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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **4417**

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to mass transit; requiring a legislative report on light rail transit projects.

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

1.4 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE REPORT; LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT PROJECTS.

1.5 (a) By January 31 in each odd-numbered year, the Metropolitan Council must submit a
1.6 report on the financial status of light rail transit projects to the members and staff of the
1.7 legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance and capital
1.8 investment.

1.9 (b) At a minimum, the report must provide the following separately for each light rail
1.10 transit project under development or construction during the previous two calendar years:

1.11 (1) the most recent project budget, including a summary of any substantive changes
1.12 since the last report submitted under this section;

1.13 (2) the total life cycle cost estimated for the light rail transit line over a period of at least
1.14 30 years;

1.15 (3) details on estimated costs of capital maintenance over the period used under clause
1.16 (2), with a breakdown of the costs to replace, rehabilitate, and maintain (i) track, (ii) light
1.17 rail stations, (iii) light rail vehicles, including vehicle replacement after no more than 25
1.18 years, and (iv) associated capital facilities;

1.19 (4) costs of restoring to the project all elements removed from the project budget during
1.20 project engineering and design, including but not limited to light rail vehicle procurement,
1.21 light rail stations, and maintenance facilities;

2.1 (5) analysis of the service and ridership impacts of restoring each project element
2.2 identified in clause (4);

2.3 (6) a debt service schedule that itemizes the principal and interest on all debt anticipated
2.4 or issued for the project; and

2.5 (7) annual and total estimates of the operating subsidy for the line, using the current
2.6 light rail transit adult fare for non-rush hours, over the period used under clause (2).

2.7 (c) This section does not apply to a light rail transit line that commenced revenue
2.8 operations prior to the effective date of this section.

2.9 (d) This section expires two years after the light rail lines subject to this section commence
2.10 revenue operations or the day after the light rail lines subject to this section are permanently
2.11 abandoned.

2.12 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
2.13 final enactment and applies for any project that formally entered the engineering phase or
2.14 a subsequent phase of the Federal Transit Administration's New Starts capital investment
2.15 grant program as of that date. This section applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota,
2.16 Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.