

CHAPTER 161

TRUNK HIGHWAYS

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161.01 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purposes of this chapter, the terms defined in section 160.02 shall have the same meanings.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 1

161.02 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.02 MS 1974 [Repealed, 1976 c 166 s 119]

161.03 Subdivision 1. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

Subd. 2. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

Subd. 3. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

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- Subd. 8. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 9. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 10. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 11. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 12. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 13. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 14. MS 1941 [Repealed, 1945 c 60 s 1; 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 15. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 16. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 17. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 18. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 19. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 20. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 21. MS 1957 [Renumbered 161.47, subdivision 1]
- Subd. 22. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 23. MS 1957 [Renumbered 161.47, subd 2]
- Subd. 24. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 25. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 26. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 27. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 28. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 29. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 30. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 31. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 32. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 33. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 34. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 35. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]
- Subd. 36. MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.03 MS 1974 [Repealed, 1976 c 166 s 119]

161.031 MS 1957 [Repealed, Ex1959 c 42 s 1]

161.032 MS 1957 [Repealed, Ex1959 c 42 s 1]

161.033 MS 1957 [Repealed, Ex1959 c 42 s 1]

161.034 MS 1957 [Repealed, Ex1959 c 42 s 1]

161.035 MS 1957 [Repealed, Ex1959 c 42 s 1]

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161.04 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.04 TRUNK HIGHWAY FUND.

Subdivision 1. **Composition.** The trunk highway fund shall consist of 62 percent of the net highway user tax distribution fund as provided in article 14 of the constitution; the proceeds of the sale of any bonds authorized by article 14 of the constitution; money received from the federal government as aid in the construction and maintenance of trunk highways; and any other money otherwise allotted, appropriated, or legislated therefor.

Subd. 2. **Investment of fund.** Upon the request of the commissioner, moneys in the trunk highway fund shall be invested by the State Board of Investment in those securities authorized for such purpose in section 11A.21. All interest and profits from such investments shall be credited to the trunk highway fund. The commissioner of management and budget shall be the custodian of all securities purchased under the provisions of this section.

Subd. 3. **Trunk highway revolving loan account.** A trunk highway revolving loan account is created in the transportation revolving loan fund under section 446A.085. The commissioner may transfer money from the trunk highway fund to the trunk highway revolving loan account. Money in the account may be used to make loans. Funds in the trunk highway revolving loan account may not be used for any toll facilities project or congestion-pricing project and may be used only for trunk highway purposes and repayments and interest from loans of those funds must be credited to the trunk highway revolving loan account in the transportation revolving loan fund. Money in the trunk highway revolving loan account is annually appropriated to the commissioner and does not lapse. Interest earned from investment of money in this account must be deposited in the trunk highway revolving loan account.

Subd. 4. **Loan for trunk highway project; appropriation.** Loans from the transportation revolving loan fund to the commissioner for trunk highway projects must be deposited in the trunk highway fund. Loan proceeds are appropriated annually to the commissioner and do not lapse. Principal and interest payments on the loan proceeds must be paid from the debt service account and are considered a long-term obligation of the trunk highway fund.

Subd. 5. **Trunk highway emergency relief account.** (a) The trunk highway emergency relief account is created in the trunk highway fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner to be used to fund relief activities related to an emergency, as defined in section 161.32, subdivision 3, or under section 12A.16, subdivision 1.

(b) Reimbursements by the Federal Highway Administration for emergency relief payments made from the trunk highway emergency relief account must be credited to the account. Notwithstanding section 16A.28, money in the account is available until spent. If the balance of the account at the end of a fiscal year is greater than \$10,000,000, the amount above \$10,000,000 must be canceled to the trunk highway fund.

Subd. 6. MS 2012 [Repealed, 2013 c 117 art 3 s 41]

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 4; 1963 c 567 s 4; 1965 c 113 s 1; 1967 c 404 s 5; 1976 c 2 s 172; 1980 c 607 art 14 s 46; 1997 c 141 s 1; 1999 c 230 s 5,6; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109; 2010 c 215 art 10 s 5; 1Sp2011 c 3 art 3 s 3; 2013 c 127 s 5; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 18

161.041 MS 1994 [Repealed, 1996 c 310 s 1]

161.045 HIGHWAY USER TAX DISTRIBUTION FUND APPROPRIATIONS; TRUNK HIGHWAY FUND APPROPRIATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "commissioner" means any commissioner of a state agency that either proposes to spend or spends funds out of the highway user tax distribution fund or the trunk highway fund.

Subd. 2. **General expenditure requirements.** A commissioner may expend highway user tax distribution funds only for highway purposes and may expend trunk highway funds only for trunk highway purposes.

Subd. 3. **Limitations on spending.** (a) A commissioner must not pay for any of the following with funds from the highway user tax distribution fund or the trunk highway fund:

- (1) Bureau of Criminal Apprehension laboratory;
- (2) Explore Minnesota Tourism kiosks;
- (3) Minnesota Safety Council;
- (4) driver education programs;
- (5) Office of Emergency Medical Services;
- (6) Mississippi River Parkway Commission;
- (7) payments to the Department of Information Technology Services in excess of actual costs incurred for trunk highway purposes;
- (8) personnel costs incurred on behalf of the governor's office;
- (9) the Office of Aeronautics within the Department of Transportation;
- (10) the Office of Transit and Active Transportation within the Department of Transportation;
- (11) the Office of Passenger Rail;
- (12) purchase and maintenance of soft body armor under section 299A.38;
- (13) tourist information centers;
- (14) parades, events, or sponsorships of events;
- (15) the installation, construction, expansion, or maintenance of public electric vehicle infrastructure;

- (16) the statewide notification center for excavation services pursuant to chapter 216D; and
- (17) manufacturing license plates.

(b) The prohibition in paragraph (a) includes all expenses for the named entity or program, including but not limited to payroll, purchased services, supplies, repairs, and equipment. This prohibition on spending applies to any successor entities or programs that are substantially similar to the entity or program named in this subdivision.

History: 2021 c 31 art 2 s 16; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 11; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 19; 2024 c 122 art 1 s 24; 2024 c 127 art 63 s 22

NOTE: This section, as added by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 11, as amended by Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 4, section 19, is effective July 1, 2025. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 11, the effective date, and Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 4, section 19.

161.05 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

161.06 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

161.061 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.07 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

161.08 Subdivision 1. MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

Subd. 2. MS 2010 [Repealed, 2012 c 287 art 4 s 50]

161.081 HIGHWAY USER TAX, DISTRIBUTION, INVESTMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Distribution of five percent.** (a) Pursuant to article 14, section 5, of the constitution, five percent of the net highway user tax distribution fund is set aside, and apportioned to the county state-aid highway fund.

(b) That apportionment is further distributed as follows:

- (1) 30.5 percent to the town road account created in section 162.081;
- (2) 16 percent to the town bridge account, which is created in the state treasury; and
- (3) 53.5 percent to the flexible highway account created in subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Investment.** Upon the request of the commissioner, money in the highway user tax distribution fund shall be invested by the State Board of Investment in those securities authorized for that purpose in section 11A.21. All interest and profits from the investments must be credited to the highway user tax distribution fund. The commissioner of management and budget shall be the custodian of all securities purchased under this section.

Subd. 3. **Flexible highway account; turnback accounts.** (a) The flexible highway account is created in the state treasury. Money in the account must be allocated as follows:

- (1) 16 percent of the amount available in the flexible highway account for counties in the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, distributed proportionally based on the most recent estimate of county population excluding the population of any city of the first class; and

(2) of the amount available in the flexible highway account less the amount under clause (1), as determined by the commissioner under this section for:

(i) restoration of former trunk highways that have reverted to counties or to statutory or home rule charter cities, or for trunk highways that will be restored and subsequently turned back by agreement between the commissioner and the local road authority;

(ii) safety improvements on county highways, municipal highways, streets, or town roads; and

(iii) routes of regional significance.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "restoration" means the level of effort required to improve the route that will be turned back to an acceptable condition as determined by agreement made between the commissioner and the county or city before the route is turned back.

(c) The commissioner shall review the need for funds to restore highways that have been or will be turned back. The commissioner shall determine, on a biennial basis, the percentage of funds in the flexible highway account to be distributed to each district, and within each district the percentage to be used for each of the purposes specified in paragraph (a). Money in the account may be used for safety improvements and routes of regional significance only after money is set aside to restore the identified turnbacks. The commissioner shall make these determinations only after meeting and holding discussions with committees selected by the statewide associations of both county commissioners and municipal officials. The commissioner shall, to the extent feasible, annually allocate 50 percent of the funds in the flexible highway account to the department's metropolitan district, and 50 percent to districts in greater Minnesota.

(d) Money that will be used for the restoration of trunk highways that have reverted or that will revert to cities must be deposited in the municipal turnback account, which is created in the state treasury.

(e) Money that will be used for the restoration of trunk highways that have reverted or that will revert to counties must be deposited in the county turnback account, which is created in the state treasury.

(f) Money that will be used for safety improvements must be deposited in the highway safety improvement account, which is created in the state treasury to be used as grants to statutory or home rule charter cities, towns, and counties to assist in paying the costs of constructing or reconstructing city streets, county highways, or town roads to reduce crashes, deaths, injuries, and property damage.

(g) Money that will be used for routes of regional significance must be deposited in the routes of regional significance account, which is created in the state treasury, and used as grants to statutory or home rule charter cities, towns, and counties to assist in paying the costs of constructing or reconstructing city streets, county highways, or town roads with statewide or regional significance that have not been fully funded through other state, federal, or local funding sources.

