

lation in the state. The plans and specifications for the proposed work shall be on file in the commissioner's office prior to the first call for bids.

Subd. 2. Direct negotiation. In cases where the estimated cost of construction work or maintenance work does not exceed \$5,000, the commissioner may enter into a contract for such work by direct negotiation, and without advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of competitive bidding; provided, however, the total contractual obligation of the state for any and all directly negotiated contract or contracts on any single project shall not exceed \$5,000.

Subd. 2. Subd. 3. Emergencies. In case of emergency, contracts may be let without advertising for bids. Emergency is defined as a condition on a trunk highway that necessitates immediate work in order to keep such highway open for travel. No such contract shall be let without advertising for bids except upon the written authority of the commissioner or his deputy.

Subd. 2. Subd. 4. Repair and restoration of trunk highways damaged by spring breakup. Contracts may be let for the repair and restoration of trunk highways damaged by spring breakup upon advertisement for bids and publication thereof in a newspaper or periodical of general circulation for a period of one week prior to the date such bids are to be received, and upon the mailing of such advertisements to all contractors who have filed a written request therefor.

Approved February 18, 1961.

CHAPTER 18—S. F. No. 237

[Not Coded]

An act relating to highways, authorizing the commissioner of highways to remove a bridge over the Pigeon River, and appropriating money therefor.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Pigeon River bridge, removal. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the commissioner of highways may remove or cause to be removed that portion of the present bridge over the Pigeon River on the present traveled location of Constitutional Route No. 1 that lies within the

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boundary limits of the State of Minnesota. Such removal may be accomplished in cooperation with the duly authorized officials of the Province of Ontario, Canada. The portion of the bridge lying in Minnesota shall not be removed until the new bridge over the Pigeon River proposed to be constructed jointly by the State of Minnesota and the Province of Ontario, Canada, has been completed, opened for travel, and Customs and Immigration facilities established. During the removal operations the commissioner shall cause adequate barricades to be placed on the Minnesota side to protect the traveling public. After the bridge has been removed, and as long as the road leading thereto remains a public highway, the local political subdivision acquiring jurisdiction over such road shall keep such barricades in repair.

Sec. 2. There is appropriated out of the trunk highway fund a sufficient sum of money to carry out the provisions of section 1.

Approved February 18, 1961.

CHAPTER 19—H. F. No. 55

[Coded]

An act relating to the municipal state-aid street system, increasing the extent of such system to 1500 miles; amending Laws 1959, Chapter 500, Article III, Section 9, Subdivision 1.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

Section 1. Laws 1959, Chapter 500, Article III, Section 9, Subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Sec. 9. [162.09] Subdivision 1. **Municipal state-aid street system.** There is created a municipal state-aid street system within cities, villages, and boroughs having a population of 5,000 or more. *The extent of the municipal state-aid street system shall not exceed 1500 miles.* The system shall be established, located, constructed, reconstructed, improved, and maintained as public highways within such cities, villages, and boroughs under rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this section, made and promulgated by the commissioner as hereinafter provided.

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