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H. F. No. 1759

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing requirements governing project development
1.3 for certain transit and highway projects; appropriating money; authorizing the sale
1.4 and issuance of state bonds.

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

1.6 Section 1. TRANSIT PROJECT DEVELOPMENT; APPROPRIATION AND BOND
1.7 SALE AUTHORIZATION.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.9 the meanings given them.

1.10 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of transportation.

1.11 (c) "Highway 252/I-94 project" means the project on marked Trunk Highway 252 and
1.12 marked Interstate Highway 94, as selected in the corridors of commerce program from the
1.13 appropriation under Laws 2018, chapter 214, article 1, section 16, subdivision 11.

1.14 (d) "I-94 project" means the project on marked Interstate Highway 94 in a study area of
1.15 downtown Minneapolis to downtown St. Paul, also known as the Rethinking I-94 project.

1.16 Subd. 2. Bus rapid transit project development; appropriation. (a) \$..... is
1.17 appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the Metropolitan Council to complete planning
1.18 and predesign that incorporates bus rapid transit into the Highway 252/I-94 project and the
1.19 I-94 project, in consultation with the commissioner. The bus rapid transit service may be
1.20 identified as separate routes or a continuous route.

1.21 (b) The design for bus rapid transit in the Highway 252/I-94 project must include (1) an
1.22 online station at marked Interstate Highway 94 and Lowry Avenue North, (2) an inline

2.1 station at marked Interstate Highway 94 and Dowling Avenue North, (3) an inline station
2.2 at marked Interstate Highway 94 and 49th Avenue North, and (4) stations along marked
2.3 Trunk Highway 252.

2.4 (c) The design for bus rapid transit in the I-94 project must include an online station at
2.5 marked Interstate Highway 94 and Snelling Avenue and a station that serves the University
2.6 of Minnesota.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Highway 252/I-94 project limitations.** (a) The commissioner must not
2.8 encumber or expend any funds for final engineering or for construction of the Highway
2.9 252/I-94 project, unless:

2.10 (1) the commissioner completes an alternatives analysis for transit service in a corridor
2.11 serving residents in Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and north Minneapolis, which must
2.12 include analysis of bus rapid transit;

2.13 (2) the commissioner incorporates the preferred alternative identified under clause (1)
2.14 into the Highway 252/I-94 project; and

2.15 (3) the Metropolitan Council includes the preferred alternative in its transit operating
2.16 planning.

2.17 (b) The commissioner must perform the alternatives analysis in consultation with the
2.18 Metropolitan Council.

2.19 Subd. 4. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in subdivision 2 from the bond
2.20 proceeds fund, the commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of
2.21 the state in an amount up to \$..... in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect
2.22 prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota
2.23 Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

2.24 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective the day following
2.25 final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,
2.26 Scott, and Washington.