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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy

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1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to local government; transportation; requiring temporary halt to all  
1.3 nonessential travel in the metropolitan transit area during a public health emergency.

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

1.5 Section 1. **TEMPORARY HALT TO PUBLIC TRANSIT.**

1.6 (a) The Metropolitan Council shall discourage all nonessential travel on-regular route  
1.7 transit, as defined under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.385, subdivision 1, paragraph (b),  
1.8 in the metropolitan transit area to curb the spread of the infectious disease known as  
1.9 COVID-19 during the peacetime public health emergency. The council shall use existing  
1.10 funds to inform riders that regular route transit should only be used for essential travel,  
1.11 including getting groceries or medicine, seeking health care, or commuting to work that has  
1.12 been deemed essential. Information about essential travel shall be posted at all regular bus  
1.13 and light rail transit stops and on the council's website.

1.14 (b) For purposes of this section, "peacetime public health emergency" means any  
1.15 peacetime emergency declared by the governor in an executive order that relates to the  
1.16 infectious disease known as COVID-19.

1.17 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.