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450 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 transportation; prohibiting certain expenditures and planning for the  
1.3 Zip Rail line.

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

1.5 Section 1. **ZIP RAIL LINE; PROHIBITIONS.**

1.6 Subdivision 1. Definition. For purposes of this section, "Zip Rail line" means the intercity  
1.7 passenger rail line between Rochester and the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area.

1.8 Subd. 2. Metropolitan Council. The Metropolitan Council must not take any action or  
1.9 spend any money for study, planning, preliminary engineering, final design, or construction  
1.10 for the Zip Rail line. The council must remove all references, other than references for  
1.11 historical purposes, to the Zip Rail line from any future revisions to the council's  
1.12 transportation development guide and the council's regional transit master plan.

1.13 Subd. 3. Commissioner of transportation. The commissioner of transportation must  
1.14 not expend any money for study, planning, preliminary engineering, final design, or  
1.15 construction for the Zip Rail line. The commissioner must remove all references, other than  
1.16 references for historical purposes, to the Zip Rail line from any future revisions to the state  
1.17 transportation plan and the commissioner's rail system planning.

1.18 Subd. 4. Regional rail authorities. No regional rail authority may expend any money  
1.19 for study, planning, preliminary engineering, final design, or construction for the Zip Rail  
1.20 line.

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