(h) As part of each biennial budget submission to the legislature, the commissioner must: (1) describe how the money in the flexible highway account will be apportioned among the county turnback account, the municipal turnback account, the trunk highway fund for routes turned back to local governments by agreement, the highway safety improvement account, and the routes of regional significance account; and (2) specify the turnback projects likely to be funded with the amounts available in the county turnback account and municipal turnback account, and provide the cost associated with each project.

History: 1965 c 672 s 1; 1975 c 203 s 22; 1983 c 17 s 1; 1989 c 268 s 1; 1993 c 266 s 15; 1998 c 372 art 2 s 1,2; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50; 2008 c 152 art 6 s 4; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 19

161.082 COUNTY TURNBACK ACCOUNT, EXPENDITURES.

Subdivision 1. **Rules.** Except as provided in this section and in section 161.081, all money accruing to the county turnback account shall be expended in accordance with rules of the commissioner of transportation in paying a county for the restoration of former trunk highways, or portions thereof, that have reverted to the county in accordance with law, and have become a part of the county state-aid highway system.

Subd. 2. **Turnback exceptions.** By reason of insufficient funds in the county turnback account to adequately repair and restore the former trunk highways or portions thereof that have already reverted to counties, the commissioner of transportation shall not revert to the counties any additional trunk highways or portions thereof until there are adequate funds in such account to repair and restore such reverted highways to reasonable standards, unless such reversion is necessary due to the constitutional limitations on the mileage of the trunk highway system.

Subd. 2a. **Town bridges and culverts; town road account.** (a) Money in the town bridge account must be expended on replacement or rehabilitation of town road bridge structures that are ten feet or more in length and on town road culverts that replace existing town road bridges. In addition, if the present bridge structure is less than ten feet in length but a hydrological survey indicates that the replacement bridge structure or culvert must be ten feet or more in length, then the bridge or culvert is eligible for replacement funds.

(b) The town bridge account may be used to pay the costs to abandon an existing bridge that is deficient and in need of replacement but where no replacement will be made. It may also be used to pay the costs to construct a road or street to facilitate the abandonment of an existing bridge determined by the commissioner to be deficient if the commissioner determines that construction of the road or street is more cost-efficient than replacing the existing bridge. It may also be used to pay the costs for environmental documentation, preliminary design, and final design of historic bridges and for repurposing and restoring salvageable components of historic bridges, including disassembly, transportation to a new location, construction, and other associated costs.

(c) When bridge approach construction work exceeds \$10,000 in costs, or when the county engineer determines that the cost of the replacement culverts alone will not exceed \$20,000, or engineering costs exceed \$10,000, the town shall be eligible for financial assistance from the town bridge account. Financial assistance shall be requested by resolution of the county board and shall be limited to:

(1) 100 percent of the cost of the bridge approach work that is in excess of \$10,000;

(2) 100 percent of the cost of the replacement culverts when the cost does not exceed \$20,000 and the town board agrees to be responsible for all the other costs, which may include costs for structural removal, installation, and permitting. The replacement structure design and costs shall be approved and certified by the county engineer but need not be subsequently approved by the Department of Transportation; or

(3) 100 percent of all related engineering costs that exceed \$10,000, or in the case of towns with a net tax capacity of less than \$300,000, 100 percent of the engineering costs.

(d) Money in the town road account must be distributed as provided in section 162.081.

Subd. 3. MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

History: 1965 c 672 s 2; 1967 c 187 s 1; 1971 c 528 s 1; 1975 c 203 s 23; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1978 c 686 s 2; 1983 c 17 s 2; 1984 c 412 s 2; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1989 c 268 s 2; 1991 c 351 s 1; 1993 c 128 s 2; 1994 c 553 s 2; 1997 c 159 art 2 s 6; 1998 c 372 art 2 s 3,4; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 14; 2006 c 274 s 1; 2014 c 227 art 1 s 3; 2020 c 83 art 1 s 50; 2023 c 68 art 5 s 3

161.083 MUNICIPAL TURNBACK ACCOUNT, EXPENDITURE.

Except as hereinafter provided, all money accruing to the municipal turnback account shall be expended in accordance with rules of the commissioner of transportation in paying a municipality having a population of 5,000 or more for the reconstruction and improvement of former trunk highways, or portions thereof, that have reverted to such municipality in accordance with law, and have become a part of the municipal state-aid street system.

History: 1965 c 672 s 3; 1967 c 187 s 2; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1985 c 248 s 70

161.084 SURPLUS FUNDS IN TURNBACK ACCOUNTS.

On determining at any time that there are surplus funds in either the county or municipal turnback account that are not needed for the purposes specified herein, the commissioner shall notify the commissioner of management and budget in writing of such determination, and such surplus funds, in the amount specified by the commissioner, shall be transferred to the county state-aid highway fund, or the municipal state-aid street fund, as the case may be, and apportioned as provided by law.

History: 1965 c 672 s 4; 1973 c 492 s 14; 1986 c 444; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109

161.085 APPROPRIATION FROM TURNBACK ACCOUNTS.

Moneys in the county turnback account and the municipal turnback account are hereby appropriated annually to the commissioner of transportation for the purposes of carrying out the terms of sections 161.081 to 161.084.

History: 1965 c 672 s 5; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1996 c 455 art 3 s 4

161.086 MS 1994 [Repealed, 1996 c 310 s 1; 1996 c 455 art 3 s 34]

161.088 CORRIDORS OF COMMERCE PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Beyond the project limits" means any point that is located:

- (1) outside of the project limits;
- (2) along the same trunk highway; and
- (3) within the same region of the state.

(c) "City" means a statutory or home rule charter city.

(d) "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

(e) "Greater metropolitan county" means any of the counties of Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright.

(f) "Program" means the corridors of commerce program established in this section.

(g) "Project limits" means the estimated construction limits of a project for trunk highway construction, reconstruction, or maintenance, that is a candidate for selection under the corridors of commerce program.

(h) "Screening entity" means an area transportation partnership; the Metropolitan Council in consultation with the Transportation Advisory Board under section 473.146, subdivision 4; or a greater metropolitan county.

Subd. 2. **Program authority; funding.** (a) As provided in this section, the commissioner must establish a corridors of commerce program for trunk highway construction, reconstruction, and improvement, including maintenance operations, that improves commerce in the state.

(b) The commissioner may expend funds under the program from appropriations to the commissioner that are:

(1) made specifically by law for use under this section;

(2) at the discretion of the commissioner, made for the budget activities in the state roads program of operations and maintenance, program planning and delivery, or state road construction; and

(3) made for the corridor investment management strategy program, unless specified otherwise.

(c) The commissioner must include in the program the cost participation policy for local units of government.

(d) The commissioner may use up to 17 percent of any appropriation under this section for program delivery and for project scoring, ranking, and selection under subdivision 5.

Subd. 3. **Project classification.** The commissioner shall determine whether each candidate project can be classified into at least one of the following classifications:

(1) capacity development, for a project on a segment of a trunk highway where the segment:

(i) is not a divided highway, and that highway is an expressway or freeway beyond the project limits;

(ii) contains a highway terminus that lacks an intersection or interchange with another trunk highway;

(iii) contains fewer lanes of travel compared to that highway beyond the project limits; or

(iv) contains a location that is proposed as a new interchange or to be reconstructed from an intersection to an interchange; or

(2) freight improvement, for an asset preservation or replacement project that can result in:

(i) removing or reducing barriers to commerce;

(ii) easing or preserving freight movement;

(iii) supporting emerging industries; or

(iv) providing connections between the trunk highway system and other transportation modes for the movement of freight.

Subd. 4. **Project eligibility.** (a) The eligibility requirements for projects that can be funded under the program are:

(1) consistency with the statewide multimodal transportation plan under section 174.03;

(2) location of the project on the national highway system, as provided under Code of Federal Regulations, title 23, part 470, and successor requirements, for a project located outside of the Department of Transportation metropolitan district;

(3) placement into at least one project classification under subdivision 3;

(4) project construction work will commence within four years, except for readiness development projects funded under subdivision 4b;

(5) for each type of project classification under subdivision 3, a maximum allowable amount for the total project cost estimate, as determined by the commissioner with available data; and

(6) determination of a total project cost estimate with a reasonable degree of accuracy, except for readiness development projects funded under subdivision 4b.

(b) A project whose construction is programmed in the state transportation improvement program is not eligible for funding under the program. This paragraph does not apply to a project that is programmed as result of selection under this section.

(c) A project may be, but is not required to be, identified in the 20-year state highway investment plan under section 174.03.

(d) For each project, the commissioner must consider all of the eligibility requirements under paragraph (a). The commissioner is prohibited from considering any eligibility requirement not specified under paragraph (a).

Subd. 4a. **Project funding; regional balance.** (a) To ensure regional balance throughout the state, the commissioner must distribute all available funds under the program according to the following regional allocations:

(1) Metro Projects: at least 25 percent and no more than 27.5 percent of the funds are for projects that are located within, on, or directly adjacent to an area bounded by marked Interstate Highways 494 and 694;

(2) Metro Connector Projects: at least 35 percent and no more than 37.5 percent of the funds are for projects that:

(i) are not included in clause (1); and

(ii) are located wholly or primarily within a greater metropolitan county; and

(3) Regional Center Projects: at least 35 percent and no more than 40 percent of the funds are for projects that are not included in clause (1) or (2).

(b) The commissioner must calculate the percentages under paragraph (a) using total funds under the program over the current and prior two consecutive project selection rounds. The calculations must include readiness development projects funded under subdivision 4b.

Subd. 4b. **Project funding; readiness development.** (a) The commissioner may allocate up to ten percent of funds available in each fiscal year for the following readiness advancement activities on a project: planning, scoping, predesign, preliminary engineering, and environmental analysis. Any share of funds not allocated by the commissioner to readiness advancement activities must be distributed to ranked projects in subdivision 4a.

