

CHAPTER 174

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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174.11 COMMISSIONER TO NOTIFY COUNTY AUDITOR OF PROPERTY ACQUISITIONS.

Upon acquisition of any taxable real property, the commissioner must notify the county auditor of the county where the property is located that the property has been acquired.

History: *1Sp2005 c 3 art 1 s 2*

174.50 MINNESOTA STATE TRANSPORTATION FUND.

[For text of subs 1 to 6a, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 6b. **Bridge engineering and design costs in smaller cities.** Until June 30, 2007, the commissioner may make grants from the state transportation fund to a home rule or statutory city with a population of 5,000 or less and a net tax capacity of under \$200,000 for design and preliminary engineering of bridges on city streets. Grants under this subdivision are subject to the procedures and criteria established under subdivisions 5 and 6, and may be used for 100 percent of the design and preliminary engineering costs. Total grants under this subdivision to all cities may not exceed \$200,000.

[For text of subd 7, see M.S.2004]

History: *1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 79*

174.52 LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND.

[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 4a. **Rural road safety account; appropriation.** (a) A rural road safety account is established in the local road improvement fund. Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner of transportation for expenditure as specified in this subdivision. Money in the account must be used as grants to counties to assist in paying the costs of capital improvement projects on county state-aid highways that are intended primarily to reduce traffic crashes, deaths, injuries, and property damage.

(b) The commissioner shall establish procedures for counties to apply for grants from the rural road safety account and criteria to be used to select projects for funding. The commissioner shall establish these procedures and criteria in consultation with representatives appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties. Eligibility for project selection must be based on the ability of each proposed project to reduce the frequency and severity of crashes.

(c) Money in the account must be allocated in each fiscal year as follows:

- (1) one-third of money in the account must be used for projects in the counties of Anoka, Chisago, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington; and
- (2) the remainder must be used for projects elsewhere in the state.

Subd. 5. **Grant procedures and criteria.** The commissioner shall establish procedures for statutory or home rule charter cities, towns, and counties to apply for grants or loans from the fund and criteria to be used to select projects for funding. The commissioner shall establish these procedures and criteria in consultation with representatives appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties, League of Minnesota Cities, Minnesota Association of Townships, and the appropriate state agency as

needed. The criteria for determining project priority and the amount of a grant or loan must be based upon consideration of:

- (1) the availability of other state, federal, and local funds;
- (2) the regional significance of the route;
- (3) effectiveness of the proposed project in eliminating a transportation system deficiency;
- (4) the number of persons who will be positively impacted by the project;
- (5) the project's contribution to other local, regional, or state economic development or redevelopment efforts including livestock and other agricultural operations permitted after the effective date of this section; and
- (6) ability of the local unit of government to adequately provide for the safe operation and maintenance of the facility upon project completion.

[For text of subd 6, see M.S.2004]

History: 2005 c 20 art 1 s 36; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 83

174.86 COMMUTER RAIL PLAN; REVIEW.

[For text of subs 1 to 4, see M.S.2004]

Subd. 5. Commuter Rail Corridor Coordinating Committee. (a) A Commuter Rail Corridor Coordinating Committee shall be established to advise the commissioner on issues relating to the alternatives analysis, environmental review, advanced corridor planning, preliminary engineering, final design, implementation method, construction of commuter rail, public involvement, land use, service, and safety. The Commuter Rail Corridor Coordinating Committee shall consist of:

- (1) one member representing each significant funding partner in whose jurisdiction the line or lines are located;
 - (2) one member appointed by each county in which the corridors are located;
 - (3) one member appointed by each city in which advanced corridor plans indicate that a station may be located;
 - (4) two members appointed by the commissioner, one of whom shall be designated by the commissioner as the chair of the committee;
 - (5) one member appointed by each metropolitan planning organization through which the commuter rail line may pass; and
 - (6) one member appointed by the president of the University of Minnesota, if a designated corridor provides direct service to the university.
- (b) A joint powers board existing on April 1, 1999, consisting of local governments along a commuter rail corridor, shall perform the functions set forth in paragraph (a) in place of the committee.
- (c) Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the committee does not expire.

History: 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 80