

A bill for an act

relating to transportation; authorizing creation of Advisory Committee on
Nonmotorized Transportation; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
Statutes, chapter 174.

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

Section 1. **[174.37] ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON NONMOTORIZED
TRANSPORTATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** (a) The commissioner of transportation may establish
an advisory committee on nonmotorized transportation. The committee may make
recommendations to the commissioner on items related to nonmotorized transportation,
including safety, education, and development programs. The committee shall review and
analyze issues and needs relating to operating nonmotorized transportation on public
rights-of-way, and identify solutions and goals for addressing identified issues and needs.
The committee shall elect a chair from its membership, and shall establish a meeting
schedule and meet at least annually.

(b) For purposes of this section, "nonmotorized transportation" includes bicycling,
pedestrian activities, and other forms of nonmotorized transportation.

Subd. 2. **Members.** The advisory committee must consist of the following members:

(a) The commissioner of transportation shall appoint up to 18 Minnesota citizens.
The commissioner shall appoint one member from each of the department's seven
greater Minnesota districts; four members from the department's metropolitan district;
and no more than seven members at large, each of whom must represent nonmotorized
interests or organizations.

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2.1 (b) The commissioners of each of the following state agencies shall appoint
2.2 an employee of the agency to serve as a member: administration, education, health,
2.3 natural resources, public safety, transportation, and pollution control. The chair of the
2.4 Metropolitan Council shall appoint an employee of the council to serve as a member. The
2.5 director of Explore Minnesota Tourism shall appoint an employee of the agency to serve
2.6 as a member. The division administrator of the Federal Highway Administration may
2.7 appoint an employee of the agency to serve as a member.

2.8 Subd. 3. **Expenses.** Members of the advisory committee serve without
2.9 compensation, but members who are not employees of government agencies must
2.10 be reimbursed for expenses in the same manner and amount as authorized by the
2.11 commissioner's plan adopted under section 43A.18, subdivision 2. The commissioner
2.12 shall provide department staff support to the committee.

2.13 Subd. 4. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the committee
2.14 does not expire.