(b) Funds under this subdivision are for project development sufficient to: (1) meet the eligibility requirements under subdivision 4, paragraph (a), clauses (4) and (6); and (2) provide for the scoring assessment under subdivision 5.

Subd. 5. **Project selection process; criteria.** (a) The commissioner must establish a process to identify, evaluate, and select projects under the program. The process must be consistent with the requirements of this subdivision and must not include any additional scoring criteria. The process must include phases as provided in this subdivision.

(b) **Phase 1: Project solicitation.** Following enactment of each law that makes additional funds available for the program, the commissioner must undertake a public solicitation of potential projects for consideration. The solicitation must be performed through an Internet recommendation process that allows for an interested party, including an individual, business, local unit of government, corridor group, or interest group, to submit a project for consideration.

(c) **Phase 2: Local screening and recommendations.** The commissioner must present the projects submitted during the open solicitation under Phase 1 to the appropriate screening entity where each project is located. A screening entity must:

(1) consider all of the submitted projects for its area;

(2) solicit input from members of the legislature who represent the area for project review, comment, and nonbinding approval or disapproval; and

(3) recommend projects to the commissioner for formal scoring, as provided in Phase 3.

(d) In addition to readiness development projects selected in paragraph (e), each screening entity may recommend the following number of projects to the commissioner:

(1) for area transportation partnerships, no more than three projects;

(2) for the Metropolitan Council in consultation with the Transportation Advisory Board, no more than four projects; and

(3) for each greater metropolitan county, no more than two projects.

(e) Each screening entity may select up to two additional projects to recommend to the commissioner for readiness development funding as provided under subdivision 4b.

(f) A screening entity may recommend a replacement project for one that the commissioner determines is ineligible under subdivision 4. Each recommendation must identify the comments and approvals or disapprovals provided by a member of the legislature.

(g) **Phase 3: Project scoring.** The commissioner must confirm project eligibility under subdivision 4 and perform a complete scoring assessment on each of the eligible projects recommended by the screening entities under Phase 2.

(h) Projects must be scored using all of the following criteria:

(1) a return on investment measure that provides for comparison across eligible projects;

(2) measurable impacts on commerce and economic competitiveness;

(3) efficiency in the movement of freight, including but not limited to:

- (i) measures of annual average daily traffic and commercial vehicle miles traveled, which may include data near the project location on that trunk highway or on connecting trunk and local highways; and
- (ii) measures of congestion or travel time reliability, which may be within or near the project limits, or both;
- (4) improvements to traffic safety;
- (5) connections to regional trade centers, local highway systems, and other transportation modes;
- (6) the extent to which the project addresses multiple transportation system policy objectives and principles;
- (7) support and consensus for the project among members of the surrounding community; and
- (8) the time and work needed before construction may begin on the project.

The commissioner must give the criteria in clauses (1) to (8) equal weight in the scoring process. The commissioner may establish an alternative scoring assessment method for readiness development projects funded under subdivision 4b, which, to the extent practicable, must use the criteria specified in this paragraph.

(i) **Phase 4: Project ranking and selection.** On completion of project scoring under Phase 3, the commissioner must develop a ranked list of projects based on total score, and must select projects in rank order for funding under the program, subject to subdivisions 4a and 4b. The commissioner must specify the amounts and known or anticipated sources of funding for each selected project.

(j) **Phase 5: Public information.** The commissioner must publish information regarding the selection process on the department's website. The information must include:

- (1) lists of all projects submitted for consideration and all projects recommended by the screening entities;
- (2) the scores and ranking for each project; and
- (3) an overview of each selected project, with amounts and sources of funding.

(k) **Phase 6: Readiness development.** For project selection under Phase 4, if all selected projects from prior project selection rounds under Phase 4 are funded, the commissioner must select additional projects from projects that received readiness development advancement funds under subdivision 4b. If a project received readiness development advancement funds and does not have sufficient sources of funding identified, the commissioner must re-score the projects as provided under Phase 3 and include the project in Phase 4 in the next selection round.

Subd. 6. Funding allocations; operations and maintenance. In identifying the amount of funding allocated to a project under the program, the commissioner may include allocations of funds for operations and maintenance resulting from that project, that are assigned in future years following completion of the project, subject to available funds for the program in those years from eligible sources.

Subd. 7. Legislative report; evaluation. (a) Annually by November 1, the commissioner must electronically submit a report on the corridors of commerce program to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance. At a minimum, the report must include:

- (1) a summary of the program, including a review of:

(i) project selection process details that address program design and implementation, decision-making procedures, and eligibility evaluation;

(ii) criteria measurement methodologies and criteria weighting used in project selection; and

(iii) the policy that provides the weight given each criterion;

(2) a summary of program finance, including funds expended in the previous selection cycle, any future operating costs assigned under subdivision 6, and total funds expended since program inception;

(3) a list of projects funded under the program in the previous selection cycle, including:

(i) project classification;

(ii) a breakdown of project costs and funding sources; and

(iii) a brief project description that is comprehensible to a lay audience;

(4) a comprehensive list of evaluated projects and candidate project recommendations as required under subdivision 5, that identifies for each project: eligibility, classification, evaluation results for each criterion, score, and disposition in the selection process; and

(5) any recommendations for changes to statutory requirements of the program.

(b) In every even-numbered year, the commissioner must incorporate into the report the results of an independent evaluation of impacts and effectiveness of the program. The evaluation must be performed by agency staff or a consultant. The individual or individuals performing the evaluation must have experience in program evaluation, but must not be regularly involved in the program's implementation.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a report is not required in a year in which:

(1) no project selection was completed during the preceding 12 months; and

(2) an evaluation under paragraph (b) is not due.

History: 2013 c 117 art 3 s 1; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 20-22; 2019 c 2 art 2 s 1; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 12; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 20-25; 2024 c 85 s 43

161.089 REPORT ON DEDICATED FUND EXPENDITURES.

By January 15 of each odd-numbered year, the commissioners of transportation and public safety, in consultation with the commissioner of management and budget, must jointly submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation finance. The report must:

(1) list detailed expenditures and transfers from the trunk highway fund and highway user tax distribution fund for the previous two fiscal years and must include information on the purpose of each expenditure;

(2) list summary expenditures and transfers from each fund other than the trunk highway fund or highway user tax distribution fund for each departmental division, office, or program for which funds are listed under clause (1);

(3) include for each expenditure from the trunk highway fund an estimate of the percentage of activities performed or purchases made with that expenditure that are not for trunk highway purposes; and

(4) include a separate section that lists detailed expenditures and transfers from the trunk highway fund and highway user tax distribution fund for cybersecurity.

History: *1Sp2019 c 3 art 3 s 6; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 13; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 11*

DUTIES AND POWERS

161.09 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.09 DEPARTMENT ORDERS, FILES, AND RECORDS.

Subdivision 1. **Custodian.** The official acts and determinations of the commissioner shall be denominated orders. The commissioner shall be the custodian of and shall preserve such orders and the records and files of the Transportation Department and its predecessor departments. Subject to reasonable rules, the orders, records, and files shall be open to public inspection.

Subd. 2. **Copies as evidence.** Copies of the orders, records, and files, certified by the commissioner as true copies, shall be received in evidence in any court in this state with the same force and effect as the originals.

History: *1959 c 500 art 2 s 9; 1978 c 674 s 18; 1985 c 248 s 70*

161.095 TRAVEL EXPENSE FOR JOB APPLICANTS.

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the state of Minnesota, Department of Transportation, may pay the necessary moving and travel expenses including the necessary travel expenses to and from interviews arranged by the Department of Transportation, incurred by job applicants for technical positions recruited by the Department of Transportation.

History: *1959 c 379 s 1,2; 1976 c 166 s 7*

161.10 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.10 INVESTIGATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, REPORTS.

When practicable the commissioner shall investigate and determine the location of road material in the state, ascertain the most approved methods of construction and improvement of roads, investigate the most approved laws in relation to roads in other states and hold public meetings throughout the state when deemed advisable. On or before November 15 on each even-numbered year the commissioner shall make a printed report to the governor stating the condition, management, and financial transactions of the Transportation Department, including a statement of the expense incurred in maintaining such department; the number of miles of roads built or improved during the preceding two fiscal years and their cost; the general character and location of material suitable for road construction; the general character and needs of the roads of the state; the name, location, size, and description of each state trail, state water access site, and state rest area established by the commissioner since the last report; and recommend such legislation as the commissioner deems advisable.

History: *1959 c 500 art 2 s 10; 1969 c 540 s 8; 1975 c 353 s 40; 1986 c 444; 1997 c 7 art 2 s 23*

161.11 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.11 COMPENSATION INSURANCE.

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner may purchase.** The commissioner may procure on the open market a policy of insurance covering the payment of benefits accruing under the Workers' Compensation Act to employees of the Department of Transportation engaged in work on highways other than trunk highways pursuant to any agreements made for such work by the commissioner with any political subdivision or agency of the state.

Subd. 2. **Payment of premium and reimbursement.** The commissioner may pay the premiums for any said policy of insurance out of the trunk highway fund. The political subdivision or agency of the state for whom work is performed by employees of the Department of Transportation pursuant to any agreement therefor made with the commissioner shall pay to the trunk highway fund that portion of the premium for said policy of insurance directly attributable to the work performed for it.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 11; 1975 c 359 s 23; 1976 c 166 s 7

TRUNK HIGHWAYS**161.114 CONSTITUTIONAL TRUNK HIGHWAYS.**

Subdivision 1. **Designation.** The trunk highway routes, numbered 1 through 70, as described in the constitutional amendment adopted November 2, 1920, are designated as the constitutional routes of the trunk highway system.

