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A bill for an act

relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a new multimodal shared-use trail from the city of La Crescent to the cities of Hokah and Houston to complete the Root River State Trail; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

Section 1. **ROOT RIVER STATE TRAIL EXTENSION; LA CRESCENT - HOKAH - HOUSTON.**

Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** (a) $4,750,000 is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of natural resources for acquisition of property and easements, predesign, design, environmental review, permitting, and preliminary engineering of a multimodal shared-use trail from the city of La Crescent to the cities of Hokah and Houston, following the Root River corridor and Historic Bluff Country National Scenic Byway and crossing, where necessary, the Root River; marked Trunk Highway 16, following the abandoned rail bed and corridor; County Trunk Highway 7; and County Trunk Highway 25. The trail may be routed through existing Department of Natural Resources and state lands and easements and public and private lands without the use of eminent domain, as necessary for the continuous routing of the shared-use path along approximately 18 miles of trail corridor. This appropriation is for Phase 1 of the project.

(b) Any unspent portion of this appropriation remaining after completion of the project in paragraph (a), after written notice to the commissioner of management and budget, is available for final engineering and construction of the bike trail.

Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of

the state in an amount up to $4,750,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

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