota.

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

1.4 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; GREATER MINNESOTA TRANSIT.

1.5 (a) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.6 commissioner of transportation for the public transit assistance program under Minnesota
1.7 Statutes, section 174.24. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2025.

1.8 (b) The appropriation in paragraph (a) is available for:

1.9 (1) the recipient's share of fuel cost increases above any amount specified in a contract
1.10 under Minnesota Statutes, section 174.24, subdivision 3;

1.11 (2) the recipient's share of vehicle cost increases above any previously committed amount;

1.12 (3) costs of consultants to design and plan transit capital investments, including facilities
1.13 and transit shelters;

1.14 (4) construction of transit facilities;

1.15 (5) costs of consultants to assist in planning and outreach for county-to-county bus
1.16 service, bus rapid transit lines, or both;

1.17 (6) capital investments for electric vehicle charging facilities;

1.18 (7) procurement of zero-emission and electric transit vehicles;

1.19 (8) transit system technology improvements; and

1.20 (9) hiring bonuses.

- 2.1 (c) The commissioner must allocate financial assistance awards by December 1, 2023.
- 2.2 A recipient of financial assistance must expend the funds by December 31, 2024.
- 2.3 (d) A recipient of financial assistance is not required to commit funds from nonstate
- 2.4 sources that exceed five percent of the amount provided under this section.