Subd. 2. **Descriptions.** The constitutional routes are described as follows:

Route No. 1. Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa, southeasterly at Albert Lea and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point in Albert Lea and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point and on the southerly limits of the city of St. Paul and then beginning at a point on the northerly limits of the city of St. Paul and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on the westerly limits of the city of Duluth and then beginning at a point on the northerly limits of the city of Duluth and thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on the boundary line between the state of Minnesota and the province of Ontario, affording Albert Lea, Owatonna, Faribault, Northfield, Farmington, St. Paul, White Bear, Forest Lake, Wyoming, Rush City, Pine City, Hinckley, Sandstone, Moose Lake, Carlton, Duluth, Two Harbors, Grand Marais and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 2. Beginning at a point on Route No. 1 on the westerly limits of the city of Duluth and thence extending in a southwestly direction along said Route No. 1 to a point on said route at Carlton and thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the east bank of the Red River of the North at Moorhead, affording Duluth, Carlton, McGregor, Aitkin, Brainerd, Motley, Staples, Wadena, Detroit, Moorhead and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 3. Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin, westerly of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on the easterly limits of the city of St. Paul and then beginning at a point on the westerly limits of the city of Minneapolis and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on the east bank of the Red River of the North at Breckenridge, affording La Crescent, Winona, Kellogg, Wabasha, Lake City, Red Wing, Hastings, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Osseo, Champlin, Anoka, Elk River, Big Lake, St. Cloud, Albany, Sauk Centre,

Alexandria, Elbow Lake, Fergus Falls, Breckenridge and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 4. Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa, southwesterly of Jackson and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 3, southeasterly of Sauk Centre and thence extending in a northwesterly direction along said Route No. 3 to a point on said route at Sauk Centre and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point at International Falls, affording Jackson, Windom, Sanborn, Redwood Falls, Morton, Olivia, Willmar, Paynesville, Sauk Centre, Long Prairie, Wadena, Park Rapids, Itasca State Park, Bemidji, International Falls and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 5. Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa, southerly of Blue Earth and thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on the southerly limits of the city of Minneapolis and then beginning at a point on the northerly limits of the city of Minneapolis and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point in Swan River on Route No. 8, hereinafter described, affording Blue Earth, Winnebago, Mankato, St. Peter, Le Sueur, Jordan, Shakopee, Minneapolis, Cambridge, Mora, McGregor, Swan River and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 6. Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa, southerly of Ash Creek, and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on the boundary line between the state of Minnesota and the province of Manitoba, near St. Vincent, affording Luverne, Pipestone, Lake Benton, Ivanhoe, Canby, Madison, Bellingham, Odessa, Ortonville, Graceville, Dumont, Wheaton, Breckenridge, Moorhead, Kragnes, Georgetown, Perley, Hendrum, Ada, Crookston, Warren, Donaldson, Hallock and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 7. Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at Winona and thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota, westerly of Lake Benton, affording Winona, St. Charles, Rochester, Kasson, Dodge Center, Claremont, Owatonna, Waseca, Mankato, St. Peter, New Ulm, Springfield, Tracy, Lake Benton and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 8. Beginning at a point on the westerly limits of the city of Duluth and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 6 near Crookston and thence extending in a westerly and northerly direction along said Route No. 6 to a point on said route northerly of Crookston and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on the east bank of the Red River of the North at East Grand Forks, affording Duluth, Floodwood, Swan River, Grand Rapids, Cass Lake, Bemidji, Bagley, Erskine, Crookston, East Grand Forks and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 9. Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at La Crescent and thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota southwesterly of Beaver Creek, affording La Crescent, Hokah, Houston, Rushford, Lanesboro, Preston, Fountain, Spring Valley, Austin, Albert Lea, Blue Earth, Fairmont, Jackson, Worthington, Luverne and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 10. Beginning at a point on the westerly limits of the city of Minneapolis and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 6 at or near Wheaton, affording Minneapolis, Montrose,

Cokato, Litchfield, Willmar, Benson, Morris, Herman, Wheaton and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 11. Beginning at a point on Route No. 8 at the westerly limits of the city of Duluth and thence extending in a northwesterly and northerly direction to a point on Route No. 4 at International Falls and thence extending in a southwesterly direction along said Route No. 4 to a point on said route southwesterly of International Falls and thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 6 at Donaldson, affording Duluth, Eveleth, Virginia, Cook, Orr, Cussons, International Falls, Baudette, Warroad, Roseau, Greenbush, Donaldson and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 12. Beginning at a point on the west bank of the St. Croix River near Hudson, Wisconsin and thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the easterly limits of the city of St. Paul and then beginning at a point on the westerly limits of the city of Minneapolis and thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 6 at Madison, affording St. Paul, Minneapolis, Hopkins, Norwood, Glencoe, Olivia, Granite Falls, Montevideo, Dawson, Madison and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 13. Beginning at a point on Route No. 9 at Albert Lea and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 5 at Jordan affording Albert Lea, Waseca, Waterville, Montgomery, New Prague, Jordan and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 14. Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 at Ivanhoe and thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 4 at Redwood Falls and thence extending in an easterly direction along said Route No. 4 to a point on said route at Morton and thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 22, hereinafter described, at Gaylord affording Ivanhoe, Marshall, Redwood Falls, Morton, Winthrop, Gaylord and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 15. Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa southerly of Fairmont and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 14 at Winthrop, affording Fairmont, Madelia, New Ulm, Winthrop and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 16. Beginning at a point on Route No. 5 southwesterly of Mankato and thence extending westerly to a point on Route No. 15 at Madelia and thence extending in a southerly direction along said Route No. 15 to a point on said route southerly of Madelia and thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 4 northerly of Windom and thence extending in a southerly direction along said Route No. 4 to a point on said route at Windom and thence extending in a westerly direction to a point at Fulda and thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 9 at Worthington, affording Mankato, Madelia, St. James, Windom, Fulda, Worthington and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 17. Beginning at a point on Route No. 16 at Fulda and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 12 at Granite Falls, affording Fulda, Slayton, Garvin, Marshall, Granite Falls and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 18. Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at Elk River and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 2 easterly of Brainerd, affording Elk River, Princeton, Milaca, Onamia

and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 19. Beginning at a point on Route No. 2 at Brainerd and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 8 at Cass Lake, affording Brainerd, Pine River, Walker, Cass Lake and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 20. Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa near Canton and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 9 at or near Preston and thence extending in a northwesterly direction along said Route No. 9 to a point on said route at Fountain and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 3 in the town of Douglas, Dakota County (T. 113, R. 17 W.) affording Canton, Harmony, Preston, Fountain, Chatfield, Oronoco, Pine Island, Zumbrota, Cannon Falls and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 21. Beginning at a point on Route No. 20 at Zumbrota and thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 5 at St. Peter, affording Zumbrota, Kenyon, Faribault, Le Sueur Center, Cleveland, St. Peter and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 22. Beginning at a point on Route No. 5 at St. Peter and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 4 at Paynesville, affording St. Peter, Gaylord, Glencoe, Hutchinson, Litchfield, Paynesville and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 23. Beginning at a point on Route No. 4 at Paynesville and thence extending in a northeasterly direction through the village of Richmond, Coldspring, Rockville and Waite Park to a point on Route No. 3 westerly of St. Cloud, and thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 5 southerly of Mora, and thence extending in a northerly direction along said Route No. 5 to a point on said route at Mora, and thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 1 southerly of Hinckley, affording Paynesville, St. Cloud, Foley, Milaca, Ogilvie, Mora and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 24. Beginning at a point on Route No. 10 at Litchfield and thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 3 at St. Cloud, affording Litchfield, St. Cloud and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 25. Beginning at a point on Route No. 5 at or near Belle Plaine and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 3 at Big Lake, affording Belle Plaine, Norwood, Watertown, Montrose, Buffalo, Monticello, Big Lake and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 26. Beginning at a point on Route No. 10 at Benson and thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 6 near Ortonville, affording Benson, Ortonville and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 27. Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at St. Cloud and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 2 at Brainerd, affording St. Cloud, Sauk Rapids, Royalton, Little Falls, Brainerd and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 28. Beginning at a point on Route No. 27 at Little Falls and thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota at Browns Valley, affording Little Falls, Sauk Centre, Glenwood, Starbuck, Morris, Graceville, Browns Valley and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 29. Beginning at a point on Route No. 28 at Glenwood and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 2 westerly of Wadena affording Glenwood, Alexandria, Parkers Prairie, Deer Creek and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 30. Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at Fergus Falls, and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 8 at Erskine, affording Fergus Falls, Pelican Rapids, Detroit, Mahnomen, Erskine and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 31. Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 at Ada, and thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 30 near Mahnomen, affording Ada, Mahnomen and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 32. Beginning at a point on Route No. 8 easterly of Crookston and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 11 at Greenbush, affording Red Lake Falls, Thief River Falls, Middle River, Greenbush and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 33. Beginning at a point on Route No. 32 at Thief River Falls and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 6 at Warren, affording Thief River Falls, Warren and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 34. Beginning at a point on Route No. 2 at Detroit and thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 8 westerly of Grand Rapids, affording Detroit, Park Rapids, Walker, Remer, Grand Rapids and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 35. Beginning at a point on Route No. 18 near Mille Lacs Lake and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point at Grand Rapids and thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point at Ely, affording Aitkin, Grand Rapids, Hibbing, Chisholm, Buhl, Mountain Iron, Virginia, Gilbert, McKinley, Biwabik, Aurora, Tower, and Ely and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 36. Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at Fergus Falls and thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 29 easterly of Henning, affording Fergus Falls, Henning and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 37. Beginning at a point on Route No. 27 at Little Falls and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 2 at Motley, affording Little Falls, Motley and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 38. Beginning at a point on Route No. 12 at Montevideo and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 28 at Starbuck, affording Montevideo, Benson, Starbuck and intervening

