

A bill for an act
relating to transportation; requiring report on mitigating effects of transportation
construction projects on small businesses.

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

Section 1. **REPORT ON MITIGATION OF TRANSPORTATION
CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS.**

(a) The commissioner of transportation shall submit a report to the chairs and
ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with
jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance and over economic development policy
and finance that proposes a model public information program targeted at small businesses
as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 645.445, subdivision 2, that are impacted by
transportation construction projects.

(b) The report must include, but not be limited to:

(1) identification of methods and techniques for informing small businesses about
upcoming transportation construction projects;

(2) a description of components of an information packet for businesses, which
includes:

(i) the nature, extent, and timing of planned construction, including anticipated
changes in parking, traffic, and public access in the area;

(ii) identification of a contact within the appropriate road authority that can provide
information about construction progress and timing; and

(iii) a listing of area business development organizations that can assist businesses
with financing, marketing, and technical counseling during the construction period; and

2.1 (3) recommendations for opportunities to provide further assistance to small
2.2 businesses impacted by transportation construction projects.

2.3 (c) In preparing the report, the commissioner shall consult with the commissioner of
2.4 employment and economic development, the Metropolitan Council, counties, cities, and
2.5 community organizations, including a metropolitan consortium of community developers
2.6 and local chambers of commerce.

2.7 (d) The commissioner of transportation shall submit the report no later than March
2.8 15, 2009.