

## CHAPTER 160

## ROADS, GENERAL PROVISIONS

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**160.02 DEFINITIONS.**

*[For text of subds 1 to 14, see M.S.1986]*

Subd. 15. **Roadway; bicycle lane; bicycle route; bicycle path; bikeways.** The terms "roadway," "bicycle lane," "bicycle route," "bicycle path," and "bikeway" have the meanings given in section 169.01.

**History:** 1987 c 255 s 2

**160.17 ROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS; COUNTIES AND TOWNS.**

*[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1986]*

Subd. 2. **Advertisement for bids.** No county or town road contract for construction or improvement exceeding the amount for which sealed bids are required as provided in section 471.345 shall be let without first advertising for bids in a newspaper of general circulation published in the county where the construction or improvement is proposed to be done. The advertisement shall be published once a week for three successive weeks in the case of a county contract and two successive weeks in the case of a town contract, the last publication to be made at least ten days before the time fixed for receiving bids and letting the contract. It shall specify, generally, the work to be done, the place where the plans and specifications are on file, and the time and place of receiving bids and awarding the contract.

*[For text of subds 3 and 4, see M.S.1986]*

**History:** 1987 c 227 s 1

**160.263 BICYCLE LANES AND WAYS.**

Subdivision 1. [Repealed, 1987 c 255 s 15]

Subd. 2. **Powers of political subdivisions.** The governing body of any political subdivision may by ordinance or resolution:

(a) Designate any roadway or shoulder or portion thereof under its jurisdiction as a bicycle lane or bicycle route.

(b) Designate any sidewalk or portion thereof under its jurisdiction as a bicycle path provided that the designation does not destroy a pedestrian way or pedestrian access.

(c) Develop and designate bicycle paths.

(d) Designate as bikeways all bicycle lanes, bicycle routes, and bicycle paths.

Subd. 3. **Designation.** A governing body designating a bikeway under this section may:

(1) designate the type and character of vehicles or other modes of travel which may be operated on a bikeway, provided that the operation of such vehicle or other mode of travel is not inconsistent with the safe use and enjoyment of the bikeway by bicycle traffic;

(2) establish priority of right-of-way on the bicycle lane or bicycle path and otherwise regulate the use of bikeways as it deems necessary; and

(3) paint lines or construct curbs or establish other physical separations to exclude the use of the bikeways by vehicles other than those specifically permitted to operate thereon.

The designating governing body may, after public hearing, prohibit through traffic on any highway or portion thereof designated as a bicycle lane or bicycle route, except that through traffic may not be prohibited on a trunk highway. The designating governing body shall erect and maintain official signs giving notice of the regulations and priorities established under this subdivision and shall mark all bikeways with appropriate signs. Marking and signing of bikeways by the designating governing body shall be in conformance with the Minnesota Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

*[For text of subd 4, see M.S.1986]*

**History:** 1987 c 255 s 3,4

#### **160.264 REPLACEMENT OF BIKEWAYS AND PEDESTRIAN WAYS.**

Whenever an existing bikeway, pedestrian way, or roadway used by bicycles or pedestrians or the sole access to such is destroyed by any new, reconstructed, or relocated federal, state, or local highway, the road authority responsible shall replace the destroyed facility or access with a comparable facility or access. Replacement is not required where it would be contrary to public safety or when sparsity of population, other available ways or other factors indicate an absence of need for such facility or access.

**History:** 1987 c 255 s 5

#### **160.265 BIKEWAY PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **State bikeways.** The commissioner of transportation shall establish a program for the development of bikeways primarily on existing road rights-of-way. The program shall include a system of bikeways to be established, developed, maintained, and operated by the commissioner of transportation and a system of state grants for the development of local bikeways primarily on existing road rights-of-way. The program shall be coordinated with the local park trail grant program established by the commissioner of energy and economic development pursuant to section 116J.406, with the bicycle trail program established by the commissioner of natural resources pursuant to section 85.016, with the development of the statewide transportation plan pursuant to section 174.03, and with existing and proposed local bikeways. In the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, the program shall be developed in accordance with plans and priorities established by the metropolitan council. The program shall be developed after consultation with the state trail council, local units of government, and bicyclist organizations. The program shall be administered in accordance with the provisions of sections 160.262 to 160.264 and standards promulgated pursuant thereto. The commissioner shall compile and maintain a current registry of bikeways in the state and shall publish and distribute the information contained in the registry in a form and manner suitable to assist persons wishing to use the bikeways. The metropolitan council, the commissioner of natural resources, the commissioner of energy and economic development, the Minnesota historical society, and local units of government shall cooperate with and assist the commissioner of transportation in preparing the registry. The commissioner shall have all powers necessary and convenient to establish the program pursuant to this section including but not limited to the authority to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 14.

Subd. 2. **Local bikeway grants.** The commissioner shall provide technical assistance to local units of government in planning and developing bikeways. The commissioner shall make grants to units of government as defined in section 116J.406, subdivision 1, for the betterment of public land and improvements needed for local bikeways. In making grants the commissioner shall consider, among other factors, the number of bicycles in the localities. A grant shall not exceed 75 percent of the costs

of the betterment of the bikeway. To be eligible for a grant, a unit of government must provide at least 25 percent of the costs of the betterment of the bikeway. The commissioner may adopt emergency rules pursuant to sections 14.05 to 14.36 to commence the grant program immediately.

**History:** 1987 c 255 s 6

#### **160.283 RESORT INFORMATION SIGNS; PURPOSE.**

Subdivision 1. It is hereby found and declared that the development and promotion of the tourist industry is important to the economic welfare of the state. It is further found that the control and regulation of outdoor advertising and the consequential removal of certain advertising devices has adversely affected many resorts though such regulation and control of outdoor advertising is in the general interest of the people and is necessary to conserve the natural beauty of areas adjacent to highways and roads of the state. The legislature finds that in order to alleviate hardships on the tourist industry caused by limitations imposed on the use of outdoor advertising along certain local highways and roads and to also conserve the natural beauty of areas adjacent to such local highways and roads, it is necessary that devices, directional in nature, be erected on certain local highways and roads as hereinafter provided for the purpose of guiding tourists and other travelers to their destination, and that such directional devices be standardized and the design therefor and distribution thereof be controlled by the department of transportation with the counties participating therein.

*[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1986]*

**History:** 1987 c 384 art 1 s 18

#### **160.81 HIGHWAYS IN RECREATION AREAS.**

Subdivision 1. **Joint standards.** The commissioner of transportation, in consultation with the commissioner of natural resources, shall establish standards for trunk highway segments located in areas of unusual scenic interest. The standards shall:

- (1) define "areas of unusual scenic interest," which must include major recreational areas, historic areas, and major publicly and privately owned tourist attractions;
- (2) prescribe standards for right-of-way, shoulders, and parking areas for trunk highway segments in such areas; and
- (3) prescribe standards for scenic overlooks, parking piers and other parking areas, tourist information facilities, public water access points and other facilities intended to expand the recreational use of trunk highway segments in such areas.

*[For text of subds 2 and 3, see M.S.1986]*

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1987 c 321 s 8]

**History:** 1987 c 321 s 1