and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 39. Beginning at a point on Route No. 7 at Mankato and thence extending in a southeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 9 westerly of Albert Lea, affording Mankato, Mapleton, Minnesota Lake, Wells and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 40. Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa at Lyle and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 7 at Owatonna, affording Lyle, Austin, Blooming Prairie, Owatonna and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 41. Beginning at a point on Route No. 40 at or near Blooming Prairie and thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 56, hereinafter described, near Hayfield, affording Blooming Prairie, Hayfield and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 42. Beginning at a point on Route No. 7 easterly of Rochester and thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 3 at Kellogg, affording Rochester, Elgin, Plainview, Kellogg and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 43. Beginning at a point on Route No. 9 at Rushford and thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 3 at Winona, affording Rushford, Winona and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 44. Beginning at a point on Route No. 9 at Hokah and thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 20 near Canton, affording Hokah, Caledonia, Canton and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 45. Beginning at a point on the west bank of the St. Croix River at Stillwater and thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point on the easterly limits of the city of St. Paul, affording Stillwater, Lake Elmo, St. Paul and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 46. Beginning at a point on the west bank of the St. Croix River at Taylors Falls and thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 1 near Wyoming, affording Taylors Falls, Center City, Wyoming and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 47. Beginning at a point on Route No. 17 at Slayton and thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 6 at Pipestone, affording Slayton, Pipestone and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 48. Beginning at a point on Route No. 17 westerly of Granite Falls and thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 6 at Canby, affording Granite Falls, Clarkfield, Canby and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 49. Beginning at a point on Route No. 12 easterly of Montevideo and thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 4 southerly of Willmar, affording Montevideo, Clara City, Willmar and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 50. Beginning at a point on Route No. 20 at Cannon Falls and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on the southerly limits of the city of Minneapolis, affording Cannon Falls, Farmington, Minneapolis and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 51. Beginning at a point on Route No. 5 at Shakopee and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 12 northerly of Shakopee, affording a connection between said Route No. 5 and said Route No. 12.

Route No. 52. Beginning at a point on Route No. 5 south of the city of Minneapolis and thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on the westerly limits of the United States military reservation at Fort Snelling, affording St. Paul and adjacent communities a reasonable communication with said Route No. 5.

Route No. 53. Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at Hastings and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on the southerly limits of the city of South St. Paul, affording Hastings, South St. Paul and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 54. Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at Elbow Lake and thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 10 at Herman, affording Elbow Lake, Herman and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 55. Beginning at a point on Route No. 2 northwesterly of Carlton and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point in Cloquet, affording Carlton, Cloquet and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 56. Beginning at a point on Route No. 9 easterly of Austin and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 21 at or near Kenyon, affording Brownsdale, Hayfield, Dodge Center, West Concord, Kenyon and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 57. Beginning at a point in Mantorville and extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 7 southerly of Mantorville, affording Mantorville a reasonable means of communication with said Route No. 7.

Route No. 58. Beginning at a point on Route No. 20 at Zumbrota and thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 3 at Red Wing, affording Zumbrota, Red Wing and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 59. Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa southerly of Spring Valley and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on No. 3 at Lake City, affording Spring Valley, Stewartville, Rochester, Zumbrota Falls, Lake City and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 60. Beginning at a point on Route No. 1 at Faribault and thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 7 at or near Madison Lake, affording Faribault, Morristown, Waterville,

Madison Lake and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 61. Beginning at a point on Route No. 8 at Deer River and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 4 at or near Big Falls, affording Deer River, Big Falls and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 62. Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at Anoka and thence extending in a southeasterly direction to a point on the northerly limits of the city of St. Paul, affording Anoka, St. Paul and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 63. Beginning at a point on Route No. 1 southerly of Forest Lake and thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point on the northerly and easterly limits of the city of Minneapolis, affording a reasonable means of communication between Route No. 1 and Minneapolis.

Route No. 64. Beginning at a point on Route No. 30 northerly of Fergus Falls and thence extending in a northerly and westerly direction to a point on Route No. 6 southerly of Moorhead, affording Fergus Falls, Rothsay, Barnesville, Moorhead and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 65. Beginning at a point on Route No. 8 at Bagley, and thence extending in a northerly and westerly direction to a point on Route No. 32 southerly of Red Lake Falls, affording Bagley, Clearbrook, Gonvick, Gully, Brooks, Terrebonne and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 66. Beginning at a point on Route No. 12 at Montevideo and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 26 northerly of Appleton affording Montevideo, Appleton and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 67. Beginning at a point on Route No. 14 southerly of Echo and thence extending in a northerly and westerly direction to a point on Route No. 17 at or near Granite Falls, affording Echo, Granite Falls and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 68. Beginning at a point on Route No. 14 at Marshall and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 6 near Canby, affording Marshall, Minneota, Canby and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 69. Beginning at a point on Route No. 25 at Buffalo and thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 22 southeasterly of Paynesville, affording Buffalo, Maple Lake, Annandale, Eden Valley, Paynesville and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

Route No. 70. Beginning at a point on Route No. 7 westerly of New Ulm and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 12 at or near the village of Hector, affording Fort Ridgely, Fairfax,

Hector and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication, each with the other and other places within the state.

History: *1969 c 11 s 1,2; 2001 c 213 s 2,30; 1Sp2003 c 22 s 1*

161.115 ADDITIONAL TRUNK HIGHWAYS.

Subdivision 1. **Legislative routes confirmed.** The following routes hereby and heretofore added to the trunk highway system by the legislature under the provisions of article 14, of the constitution adopted November 2, 1920, and as the same are herein amended, are hereby confirmed.

Subd. 2. **Route No. 71.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 27 in Little Falls, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 1, at or near Moose Lake; affording Little Falls, Onamia, Isle, McGrath, and Moose Lake a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 3. **Route No. 72.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 4, southerly of Bemidji and thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 11, easterly of Baudette; affording Bemidji, Waskish, Baudette, and intervening and adjacent communities a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 4. **Route No. 73.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 20, at or near Zumbrota, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 3; affording Zumbrota, Mazeppa, Zumbro Falls, and Wabasha a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 5. **Route No. 74.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 3, at or near Weaver, thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point at or near Chatfield; affording Weaver, St. Charles, and Chatfield, a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 6. **Route No. 75.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 in Winona, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Subd. 7. **Route No. 76.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 43, at or near Wilson, thence extending in a southeasterly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa; affording Wilson, Houston, and Caledonia a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 8. **Route No. 77.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 43 at or near Rushford, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 56 at or near Hayfield; affording Rushford, Chatfield, Stewartville, and Hayfield a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 9. **Route No. 78.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 9 at or near Rushford, thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 44 at or near Mabel.

Subd. 10. **Route No. 79.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 20 at or near Harmony, thence extending in a southerly direction to the line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa.

Subd. 11. **Route No. 80.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 9 southerly of Wykoff, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 20 at or near Preston.

Subd. 12. **Route No. 81.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 9 easterly of Austin, thence extending in a southeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 59 easterly of LeRoy.

Subd. 13. **Route No. 82.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 40 at or near Blooming Prairie, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 15; affording Blooming Prairie, Ellendale, Mapleton, and St. James a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 14. **Route No. 83.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 5 westerly of Mankato, thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 15 southerly of New Ulm.

Subd. 15. **Route No. 84.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 7 at or near Sleepy Eye, thence extending in a southerly direction to the line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa; affording Sleepy Eye, St. James, and Sherburne a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 16. **Route No. 85.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 16 at or near Windom, thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa at or near Bigelow; affording Windom, Worthington, and Bigelow a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 17. **Route No. 86.** Beginning at a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa southerly of Lakefield, thence extending northerly through Lakefield to a point on Route No. 85 as herein established westerly of Windom.

Subd. 18. **Route No. 87.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 9 southerly of Wells, thence extending in a southerly direction through Kiester to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa.

Subd. 19. **Route No. 88.** Beginning at a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota, and on Route No. 9, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 12 at or near Montevideo; affording Jasper, Pipestone, Marshall, and Montevideo a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 20. **Route No. 89.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 at or near Pipestone, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota.

Subd. 21. **Route No. 90.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 at or near Ivanhoe, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota.

Subd. 22. **Route No. 91.** Beginning at a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa southerly of Adrian, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 88 as herein established at or near Russell; affording Adrian, Lake Wilson, and Russell a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 23. **Route No. 92.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 17 westerly of Currie, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 84; affording Currie and Jeffers a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 24. **Route No. 93.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 4 at or near Redwood Falls, thence extending in a southeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 70 at or near Sleepy Eye.

Subd. 25. **Route No. 94.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 3, northerly of Hastings, thence extending in a southeasterly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Subd. 26. **Route No. 95.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 94 as herein established at or near Point Douglas, thence extending in a northerly direction through Bayport and Stillwater to a point on Route No. 46 at or near Taylors Falls.

Subd. 27. **Route No. 96.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 244 as herein established at or near Dellwood City, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 1 at or near White Bear Lake.

Subd. 28. **Route No. 97.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 1 at or near Forest Lake, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 95 as herein established.

Subd. 29. **Route No. 98.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 390 westerly of Forest Lake, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 1 at or near the junction of Route No. 1 and Route No. 98, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 46.

Subd. 30. **Route No. 99.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 21 east of Le Center, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 21 near General Shields Lake.

Subd. 31. **Route No. 100.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 22 at or near Gaylord, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 3 westerly of Red Wing; affording Gaylord, Henderson, New Prague, Northfield, Cannon Falls and Red Wing a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 32. **Route No. 101.** MS 2016 [Repealed, 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 144]

Subd. 33. **Route No. 102.** Beginning at the terminus of Route No. 1 on the southerly limits of the city of St. Paul, thence extending in a northerly direction through the city of St. Paul to the point of beginning of Route No. 1 on the northerly limits of the city of St. Paul.

