

SENATE
STATE OF MINNESOTA
NINETY-THIRD SESSION

S.F. No. 1430

(SENATE AUTHORS: PORT)

DATE

02/08/2023

D-PG

743

OFFICIAL STATUS

Introduction and first reading
Referred to Transportation

1.1

A bill for an act

1.2

relating to transportation; authorizing a rail transitway feasibility study.

1.3

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

1.4

Section 1. RAIL TRANSITWAY FEASIBILITY STUDY.

1.5

(a) One or more counties or regional railroad authorities may perform a feasibility study

1.6

for a rail transitway in a corridor from St. Louis Park to Savage.

1.7

(b) A feasibility study performed under this section must:

1.8

(1) be performed in a manner that meets state and federal requirements for light rail

1.9

transit and commuter rail project development, including providing for subsequent selection

1.10

of a locally preferred alternative;

1.11

(2) limit the evaluation of trains to types that:

1.12

(i) are diesel multiple unit trains, including diesel-electric multiple unit trains; and

1.13

(ii) can operate on track and infrastructure for the Southwest light rail transit line; and

1.14

(3) evaluate the impacts and costs to include each of the following in a transitway project:

1.15

(i) quiet zones under Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, part 222, at all at-grade

1.16

highway-rail crossings;

1.17

(ii) positive train control system, as defined in United States Code, title 49, section

1.18

20157(i); and

1.19

(iii) continuous safety fencing throughout the corridor.

- 2.1 (c) This section applies notwithstanding any provision of Laws 2002, chapter 393, section
- 2.2 85.
- 2.3 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.