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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; modifying pavement selection guidelines; requiring a
1.3 report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 174.20.

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

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 174.20, is amended to read:

1.6 **174.20 PAVEMENT SELECTION GUIDELINES.**

1.7 (a) The commissioner must develop, implement, and adhere to a pavement investment
1.8 guide. In developing the guide, the commissioner must:

1.9 (1) implement strategies to optimize pavement investment while meeting performance
1.10 targets;

1.11 (2) implement strategies to minimize environmental impact of pavement investments
1.12 for the entire life of the pavement, including operational and user effects;

1.13 (3) enact performance measures that examine effects to users, the costs based on use,
1.14 remaining service life, and investment stability; and

1.15 (4) determine the funding needed to meet established performance targets over a 50-year
1.16 analysis period.

1.17 (b) The commissioner must review and approve all pavement selections made by district
1.18 offices for construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or preservation projects to ensure
1.19 that the pavement selection is consistent with the pavement investment guide. Nothing in
1.20 this section allows the commissioner to alter projects selected by district offices, except for
1.21 the type of pavement to be used.

2.1 (c) By July 1 each year, the commissioner must submit a report on pavement selection
2.2 guidelines to the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance and
2.3 policy. The report must include the following:

2.4 (1) investment strategies used to select the projects in the state transportation improvement
2.5 program and the ten-year capital highway investment plan;

2.6 (2) performance measures used to develop the pavement investment guide;

2.7 (3) projected annual pavement budget over each year of the state transportation
2.8 improvement program, ten-year capital highway investment plan, and the 50-year analysis
2.9 under paragraph (a), clause (4);

2.10 (4) a review of the overall health of the pavement system compared to predicted results;

2.11 (5) analysis of money actually spent on pavement compared to planned spending;

2.12 (6) review of new technologies employed to improve pavement system performance;

2.13 (7) recommendations for changes required to improve pavement system performance
2.14 and optimize pavement investment; and

2.15 (8) a review of methods, materials, and procedures used to minimize the overall
2.16 environmental impact, including those caused by initial construction efforts, maintenance
2.17 activities, recycling, user impacts, and operational effects.

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2025.