Subd. 34. **Route No. 103.** Beginning at the terminus of Route No. 1 on the westerly limits of the city of Duluth, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to the point of beginning of Route No. 1 on the northerly limits of the city of Duluth.

Subd. 35. **Route No. 104.** Beginning at the terminus of Route No. 3 on the easterly limits of the city of St. Paul, thence extending in a northwesterly direction through the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis to the point of beginning of Route No. 3 on the westerly limits of the city of Minneapolis.

Subd. 36. **Route No. 105.** Beginning at Washington Avenue in the city of Minneapolis, thence extending in a northeasterly direction through Minneapolis to a point at the beginning of Route No. 5 on the northerly limits of the city of Minneapolis.

Subd. 37. **Route No. 106.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 8 in the westerly limits of the city of Duluth, thence extending in a southeasterly direction through Duluth to a point at the water's edge of St. Louis Bay and there terminating.

Subd. 38. **Route No. 107.** Beginning at the terminus of Route No. 10 on the westerly limits of the city of Minneapolis, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point at or near Washington Avenue in the city of Minneapolis.

Subd. 39. **Route No. 108.** Beginning at the terminus of Route No. 12 of the easterly limits of the city of St. Paul; thence extending in a westerly direction through the city of St. Paul to a point on the easterly limits of Hennepin County.

Subd. 40. **Route No. 109.** Beginning at the terminus of Route No. 45 on the easterly limits of the city of St. Paul, thence extending into St. Paul in a southwesterly direction to connect with Route No. 102 as herein established.

Subd. 41. **Route No. 110.** Beginning at the terminus of Route No. 50 on the southerly limits of the city of Minneapolis, thence extending through Minneapolis and northerly to a point on Route No. 2 at or near Aitkin; affording Minneapolis, Anoka, Ogilvie, Isle, and Aitkin a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 42. **Route No. 111.** Beginning at the terminus of Route No. 52 on the westerly limits of the United States Military Reservation at Fort Snelling, thence extending in a northeasterly direction through the military reservation into the city of St. Paul to connect with Route No. 102 as herein established.

Subd. 43. **Route No. 112.** Beginning at a point on the southerly limits of the city of St. Paul, thence extending northerly to connect with Route No. 102 as herein established.

Subd. 44. **Route No. 113.** Beginning at a point on the northerly limits of the city of St. Paul, thence extending in a southeasterly direction into St. Paul to connect with Route No. 104 as herein established.

Subd. 45. **Route No. 114.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 46. **Route No. 115.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 102 as herein established in St. Paul thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 1 southerly of Wescott.

Subd. 47. **Route No. 116.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 104 as herein established in the city of Minneapolis, thence extending in a southeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 53, thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 21 at or near Kenyon; affording Minneapolis, Mendota, Hampton, and Kenyon a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 48. **Route No. 117.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 100 as herein established easterly of New Prague, thence extending in a northeasterly direction and crossing the Mississippi River easterly of the city of South St. Paul, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 1 at or near White Bear.

[See Note.]

Subd. 49. **Route No. 118.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 45 southwesterly of Stillwater, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 394 in Roseville.

Subd. 50. **Route No. 119.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 49 at or near Clara City, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 12 at or near Excelsior; affording Clara City, Hutchinson, and Excelsior a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 51. **Route No. 120.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 52. **Route No. 121.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 22 at or near Gaylord, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 5; affording Gaylord, Norwood, and Victoria a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 53. **Route No. 122.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 5 in Mankato, thence extending in a northwesterly direction through Nicollet to a point on Route No. 22, southerly of Gaylord.

Subd. 54. **Route No. 123.** MS 2018 [Repealed, 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 141]

Subd. 55. **Route No. 124.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 39 at or near Wells, thence extending in a southeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 391 at or near Alden.

Subd. 56. **Route No. 125.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 111 as herein established north of the Mississippi River, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 63.

Subd. 57. **Route No. 126.** MS 1996 [Repealed, 1998 c 403 s 28]

Subd. 58. **Route No. 127.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 59. **Route No. 128.** Beginning at the present terminus of Route No. 57 in Mantorville, thence extending in a northerly direction through Wanamingo to a point on Route No. 20.

Subd. 60. **Route No. 129.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 61. **Route No. 130.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 northwesterly of Minneapolis, thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 52.

Subd. 62. **Route No. 131.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 37 at or near Randall, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 27.

Subd. 63. **Route No. 132.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 27 at or near St. Cloud, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 46 at Taylors Falls; affording St. Cloud, Princeton, Cambridge, and Taylors Falls a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 64. **Route No. 133.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 5 northerly of Braham, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Subd. 65. **Route No. 134.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 5 southerly of Grasston, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 23.

Subd. 66. **Route No. 135.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 28 westerly of Little Falls, thence extending in a westerly and southwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 3 at Osakis, thence extending in a general southerly direction to a point on Route No. 392; affording Little Falls, Long Prairie, and Osakis a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 67. **Route No. 136.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 8 northwesterly of Bemidji, thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 11 at or near Roseau.

Subd. 68. **Route No. 137.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 18 northwesterly of Garrison, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 34 at or near Remer; affording Garrison, Deerwood, Crosby, and Remer a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 69. **Route No. 138.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 19 northerly of Walker, thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 4.

Subd. 70. **Route No. 139.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 19 at or near Pine River, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 34.

Subd. 71. **Route No. 140.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 11 at or near Baudette, thence extending in a northerly direction to Lake of the Woods.

Subd. 72. **Route No. 141.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 28 at or near Sauk Centre, thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 4.

Subd. 73. **Route No. 142.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 4 at or near Paynesville, thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and North Dakota; affording Paynesville, Glenwood, and Elbow Lake a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 74. **Route No. 143.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 210 westerly of Sunburg, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point at or near Terrace, thence continuing in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 142 as herein established.

Subd. 75. **Route No. 144.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 at or near Madison, thence extending in a northeasterly and northerly direction to a point on Route No. 142 as herein established at or near Barrett; affording Madison, Appleton, Morris, and Barrett a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 76. **Route No. 145.** Beginning at a point on or near Route No. 10 at or near Willmar, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 144 as herein established.

Subd. 77. **Route No. 146.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 49, thence extending in a southerly direction through Maynard to a point on Route No. 12.

Subd. 78. **Route No. 147.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 66 at or near Appleton, thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 6.

Subd. 79. **Route No. 148.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 at or near Ortonville, thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 28.

Subd. 80. **Route No. 149.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 148 as herein established at Ortonville, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota.

Subd. 81. **Route No. 150.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 12 at or near Hector, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 4 at or near Paynesville; affording Hector, Grove City, and Paynesville a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 82. **Route No. 151.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 24 southerly of Kimball, thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 14 at or near Winthrop; affording Kimball, Hutchinson, and Winthrop a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 83. **Route No. 152.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 10 at or near Herman, thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 3 southerly of Breckenridge.

Subd. 84. **Route No. 153.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 85. **Route No. 154.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 at or near Canby, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota.

Subd. 86. **Route No. 155.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 12 southerly of Madison, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota.

Subd. 87. **Route No. 156.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 394 in the city of Minneapolis and extending in a northerly and westerly direction to a point on Route No. 62 easterly of the Great Northern Railway.

[See Note.]

Subd. 88. **Route No. 157.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 35 on the north side of Mille Lacs Lake, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 110 as herein established.

Subd. 89. **Route No. 158.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 11 at International Falls, thence extending in an easterly direction to Black Bay.

Subd. 90. **Route No. 159.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 5 at or near Swan River, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 4 at or near Little Fork; affording Swan River, Nashwauk, and Little Fork a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 91. **Route No. 160.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 35 at or near Tower, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 136 as herein established southerly of Red Lake.

Subd. 92. **Route No. 161.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 58 in Red Wing, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Subd. 93. **Route No. 162.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 34 at or near Remer, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 8.

Subd. 94. **Route No. 163.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 1 at or near Moose Lake, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 11 southerly of Orr; affording Moose Lake, Cromwell, Floodwood, Hibbing, Chisholm, and Orr a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 95. **Route No. 164.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 1, thence extending in a northerly direction through Cloquet to a point on Route No. 11.

Subd. 96. **Route No. 165.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 8 westerly of Deer River, thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 4.

Subd. 97. **Route No. 166.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 35 at Ely, thence extending in a southeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 1.

Subd. 98. **Route No. 167.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 11 northerly of Virginia, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 160 as herein established westerly of Tower.

Subd. 99. **Route No. 168.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 4 near Itasca State Park, thence in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 31 at Mahnomen.

Subd. 100. **Route No. 169.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 8 at or near Bagley, thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 168 as herein established.

Subd. 101. **Route No. 170.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 32 at or near Thief River Falls, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 136 as herein established.

Subd. 102. **Route No. 171.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 near St. Vincent, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Subd. 103. **Route No. 172.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 at or near Donaldson, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Subd. 104. **Route No. 173.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 at or near Warren, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Subd. 105. **Route No. 174.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 8 at or near Erskine, thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on the boundary line between United States and Canada northerly of Lancaster.

Any portion of Route No. 174 northerly or westerly of Lancaster heretofore established as a trunk highway shall continue as a trunk highway until the commissioner of transportation shall pursuant to the authority in this section contained definitely locate Route No. 174 hereunder northerly of Lancaster. Upon the final and definite location of Route No. 174 hereunder northerly of Lancaster then any portion of Route No. 174 northerly or westerly of Lancaster heretofore established as a part of Route No. 174 and not included in any new designation hereunder shall revert to the county or subdivision thereof originally charged with the care thereof but where such road or any portion thereof so ceasing to be a trunk highway had its origin as a state trunk highway it shall become a county road unless the same lies within the corporate limits of any city in which event it shall become a street of such city.

