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6777 Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transit; requiring equivalent Metro Mobility service throughout the
1.3 transit taxing district; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016,
1.4 section 473.386, subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 473.386, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Duties of council.** In implementing the special transportation service, the council
1.8 shall:

1.9 (a) encourage participation in the service by public, private, and private nonprofit
1.10 providers of special transportation currently receiving capital or operating assistance from
1.11 a public agency;

1.12 (b) when feasible and cost-efficient, contract with public, private, and private nonprofit
1.13 providers that have demonstrated their ability to effectively provide service at a reasonable
1.14 cost;

1.15 (c) encourage individuals using special transportation to use the type of service most
1.16 appropriate to their particular needs;

1.17 (d) encourage shared rides to the greatest extent practicable;

1.18 (e) encourage public agencies that provide transportation to eligible individuals as a
1.19 component of human services and educational programs to coordinate with this service and
1.20 to allow reimbursement for transportation provided through the service at rates that reflect
1.21 the public cost of providing that transportation;

2.1 (f) establish criteria to be used in determining individual eligibility for special
2.2 transportation services;

2.3 (g) consult with the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee in a timely manner
2.4 before changes are made in the provision of special transportation services;

2.5 (h) provide for effective administration and enforcement of council policies and standards;
2.6 and

2.7 (i) ensure that, ~~taken~~ service as a whole, including contracts with public, private, and
2.8 private nonprofit providers, ~~the geographic coverage area of the special transportation service~~
2.9 ~~is continuous within the boundaries of~~ is provided at the same level as required for the
2.10 federally mandated service area throughout the entire transit taxing district, as defined as
2.11 of March 1, 2006, in section 473.446, subdivision 2.

2.12 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

2.13 \$..... in fiscal year 2019 is appropriated from the general fund to the Metropolitan
2.14 Council for purposes of providing the service required in section 1.