

A bill for an act
relating to transportation; modifying transportation goals; providing for reduction
of vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions; amending Minnesota
Statutes 2008, sections 174.01, subdivisions 1, 2; 174.02, subdivision 1a;
proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 174.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 174.01, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Department created.** In order to provide ~~a balanced~~ an integrated
transportation system, ~~including of~~ including aeronautics, highways, motor carriers, ports, public
transit, railroads, and pipelines, and including facilities for walking and bicycling, a
Department of Transportation is created. The department is the principal agency of the
state for development, implementation, administration, consolidation, and coordination of
state transportation policies, plans, and programs.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 174.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Transportation goals.** The goals of the state transportation system are
as follows:

(1) to ~~provide safe transportation~~ minimize fatalities and injuries for transportation
users throughout the state;

(2) to provide multimodal and intermodal transportation ~~that enhances mobility and~~
~~economic development and provides access to all persons and businesses in Minnesota~~
~~while ensuring that there is no~~ facilities and services to increase access for all persons and
businesses and to ensure economic well-being and quality of life without undue burden
placed on any community;

(3) to provide a reasonable travel time for commuters;

(4) to enhance economic development and provide for the economical, efficient, and safe movement of goods to and from markets by rail, highway, and waterway;

(5) to encourage tourism by providing appropriate transportation to Minnesota facilities designed to attract tourists and to enhance the appeal, through transportation investments, of tourist destinations across the state;

(6) to provide transit services throughout the state to meet the needs of transit users;

(7) to promote ~~productivity~~ accountability through ~~system~~ systematic management of system performance and productivity through the utilization of technological advancements;

(8) to maximize the long-term benefits received for each state transportation investment;

(9) to provide for and prioritize funding for of transportation investments that, ~~at a minimum, preserves the transportation infrastructure~~ ensures that the state's transportation infrastructure is maintained in a state of good repair;

(10) to ensure that the planning and implementation of all modes of transportation are consistent with the environmental and energy goals of the state;

(11) to promote and increase the use of high-occupancy vehicles and low-emission vehicles;

(12) to provide an air transportation system sufficient to encourage economic growth and allow all regions of the state the ability to participate in the global economy;

(13) to increase ~~transit use~~ of transit as a percentage of all trips statewide by giving highest priority to the transportation modes with the greatest people-moving capacity and lowest long-term economic and environmental cost;

(14) to promote and increase bicycling and walking as a percentage of all trips as ~~an~~ energy-efficient, nonpolluting, and ~~healthful form~~ healthy forms of transportation;

(15) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the state's transportation sector; and

(16) to accomplish these goals with minimal impact on the environment.

Sec. 3. [174.015] REDUCING VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED.

Subdivision 1. Definition. "Vehicle miles traveled" means nonfreight motor vehicle miles traveled per person per calendar year.

Subd. 2. Reduction goal. In order to help achieve an overall reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in Minnesota, the commissioner of transportation shall implement, and facilitate the implementation by other public and private entities, policies that will achieve by 2025 at least a 15 percent reduction from 2005 levels of vehicle miles traveled.

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Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 174.02, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. **Mission; efficiency; legislative report, recommendations.** It is part of the department's mission that within the department's resources the commissioner shall endeavor to:

(1) prevent the waste or unnecessary spending of public money;

(2) use innovative fiscal and human resource practices to manage the state's resources and operate the department as efficiently as possible;

(3) minimize the degradation of air ~~and~~₂ water quality, and the climate including reduction in greenhouse gas emissions;

(4) coordinate the department's activities wherever appropriate with the activities of other governmental agencies;

(5) use technology where appropriate to increase agency productivity, improve customer service, increase public access to information about government, and increase public participation in the business of government;

(6) utilize constructive and cooperative labor-management practices to the extent otherwise required by chapters 43A and 179A;

(7) report to the legislature on the performance of agency operations and the accomplishment of agency goals in the agency's biennial budget according to section 16A.10, subdivision 1; and

(8) recommend to the legislature appropriate changes in law necessary to carry out the mission and improve the performance of the department.