Subd. 106. **Route No. 175.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 8 at or near Crookston, thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 6 northerly of Hendrum.

Subd. 107. **Route No. 176.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 175 as herein established at or near Halstad, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Subd. 108. **Route No. 177.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 32 southerly of Red Lake Falls, thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 182.

Subd. 109. **Route No. 178.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 near Crookston, thence extending in a southeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 177 as herein established at or near Fertile.

Subd. 110. **Route No. 179.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 at or near Ada, thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 64 at or near Barnesville.

Subd. 111. **Route No. 180.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at or near Erdahl, thence extending in a general northerly or northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 181 as herein established at or near Ottertail.

Subd. 112. **Route No. 181.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 36 at or near Henning, thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 2 at or near Perham.

Subd. 113. **Route No. 182.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 30 at or near Lake Lizzie, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 64 at or near Barnesville.

Subd. 114. **Route No. 183.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 36 east of Henning, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 2 at or near Staples.

Subd. 115. **Route No. 184.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 29 at or near Deer Creek, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 2.

Subd. 116. **Route No. 185.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 1 and Route No. 390, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 103 as herein established in Duluth.

[See Note.]

Subd. 117. **Route No. 186.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 110 as herein established, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 1 and Route No. 390; affording Isle and Finlayson a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

[See Note.]

Subd. 118. **Route No. 187.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 18 at or near Elk River, thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 117 as herein established.

Subd. 119. **Route No. 188.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 69 at Buffalo, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 110 as herein established.

Subd. 120. **Route No. 189.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 5 southerly of Mora, thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 132 as herein established.

Subd. 121. **Route No. 190.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 at or near Wheaton, thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 28 at or near Browns Valley.

Subd. 122. **Route No. 191.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 190 as herein established southwesterly of Wheaton, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota.

Subd. 123. **Route No. 192.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 1 at or near Hinckley, thence extending in an easterly direction to the line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Subd. 124. **Route No. 193.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 2 at or near Motley, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 34 westerly of Walker.

Subd. 125. **Route No. 194.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 117 as herein established at or near Mendota, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 102 as herein established.

Subd. 126. **Route No. 195.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 1 at or near Albert Lea, thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa.

Subd. 127. **Route No. 196.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 8 at or near Grand Rapids, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 160 as herein established; affording Grand Rapids and Big Fork a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 128. **Route No. 197.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 4 southerly of Park Rapids, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 139 as herein established easterly of Backus.

Subd. 129. **Route No. 198.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 9 at or near LaCrescent, thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa.

Subd. 130. **Route No. 199.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 9 at or near Austin, thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa.

Subd. 131. **Route No. 200.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 4 at or near Itasca State Park, thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 30 at or near Waubun.

Subd. 132. **Route No. 201.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 82, as herein established, near Waldorf, thence extending in a northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 39 at or near Mankato.

Subd. 133. **Route No. 202.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 11 at or near Eveleth, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 35 at Gilbert.

Subd. 134. **Route No. 203.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 11 westerly of Duluth, thence extending in a southeasterly direction through Proctor and Duluth to the water's edge of St. Louis Bay, and there terminating.

Subd. 135. **Route No. 204.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 11, westerly of Duluth, thence extending in a southeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 103, as herein established in Duluth.

Subd. 136. **Route No. 205.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 54, easterly of Herman, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 29, at or near Alexandria.

Subd. 137. **Route No. 206.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 30, at or near Pelican Rapids, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 181, as herein established, southerly of Perham.

Subd. 138. **Route No. 207.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 2, at or near Frazee, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 4 at or near Menahga.

Subd. 139. **Route No. 208.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 28 at or near Starbuck, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 3 at or near Garfield.

Subd. 140. **Route No. 209.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at or near Becker, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 18, at or near Brainerd; affording Becker, Foley, Gilman, Pierz and Brainerd, a reasonable means of communication each with the other and other places within the state.

Subd. 141. **Route No. 210.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 10 at or near Benson, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 4 at or near New London.

Subd. 142. **Route No. 211.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 64 at or near Barnesville, thence extending in a southwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 3 at or near Breckenridge.

Subd. 143. **Route No. 212.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at or near Robbinsdale, thence extending in a northeasterly and easterly direction to a point on Route No. 62 easterly of New Brighton, affording necessary and reasonable means of communication to industrial areas engaged in the manufacture of essential war materials, and bringing into the Trunk Highway System an important route a portion of which has been heretofore improved with federal aid, and all which has been approved for surveys and plans with federal funds by the Public Roads Administration.

Subd. 144. **Route No. 213.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 185 in Duluth, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Subd. 145. **Route No. 214.** Beginning at a point on Constitutional Route No. 3, now known as Trunk Highway 61 in the city of Wabasha, Minnesota, thence northerly to a point on the line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Subd. 146. **Route No. 215.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 1, at or near Carlton; thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 185.

Subd. 147. **Route No. 216.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 35, at or near Hibbing; thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 11 southerly of Eveleth.

Subd. 148. **Route No. 217.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 159, at or near Littlefork; thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 11.

Subd. 149. **Route No. 218.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 11, westerly of Roseau; thence extending in a westerly direction thence in a general northerly direction to reach the international boundary near Pinecreek.

Subd. 150. **Route No. 219.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 170 easterly of Thief River Falls; thence extending in a general northerly direction to a point on Route No. 136 westerly of Grygla.

Subd. 151. **Route No. 220.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 175 at or near Climax; thence extending in a general northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 8 at or near East Grand Forks; thence continuing in a general northerly direction to a point on Route No. 173 westerly of Warren; thence continuing in a general northerly direction to a point on Route No. 172 westerly of Donaldson.

Subd. 152. **Route No. 221.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 166 in Ely; thence extending in a general northeasterly direction to a point north of the center of Section 20, Township 63 North, Range 11 West.

Subd. 153. **Route No. 222.** MS 2020 [Repealed, 1Sp2019 c 3 art 3 s 132]

Subd. 154. **Route No. 223.** Beginning at a point in or adjacent to Leonard; thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 65.

Subd. 155. **Route No. 224.** MS 2004 [Repealed, 2005 c 7 s 1]

Subd. 156. **Route No. 225.** MS 2016 [Repealed, 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 142]

Subd. 157. **Route No. 226.** Beginning at a point in Section 10, Township 140 North, Range 34 West; thence extending in a general southerly direction to a point on Route No. 34.

Subd. 158. **Route No. 227.** MS 2012 [Repealed, 2012 c 287 art 3 s 57]

Subd. 159. **Route No. 228.** MS 2014 [Repealed, 2015 c 75 art 2 sec 50]

Subd. 160. **Route No. 229.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 64 southerly of Barnesville; thence extending in a general easterly direction to a point on Route No. 30, at or near Pelican Rapids.

Subd. 161. **Route No. 230.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6, at or near Moorhead; thence extending in a general westerly direction to a point on the boundary between the states of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Subd. 162. **Route No. 231.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 163. **Route No. 232.** MS 1994 [Repealed, 1996 c 456 s 24]

Subd. 164. **Route No. 233.** MS 2000 [Repealed, 2001 c 213 s 29]

Subd. 165. **Route No. 234.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 138 westerly of Laporte; thence extending in a general southerly direction to a point on Route No. 34, at or near Akeley.

Subd. 166. **Route No. 235.** MS 2012 [Repealed, 2013 c 127 s 66]

Subd. 167. **Route No. 236.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 168. **Route No. 237.** MS 2020 [Repealed, 2020 c 100 s 26]

Subd. 169. **Route No. 238.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 westerly of Albany; thence extending in a general northerly direction to a point at or near Upsala; thence continuing in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 28 westerly of Little Falls.

Subd. 170. **Route No. 239.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 27, at or near Sauk Rapids; thence extending in a general southwesterly direction crossing the Mississippi River; thence continuing in a general southerly direction to a point on Route No. 3 at or near St. Cloud.

Subd. 171. **Route No. 240.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 69, at or near Annandale; thence extending in a general northerly direction to a point on Route No. 3.

Subd. 172. **Route No. 241.** Beginning at a point in or adjacent to St. Michael; then extending in a general easterly direction to a point on Route No. 392.

Subd. 173. **Route No. 242.** MS 2008 [Repealed, 2006 c 234 s 8]

Subd. 174. **Route No. 243.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 95 southerly of Route No. 46; thence extending in a general southeasterly direction to a point on the boundary between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Subd. 175. **Route No. 244.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 1 southerly of White Bear Lake; thence extending in a general easterly and northerly direction to a point at or near Mahtomedi; thence continuing in a general northerly direction to a point on Route No. 96.

[See Note.]

Subd. 176. **Route No. 245.** Beginning at a point at or near the junction of Route No. 3 and Route No. 20; thence extending in a general westerly direction to a point on Route No. 50.

Subd. 177. **Route No. 246.** Beginning at a point in or adjacent to Nerstrand; thence extending in a general northerly direction to a point westerly of Dennison; thence continuing in a general northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 1 at or near Northfield.

Subd. 178. **Route No. 247.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 59 southerly of Zumbro Falls; thence extending in a general easterly direction to a point on Route No. 42 at or near Plainview.

Subd. 179. **Route No. 248.** Beginning at a point in or adjacent to Altura; thence extending in a general easterly direction to a point in or adjacent to Rollingstone; thence continuing in a general easterly direction to a point on Route No. 3.

Subd. 180. **Route No. 249.** [Discontinued and removed, 1989 c 169 s 1]

Subd. 181. **Route No. 250.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 9, at or near Lanesboro; thence extending in a general northerly direction to a point on Route No. 77.

