

A bill for an act

relating to transportation; establishing a Mississippi River bikeway trail; modifying description of Veterans Memorial Highway; regulating left turns; authorizing commissioner of transportation to pursue federal financing and local government participation for rail service improvement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2010, sections 161.14, subdivision 66; 169.06, subdivisions 5, 7; 222.50, subdivision 4; 222.51; 222.53; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 160; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 222.48, subdivision 3a.

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

Section 1. **[160.266] MISSISSIPPI RIVER TRAIL.**

**Subdivision 1. Definitions.** For the purposes of this section:

(1) "bicycle path" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 6; and

(2) "bikeway" has the meaning given in section 169.011, subdivision 9.

**Subd. 2. Creation.** The commissioner, in cooperation with road and trail authorities including the commissioner of natural resources, shall identify a bikeway that originates at Itasca State Park in Clearwater, Beltrami, and Hubbard Counties, then generally parallels the Mississippi River through the cities of Bemidji in Beltrami County, Grand Rapids in Itasca County, Brainerd in Crow Wing County, Little Falls in Morrison County, Sauk Rapids in Benton County, St. Cloud in Stearns County, Minneapolis in Hennepin County, St. Paul in Ramsey County, Hastings in Dakota County, Red Wing in Goodhue County, Wabasha in Wabasha County, Winona in Winona County, and La Crescent in Houston County to Minnesota's boundary with Iowa and there terminates. Where opportunities exist, the bikeway may be designated on both sides of the Mississippi River.

**Subd. 3. Cooperation with other entities.** The commissioner may contract and enter into agreements with federal agencies, other state agencies, and local governments to

establish, develop, maintain, and operate the bikeway and to interpret associated natural and cultural resources.

Subd. 4. **Funding.** Bicycle paths included within the bikeway and not administered by the commissioner of natural resources are eligible for funding from the environment and natural resources trust fund under chapter 116P, from the parks and trails grant program under section 85.535, from the local recreation grants program under section 85.019, subdivision 4b, and from other sources.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 161.14, subdivision 66, is amended to read:

Subd. 66. **Veterans Memorial Highway.** ~~Legislative Route No. 31, signed as~~ Trunk Highway marked 200 as of July 1, 2010, from the border with North Dakota to the city of Mahanomen, is designated as the "Veterans Memorial Highway." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 169.06, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Traffic-control signal.** (a) Whenever traffic is controlled by traffic-control signals exhibiting different colored lights, or colored lighted arrows, successively one at a time or in combination, only the colors Green, Red, and Yellow shall be used, except for special pedestrian signals carrying a word or legend. The traffic-control signal lights or colored lighted arrows indicate and apply to drivers of vehicles and pedestrians as follows:

(1) Green indication:

(i) Vehicular traffic facing a circular green signal may proceed straight through or turn right or left unless a sign ~~at such place~~ prohibits either turn. But vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or adjacent crosswalk at the time this signal is exhibited. Vehicular traffic turning left or making a U-turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles approaching from the opposite direction so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(ii) Vehicular traffic facing a green arrow signal, shown alone or in combination with another indication, may cautiously enter the intersection only to make the movement indicated by the arrow, or other movement as permitted by other indications shown at the same time. ~~Such~~ Vehicular traffic shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians lawfully within an adjacent crosswalk and to other traffic lawfully using the intersection.

(iii) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in subdivision 6, pedestrians facing any green signal, except when the sole green signal is a

turn arrow, may proceed across the roadway within any marked or unmarked crosswalk. Every driver of a vehicle shall yield the right-of-way to such pedestrian, except that the pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to vehicles lawfully within the intersection at the time that the green signal indication is first shown.

(2) Steady yellow indication:

(i) Vehicular traffic facing a steady circular yellow or yellow arrow signal is thereby warned that the related green movement is being terminated or that a red indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter when vehicular traffic must not enter the intersection, except for the continued movement allowed by any green arrow indication simultaneously exhibited.

(ii) Pedestrians facing a circular yellow signal, unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in subdivision 6, are thereby advised that there is insufficient time to cross the roadway before a red indication is shown and no pedestrian shall then start to cross the roadway.

(3) Steady red indication:

(i) Vehicular traffic facing a circular red signal alone must stop at a clearly marked stop line but, if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and shall remain standing until a green indication is shown, except as follows: (A) the driver of a vehicle stopped as close as practicable at the entrance to the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then at the entrance to the intersection in obedience to a red or stop signal, and with the intention of making a right turn may make the right turn, after stopping, unless an official sign has been erected prohibiting such movement, but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic lawfully proceeding as directed by the signal at that intersection; or (B) the driver of a vehicle on a one-way street intersecting another one-way street on which traffic moves to the left shall stop in obedience to a red or stop signal and may then make a left turn into the one-way street, unless an official sign has been erected prohibiting the movement, but shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic lawfully proceeding as directed by the signal at that intersection.

