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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; appropriating money for certain safety improvements
1.3 and engineering evaluations.

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

1.5 Section 1. PEDESTRIAN AND NONMOTORIZED TRAFFIC SAFETY;
1.6 ENGINEERING EVALUATIONS; APPROPRIATION.

1.7 (a) \$..... in fiscal year 2020 is appropriated from the trunk highway fund to the
1.8 commissioner of transportation to perform engineering evaluation and associated safety
1.9 improvements in at least one qualifying highway. This is a onetime appropriation.
1.10 Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.28, the appropriation is available until
1.11 June 30, 2023.

1.12 (b) A qualifying highway under this section is a continuous segment of a trunk highway:

1.13 (1) with a length of no more than eight miles;

1.14 (2) that has a functional classification of minor arterial; and

1.15 (3) in which there was at least one pedestrian fatality in each year for 2016, 2017, and
1.16 2018.

1.17 (c) This appropriation is available for: (1) immediate and short-term safety improvements
1.18 and related noninfrastructure activities targeted to pedestrians and nonmotorized traffic; (2)
1.19 engineering evaluations; and (3) design, engineering, environmental analysis, property
1.20 acquisition, and construction on one or more projects identified in an engineering evaluation.

1.21 (d) An engineering evaluation must include:

2.1 (1) examination of road safety, targeted at improvements and enhancements for
2.2 pedestrians and nonmotorized traffic; and

2.3 (2) analysis of road network impacts related to identified safety improvements and
2.4 enhancements for state and local roads in the corridor.

2.5 (e) Following completion of the engineering evaluations, the commissioner must submit
2.6 a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with
2.7 jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. The report must include a summary of
2.8 engineering evaluation results and a review of resulting safety projects.