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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
First Division Engrossment

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H. F. No. **1555**

02/21/2019 Authored by Hornstein
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Division Action

Referred by Chair to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division

02/28/2019 *Division action, to adopt as amended and return to the Committee on Ways and Means*

03/11/2019 *Referred by Chair to the Transportation Finance and Policy Division*

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; expanding uses of appropriations for corridors of
1.3 commerce program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 161.088,
1.4 subdivision 2; Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 1, section 16, subdivision 11.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 161.088, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Program authority; funding.** (a) As provided in this section, the commissioner
1.8 shall establish a corridors of commerce program for trunk highway construction,
1.9 reconstruction, and improvement, including maintenance operations, that improves commerce
1.10 in the state.

1.11 (b) The commissioner may expend funds under the program from appropriations to the
1.12 commissioner that are:

1.13 (1) made specifically by law for use under this section;

1.14 (2) at the discretion of the commissioner, made for the budget activities in the state roads
1.15 program of operations and maintenance, program planning and delivery, or state road
1.16 construction; and

1.17 (3) made for the corridor investment management strategy program, unless specified
1.18 otherwise.

1.19 (c) The commissioner shall include in the program the cost participation policy for local
1.20 units of government.

1.21 (d) The commissioner may use up to 17 percent of any appropriation to the program for
1.22 program delivery.

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

2.2 Sec. 2. Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 1, section 16, subdivision 11, is amended to read:

2.3 Subd. 11. **Corridors of Commerce** 400,000,000

2.4 (a) From the bond proceeds account in the
2.5 trunk highway fund for the corridors of
2.6 commerce program under Minnesota Statutes,
2.7 section 161.088.

2.8 (b) This appropriation is available in the
2.9 amounts of:

2.10 (1) \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2022;

2.11 (2) \$150,000,000 in fiscal year 2023; and

2.12 (3) \$100,000,000 in fiscal year 2024.

2.13 ~~From this appropriation,~~ (c) The commissioner
2.14 must select projects for the corridors of
2.15 commerce program solely using the results of
2.16 the spring 2018 evaluation for the corridors
2.17 of commerce program, in order based on total
2.18 score, ~~and~~ In addition to the projects selected
2.19 for funding in the first round from the spring
2.20 2018 evaluation, the commissioner must select
2.21 at least two projects located outside the
2.22 Department of Transportation metropolitan
2.23 district. If funds are insufficient for an
2.24 identified project, the commissioner must
2.25 either select the identified project, or select
2.26 one or more alternative projects that are (1)
2.27 for a segment within the project limits of the
2.28 identified project; and (2) also identified and
2.29 scored in the spring 2018 evaluation process.
2.30 For projects located outside the Department
2.31 of Transportation metropolitan district, the
2.32 commissioner must not select a project located
2.33 in a county within which a project was

3.1 selected for funding in the first round in the
3.2 spring 2018 evaluation for the corridors of
3.3 commerce program.

3.4 (d) The appropriation in Laws 2017, First
3.5 Special Session chapter 3, article 2, section 2,
3.6 subdivision 1, is available for the projects
3.7 selected under paragraph (c) that the
3.8 commissioner determines are ready to proceed.

3.9 (e) The appropriation in this subdivision is
3.10 available for any projects selected by the
3.11 commissioner using the results of the
3.12 evaluation for the corridors of commerce
3.13 program conducted in spring 2018.

3.14 (f) This appropriation cancels as specified
3.15 under Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.642,
3.16 except that the commissioner of management
3.17 and budget shall count the start of
3.18 authorization for issuance of state bonds as
3.19 the first day of the fiscal year during which
3.20 the bonds are available to be issued, and not
3.21 as the date of enactment of this section.

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