

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1957, Section 169.30, is amended to read:

169.30 Designation of through highways. The commissioner, with reference to state trunk highways, and local authorities, with reference to other highways under their jurisdiction, may designate through highways by erecting stop signs *or yield signs* at entrances thereto or may designate any intersection as a stop *or yield* intersection by erecting like signs at one or more entrances to such intersection; provided, that local authorities, with the consent of the commissioner, may designate through highway or stop *or yield* intersections on state trunk highways.

Every driver of a vehicle ~~and every motorman of a street car~~ shall stop at ~~such a stop~~ sign or at a clearly marked stop line before entering the intersection, except when directed to proceed by a police officer or traffic-control signal.

Approved February 18, 1961.

CHAPTER 17—S. F. No. 210

[Coded]

An act relating to the powers of the commissioner of highways; amending Laws 1959, Chapter 500, Article II, Section 32.

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

Section 1. Laws 1959, Chapter 500, Article II, Section 32, is amended to read:

Sec. 32. [161.32] **Trunk highway.** Subdivision 1. **Advertisement for bids.** The commissioner may conduct the work or any part thereof incidental to the construction and maintenance of the trunk highways by labor employed therefor or by contract. In cases of construction work, the commissioner shall first advertise for bids for contracts, and if no satisfactory bids are received, he may either reject all bids and readvertise, or do the work by labor employed therefor. Except as hereinafter provided, when work is to be done under contract, he shall advertise for bids once each week for three successive weeks prior to the date such bids are to be received. The advertisement for bids shall be published in a newspaper or other periodical of general circu-

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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.

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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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