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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy
Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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A bill for an act
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relating to transportation; prohibiting expenditures for the Northern Lights Express
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passenger rail project; canceling prior appropriation; transferring money.
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
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Section 1. **NORTHERN LIGHTS EXPRESS PASSENGER RAIL; PROHIBITION.**
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Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "Northern Lights Express project"
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means the proposed high-speed passenger rail project between the cities of Minneapolis
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and Duluth.
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Subd. 2. **Commissioner of transportation.** The commissioner of transportation must
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not expend any money for studying, planning, engineering, design, land acquisition, or
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construction for the Northern Lights Express project. This prohibition includes grants to
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other entities and the expenditure of federal money for this purpose.
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Subd. 3. **Metropolitan Council.** The Metropolitan Council must not expend any money
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for studying, planning, engineering, design, land acquisition, or construction for the Northern
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Lights Express project. This prohibition includes grants to other entities and the expenditure
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of federal money for this purpose.
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EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION. This section is effective the day following
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final enactment. Subdivision 3 applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin,
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Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

2.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION CANCELLATION; NORTHERN LIGHTS EXPRESS.**

2.2 The uncommitted balance of the appropriation in fiscal year 2024 under Laws 2023,
2.3 chapter 68, article 1, section 2, subdivision 2, paragraph (d), for the Minneapolis-Duluth
2.4 Northern Lights Express intercity passenger rail project, estimated to be \$194,413,803, is
2.5 canceled to the general fund on the effective date of this section.

2.6 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.7 Sec. 3. **TRANSFER; TRUNK HIGHWAY FUND.**

2.8 The commissioner of transportation must determine a transfer amount that equals the
2.9 amount canceled under section 2, and must transfer that amount in fiscal year 2025 from
2.10 the general fund to the trunk highway fund.

2.11 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.