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1.1 A bill for an act
 1.2 relating to transportation; requiring notice and coordination for certain
 1.3 transportation improvements and major projects; proposing coding for new law
 1.4 in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 174.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[174.12] NOTICE AND COORDINATION; IMPROVEMENTS OR**
 1.7 **MAJOR PROJECTS.**

1.8 Subdivision 1. **Notice.** (a) Except in an emergency, the commissioner shall notify
 1.9 the legislators serving the area where transportation improvements or major maintenance
 1.10 projects are planned or proposed of the improvement or maintenance at least 16 months
 1.11 prior to initiation of the project. The notice must include:

1.12 (1) an explanation detailing the need for the improvement or maintenance;

1.13 (2) options considered or under consideration;

1.14 (3) any proposed citizen and community engagement plan;

1.15 (4) an estimate of the project cost; and

1.16 (5) the proposed construction schedule.

1.17 (b) If a transportation improvement or major maintenance project will disrupt local
 1.18 traffic for more than six months, the notice provided by the commissioner under paragraph
 1.19 (a) must occur at least 24 months prior to initiation of the project.

1.20 Subd. 2. **Coordination; planning.** (a) After providing notice under subdivision 1,
 1.21 the commissioner shall collaborate with affected legislators and local elected officials to
 1.22 develop a final citizen and community engagement plan.

1.23 (b) When a transportation improvement or major maintenance project will
 1.24 significantly disrupt area businesses and residents, the commissioner should, to the

2.1 maximum extent possible, engage other state and local officials to coordinate other needed
2.2 improvements to the project area.

2.3 (c) When considering project implementation alternatives for projects that will
2.4 negatively impact access to ten or more businesses, maximum consideration shall be
2.5 given to options or alternatives that minimize the negative impact on businesses in the
2.6 project area.