

CHAPTER 160

ROADS, GENERAL PROVISIONS

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160.262 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE LANES.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.2002]

Subd. 3. **Cooperation among agencies and governments.** The following departments and agencies shall cooperate in providing information and advice for amendments to the model standards by the commissioner of transportation: the Departments of Agriculture, Transportation, Natural Resources, Commerce, and Employment and Economic Development, and the Board of Water and Soil Resources. The commissioner may cooperate with and enter into agreements with the United States government, any department of the state of Minnesota, any unit of local government and any public or private corporation in order to effect the purposes of this section.

[For text of subd 4, see M.S.2002]

History: 1Sp2003 c 4 s 1

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 pursuant to section 85.019, 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 employment 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.

[For text of subd 2, see M.S.2002]

History: 1Sp2003 c 4 s 1

160.93 USER FEES; HIGH-OCCUPANCY VEHICLE LANES.

Subdivision 1. **Fees authorized.** To improve efficiency and provide more options to individuals traveling in a trunk highway corridor, the commissioner of transportation may charge user fees to owners or operators of single-occupant vehicles using designat-

ed high-occupancy vehicle lanes. The fees may be collected using electronic or other toll-collection methods and may vary in amount with the time of day and level of traffic congestion within the corridor. The commissioner shall consult with the Metropolitan Council and obtain necessary federal authorizations before implementing user fees on a high-occupancy vehicle lane. Fees under this section are not subject to section 16A.1283.

Subd. 2. Deposit of revenues; appropriation. (a) Money collected from fees authorized under subdivision 1 must be deposited in a high-occupancy vehicle lane user fee account in the special revenue fund. A separate account must be established for each trunk highway corridor. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner.

(b) From this appropriation the commissioner shall first repay the trunk highway fund and any other fund source for money spent to install, equip, or modify the corridor for the purposes of subdivision 1, and then shall pay all the costs of implementing and administering the fee collection system for that corridor.

(c) The commissioner shall spend remaining money in the account as follows:

(1) one-half must be spent for transportation capital improvements within the corridor; and

(2) one-half must be transferred to the Metropolitan Council for expansion and improvement of bus transit services within the corridor beyond the level of service provided on the date of implementation of subdivision 1.

Subd. 3. Rules exemption. With respect to this section, the commissioner is exempt from statutory rulemaking requirements, including section 14.386, and from sections 160.84 to 160.92 and 161.162 to 161.167.

Subd. 4. Prohibition. No person may operate a single-occupant vehicle in a designated high-occupancy vehicle lane except in compliance with the requirements of the commissioner. A person who violates this subdivision is guilty of a petty misdemeanor and is subject to sections 169.89, subdivisions 1, 2, and 4, and 169.891 and any other provision of chapter 169 applicable to the commission of a petty misdemeanor traffic offense.

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