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Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation

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- 1.1 A bill for an act
- 1.2 relating to transportation; prohibiting the use of proceeds from the regional
- 1.3 transportation sales and use tax for light rail or passenger rail projects; amending
- 1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.4465, subdivisions 2, 5.
- 1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:
- 1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.4465, subdivision 2, is amended to read:
- 1.7 Subd. 2. **Use of funds; Metropolitan Council.** (a) Sales tax revenue is available as
- 1.8 follows:
- 1.9 (1) five percent for active transportation, as determined by the Transportation Advisory
- 1.10 Board under subdivision 3; and
- 1.11 (2) 95 percent for transit system purposes under sections 473.371 to 473.452, except as
- 1.12 specified under subdivision 5, including but not limited to operations, maintenance, and
- 1.13 capital projects.
- 1.14 (b) The council must expend a portion of sales tax revenue in each of the following
- 1.15 categories:
- 1.16 (1) improvements to regular route bus service levels;
- 1.17 (2) improvements related to transit safety, including additional transit officials, as defined
- 1.18 under section 473.4075;
- 1.19 (3) maintenance and improvements to bus accessibility at transit stops and transit centers;
- 1.20 (4) transit shelter replacement and improvements under section 473.41;
- 1.21 (5) planning and project development for expansion of arterial bus rapid transit lines;

- 2.1 (6) operations and capital maintenance of arterial bus rapid transit;
- 2.2 (7) planning and project development for expansion of highway bus rapid transit and
- 2.3 bus guideway lines;
- 2.4 (8) operations and capital maintenance of highway bus rapid transit and bus guideways;
- 2.5 (9) zero-emission bus procurement and associated costs in conformance with the
- 2.6 zero-emission and electric transit vehicle transition plan under section 473.3927;
- 2.7 (10) demand response microtransit service provided by the council;
- 2.8 (11) financial assistance to replacement service providers under section 473.388, to
- 2.9 provide for service, vehicle purchases, and capital investments related to demand response
- 2.10 microtransit service;
- 2.11 (12) financial assistance to political subdivisions and tax-exempt organizations under
- 2.12 section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for active transportation; and
- 2.13 (13) wage adjustments for Metro Transit hourly operations employees.

2.14 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 473.4465, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

2.15 Subd. 5. **Prohibition.** (a) The council is prohibited from expending sales tax revenue

2.16 on ~~the Southwest~~ any light rail transit ~~(Green Line Extension)~~ or passenger rail project.

2.17 ~~(b) Paragraph (a) expires on the date of expiration of the Metropolitan Governance Task~~

2.18 ~~Force as specified under Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 4, section 123, subdivision 11.~~