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**ARTICLE 5**

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**CAPITOL AREA**

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Section 1. **CAPITOL AREA COMMUNITY VITALITY TASK FORCE;**  
**APPROPRIATION.**

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Subdivision 1. **Task force established; membership.** (a) A Capitol Area Community  
Vitality Task Force is established. The task force consists of the following members:

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(1) the executive secretary of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board;

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(2) one member of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, appointed by the  
board;

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(3) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house,  
of whom one must be a member of the majority caucus of the house, and one must be a  
member of the minority caucus of the house;

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(4) two members of the senate appointed by the majority leader of the senate, of whom  
one must be a member of the majority caucus of the senate, and one must be a member of  
the minority caucus of the senate;

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(5) four members who are residents, businesspeople, or members of local organizations  
in the Capitol Area, appointed by the mayor of St. Paul; and

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(6) one member of the public appointed by the governor.

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(b) The task force must elect a chair and other officers from among its members.  
Appointments to the task force must be made no later than July 15, 2023. The executive  
secretary of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board must convene the first  
meeting of the task force no later than August 15, 2023.

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(c) As used in this section, "Capitol Area" includes that part of the city of St. Paul within  
the boundaries described in Minnesota Statutes, section 15B.02.

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Subd. 2. **Terms; compensation.** The terms and compensation of members of the task  
force are governed by Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision 6.

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Subd. 3. **Administrative support.** The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board  
must provide administrative support to assist the task force in its work.

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Subd. 4. **Duties; report.** The task force must consider and develop recommendations  
for the administration, program plan, and oversight of the Capitol Area community vitality  
account established by this act. The task force must submit its recommendations to the  
Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board for approval. A report including the approved  
recommendations must be submitted by the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board  
to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees of the legislature with  
jurisdiction over the board no later than February 1, 2024. The task force shall seek and

102.4 receive the approval of the St. Paul planning council district that includes the Capitol Area  
102.5 before approving any construction work on the State Office Building.

102.6 Subd. 5. **Expiration.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059, subdivision  
102.7 6, the task force expires upon submission of the report required by subdivision 4.

102.8 Subd. 6. **Appropriation.** \$150,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general  
102.9 fund to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board to support the work of the task  
102.10 force, including but not limited to payment of fees and other expenses necessary to retain  
102.11 appropriate professional consultants, conduct public meetings, and facilitate other activities  
102.12 as requested by the task force.

102.13 Sec. 2. **CAPITOL AREA COMMUNITY VITALITY ACCOUNT.**

102.14 Subdivision 1. **Account established; appropriation.** (a) A Capitol Area community  
102.15 vitality account is established in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is  
102.16 appropriated to the commissioner of administration to improve the livability, economic  
102.17 health, and safety of communities within the Capitol Area, provided that no funds may be  
102.18 expended until a detailed program and oversight plan to govern their use, in accordance  
102.19 with the spending recommendations of the Capitol Area Community Vitality Task Force  
102.20 as approved by the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, has been further approved  
102.21 by law.

102.22 (b) As used in this section, "Capitol Area" includes that part of the city of St. Paul within  
102.23 the boundaries described in Minnesota Statutes, section 15B.02.

102.24 Subd. 2. **Appropriation.** \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is transferred from the general  
102.25 fund to the Capitol Area community vitality account.

102.26 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; CAPITOL AREA TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS.**

102.27 (a) \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
102.28 commissioner of administration for one or more grants to the city of St. Paul, Ramsey  
102.29 County, or both, for road projects that improve the livability, economic health, and safety  
102.30 of communities within the Capitol Area. Funded projects must be consistent with the  
102.31 recommendations of the Capitol Area Community Vitality Task Force, as approved by the  
103.1 Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board. This is a onetime appropriation and is  
103.2 available until June 30, 2027.

103.3 (b) Funds under this section are available:

103.4 (1) for planning, predesign, design, engineering, environmental analysis and mitigation,  
103.5 land acquisition, and reconstruction of streets and highways; and

103.6 (2) only upon approval of the expenditure by the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning  
103.7 Board.

103.8 (c) For purposes of this section, "Capitol Area" means that part of the city of St. Paul  
103.9 within the boundaries described in Minnesota Statutes, section 15B.02.