(ii) Unless otherwise directed by a pedestrian-control signal as provided in subdivision 6, pedestrians facing a steady red signal alone shall not enter the roadway.

(iii) Vehicular traffic facing a steady red arrow signal, with the intention of making a movement indicated by the arrow, must stop at a clearly marked stop line but, if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection or, if none, then before entering the intersection and must remain standing until a permissive signal indication permitting the movement indicated by the red arrow is displayed, except as follows: when

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an official sign has been erected permitting a turn on a red arrow signal, the vehicular traffic facing a red arrow signal indication is permitted to enter the intersection to turn right, or to turn left from a one-way street into a one-way street on which traffic moves to the left, after stopping, but must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and other traffic lawfully proceeding as directed by the signal at that intersection.

(b) In the event an official traffic-control signal is erected and maintained at a place other than an intersection, the provisions of this section are applicable except those which can have no application. Any stop required must be made at a sign or marking on the pavement indicating where the stop must be made, but in the absence of any such sign or marking the stop must be made at the signal.

(c) When a traffic-control signal indication or indications placed to control a certain movement or lane are so identified by placing a sign near the indication or indications, no other traffic-control signal indication or indications within the intersection controls vehicular traffic for that movement or lane.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 169.06, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Flashing signal.** When flashing red or yellow signals are used they shall require obedience by vehicular traffic as follows:

(a) When a circular red lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

(b) When a red arrow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes drivers of vehicles with the intention of making a movement indicated by the arrow shall stop at a clearly marked stop line, but if none, before entering the crosswalk on the near side of the intersection, or if none, then at the point nearest the intersecting roadway where the driver has a view of approaching traffic on the intersecting roadway before entering the intersection, and the right to proceed shall be subject to the rules applicable after making a stop at a stop sign.

(c) When a circular yellow lens is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles may proceed through the intersection or past the signals only with caution. But vehicular traffic, including vehicles turning right or left, shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or adjacent crosswalk at the time this signal is exhibited. Vehicular traffic turning left or making a U-turn to the left

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shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles approaching from the opposite direction so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard.

(d) When a yellow arrow indication is illuminated with rapid intermittent flashes, drivers of vehicles with the intention of making a movement indicated by the arrow may proceed through the intersection or past the signals only with caution, but shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles and to pedestrians lawfully within the intersection or adjacent crosswalk at the time this signal is exhibited. Vehicular traffic turning left or making a U-turn to the left shall yield the right-of-way to other vehicles approaching from the opposite direction so closely as to constitute an immediate hazard.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 222.50, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Contract.** The commissioner may negotiate and enter into contracts for the purpose of rail service improvement and may incorporate funds available from the federal ~~rail service continuation program~~ government. The participants in these contracts shall be railroads, rail users, and the department, and may be political subdivisions of the state and the federal government. In such contracts, participation by all parties shall be voluntary. The commissioner may provide a portion of the money required to carry out the terms of any such contract by expenditure from the rail service improvement account.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 222.51, is amended to read:

**222.51 PARTICIPATION BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.**

The governing body of any political subdivision of the state may with the approval of the commissioner appropriate money for rail service improvement and may participate in the state rail service improvement program and ~~the federal rail service continuation program~~ programs.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 222.53, is amended to read:

**222.53 ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL MONEY.**

The commissioner may exercise those powers necessary for the state to qualify for, accept, and disburse any federal money ~~that may be made available pursuant to the provisions of the federal rail service continuation program~~, including the power to:

(1) establish an adequate plan for rail service in the state as part of an overall planning process for all transportation services in the state, including a suitable process for updating, revising, and amending the plan;

(2) administer and coordinate the plan with other state agencies, and provide for the equitable distribution of resources;

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6.1 (3) develop, promote, and support safe, adequate, and efficient rail transportation  
6.2 services; employ qualified personnel; maintain adequate programs of investigation,  
6.3 research, promotion, and development, with provisions for public participation; and take  
6.4 all practical steps to improve transportation safety and reduce transportation-related  
6.5 energy utilization and pollution;

6.6 (4) adopt and maintain adequate procedures for financial control, accounting, and  
6.7 performance evaluation in order to assure proper use of state and federal money;

6.8 (5) do all things otherwise necessary to maximize federal assistance to the state  
6.9 ~~under the federal rail service continuation program.~~

6.10 Sec. 8. **REPEALER.**

6.11 Minnesota Statutes 2010, section 222.48, subdivision 3a, is repealed.

APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 11-1961

**222.48 DEFINITIONS.**

Subd. 3a. **Federal rail service continuation program.** "Federal rail service continuation program" means any federal program created under the Railroad Revitalization and Regulatory Reform Act of 1976, Public Law 94-210, as amended.