Subd. 182. **Route No. 251.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 1, at or near Clarks Grove; thence extending in a general easterly direction to a point on Route No. 40.

Subd. 183. **Route No. 252.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 9 westerly of Austin; thence extending northeasterly to a point on Route No. 40 northerly of the south line of Section 34, Township 103 North, Range 18 West, Mower County, Minnesota; thence extending southeasterly to a point on Route No. 9 in or near Austin; thence extending easterly along Route No. 9 to a point in or near Austin and thence southerly and westerly to a point on Route No. 40 in or near Austin.

Subd. 184. **Route No. 253.** MS 2018 [Repealed, 1Sp2019 c 3 art 3 s 133]

Subd. 185. **Route No. 254.** MS 2018 [Repealed, 1Sp2019 c 3 art 3 s 134]

Subd. 186. **Route No. 255.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 5, at or near Winnebago; thence extending in a general easterly direction to a point on Route No. 39, at or near Wells.

Subd. 187. **Route No. 256.** MS 2014 [Repealed, 2013 c 127 s 67; 2014 c 287 s 23]

Subd. 188. **Route No. 257.** Beginning at a point in or adjacent to Hanska; thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 15.

Subd. 189. **Route No. 258.** MS 2012 [Repealed, 2012 c 287 art 3 s 58]

Subd. 190. **Route No. 259.** Beginning at a point on Statutory Route No. 100, at or near Henderson; thence extending in a general southeasterly direction to a point at or near Le Sueur.

Subd. 191. **Route No. 260.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 5 southwesterly of Shakopee, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on proposed Route No. 12, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 5 at or near Edina.

Subd. 192. **Route No. 261.** MS 1994 [Repealed, 1996 c 456 s 24]

Subd. 193. **Route No. 262.** MS 2008 [Repealed, 2007 c 23 s 2]

Subd. 194. **Route No. 263.** Beginning at a point in or adjacent to Ceylon; thence extending in a general northerly direction to a point on Route No. 391 westerly of Fairmont.

[See Note.]

Subd. 195. **Route No. 264.** Beginning at a point in or adjacent to Round Lake; thence extending in a general northerly direction to a point on Route No. 391 easterly of Worthington.

[See Note.]

Subd. 196. **Route No. 265.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 85 northeasterly of Bigelow; thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on the boundary between the states of Minnesota and Iowa.

Subd. 197. **Route No. 266.** MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2003 c 22 s 3]

Subd. 198. **Route No. 267.** Beginning at a point in or adjacent to Iona; thence extending in a general northerly direction to a point on Route No. 17, at or near Slayton.

[See Note.]

Subd. 199. **Route No. 268.** MS 2004 [Repealed, 2005 c 5 s 1]

Subd. 200. **Route No. 269.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 88, at or southerly of Jasper; thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on the boundary between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota.

Subd. 201. **Route No. 270.** Beginning at a point in or adjacent to Hills; thence extending in a general easterly direction to a point on Route No. 6.

Subd. 202. **Route No. 271.** Beginning at a point on the boundary between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota near the northwest corner of Section 30, Township 113 North, Range 46 West; thence extending

in an easterly and southerly direction to a point in or adjacent to Hendricks; thence continuing in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 90.

Subd. 203. **Route No. 272.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 14 northerly of Milroy; thence extending in a southerly and easterly direction to a point on Route No. 4 south of Redwood Falls; thence continuing in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 93, in or adjacent to Morgan.

Subd. 204. **Route No. 273.** MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2003 c 22 s 3]

Subd. 205. **Route No. 274.** MS 2022 [Repealed, 2023 c 68 art 5 s 53]

Subd. 206. **Route No. 275.** MS 2016 [Repealed, 2015 c 75 art 2 s 51]

Subd. 207. **Route No. 276.** Beginning at a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota westerly of Marietta, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point in or adjacent to Marietta, thence extending in a general easterly direction to a point on Route No. 6.

Subd. 208. **Route No. 277.** MS 2018 [Repealed, 1Sp2019 c 3 art 3 s 135]

Subd. 209. **Route No. 278.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 210. **Route No. 279.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 384 in Minneapolis, thence extending in a general southerly direction across the Minnesota River to a point at 138th Street in Apple Valley.

Subd. 211. **Route No. 280.** Beginning at a point on St. Anthony Avenue in St. Paul; thence extending in a general northerly direction to a point on Route No. 63, at or near New Brighton.

Subd. 212. **Route No. 281.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 203 in Duluth, at or near its westerly junction with Route No. 103; thence extending in a northeasterly direction through Duluth to a point on Route No. 103 in the northeasterly portion of Duluth.

Subd. 213. **Route No. 282.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 5, at or near Jordan; thence extending in a general northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 117 westerly of Spring Lake.

Subd. 214. **Route No. 283.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 30, at or near Waubun; thence extending in a general westerly direction to a point on Route No. 177.

Subd. 215. **Route No. 284.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 121, at or near Waconia; thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 12.

Subd. 216. **Route No. 285.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 217. **Route No. 286.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 196, at or near Marcell; thence extending in a westerly direction to a point on Route No. 61.

Subd. 218. **Route No. 287.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 28, at or near Grey Eagle; thence extending in a general northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 4.

Subd. 219. **Route No. 288.** MS 2014 [Repealed, 1998 c 403 s 28]

Subd. 220. **Route No. 289.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 1 at or near Moose Lake; thence extending in a general southeasterly direction to a point at or in the grounds of the Moose Lake Regional Treatment Center.

Subd. 221. **Route No. 290.** MS 2010 [Repealed, 2009 c 28 s 1]

Subd. 222. **Route No. 291.** MS 2010 [Repealed, 2012 c 287 art 3 s 59]

Subd. 223. **Route No. 292.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 in Red Wing; thence extending in a general southerly and easterly direction through the grounds of the Minnesota State Training School for Boys to a point on Route No. 3 in Red Wing.

Subd. 224. **Route No. 293.** MS 2008 [Repealed, 2009 c 28 s 2]

Subd. 225. **Route No. 294.** MS 2008 [Repealed, 2006 c 234 s 8]

Subd. 226. **Route No. 295.** MS 2008 [Repealed, 2008 c 350 art 1 s 89]

Subd. 227. **Route No. 296.** [Discontinued and removed, 1988 c 565 s 4]

Subd. 228. **Route No. 297.** MS 2010 [Repealed, 2010 c 265 s 2]

Subd. 229. **Route No. 298.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 21 in the city of Faribault; thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 323.

[See Note.]

Subd. 230. **Route No. 299.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 21 in the city of Faribault; thence extending in a general northerly direction to a point at or in the grounds of the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf.

[See Note.]

Subd. 231. **Route No. 300.** MS 1994 [Repealed, 1996 c 456 s 24]

Subd. 232. **Route No. 301.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 3; thence extending in a general westerly direction to the main entrance of the Minnesota State Reformatory for Men.

Subd. 233. **Route No. 302.** MS 2004 [Repealed, 1Sp2003 c 22 s 3]

Subd. 234. **Route No. 303.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 235. **Route No. 304.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 38 at or near Montevideo; thence extending in an easterly direction to connect with Route No. 49 easterly of Montevideo.

Subd. 236. **Route No. 305.** MS 2000 [Repealed, 2001 c 213 s 29]

Subd. 237. **Route No. 306.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 35 at or near Gilbert; thence extending in a general northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 35 at or near Biwabik.

Subd. 238. **Route No. 307.** Beginning at a point on Constitutional Route No. 8 at or near East Grand Forks; thence extending in a general westerly direction to a point on the boundary between the states of North Dakota and Minnesota.

Subd. 239. **Route No. 308.** Beginning at a point on Constitutional Route No. 11 westerly of Fox; thence running in a general northerly direction to a point on Statutory Route No. 218 at or near Ross.

Subd. 240. **Route No. 309.** MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 287 s 26]

Subd. 241. **Route No. 310.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 11 at or near Roseau, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on the boundary line between the State of Minnesota and the Province of Manitoba, Canada.

Subd. 242. **Route No. 311.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 289 at or near the entrance to the Moose Lake State Hospital, thence extending in an easterly direction to a point on Route No. 390.

Subd. 243. **Route No. 312.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 244. **Route No. 313.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 11 at or near Warroad, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on the boundary between the State of Minnesota and the Province of Manitoba, Canada.

Subd. 245. **Route No. 314.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 110 southerly of St. Francis, thence extending in a general easterly direction to a point on Route No. 5, thence extending in a general easterly direction to a point on Route No. 1 at or near Forest Lake, provided, however, that such route shall not be established, constructed or marked until receipt by the adjutant general of Minnesota of the authority from the proper federal agency to proceed with the acquisition of land for the construction of the proposed Bethel airport affording Bethel Airport a reasonable means of communication with other places within the state.

Subd. 246. **Route No. 315.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 158 in International Falls, thence extending in a general northerly direction to the boundary line between the State of Minnesota and the Province of Ontario, Canada.

Subd. 247. **Route No. 316.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 3 at or near Hastings, thence extending in a southeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 3 at or near Red Wing.

Subd. 248. **Route No. 317.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 220 westerly of Stephen in Marshall County, thence extending in a westerly direction to the boundary line between the state of Minnesota and the state of North Dakota.

Subd. 249. **Route No. 318.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 250. **Route No. 319.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 in the city of Ortonville; thence in a general northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 148 in Ortonville.

Subd. 251. **Route No. 320.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 116, easterly of Nerstrand; thence extending in a general westerly direction to a point on Route No. 246 in or adjacent to Nerstrand.

Subd. 252. **Route No. 321.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 22 in Eden Valley, thence extending in a general northerly direction, so as to run easterly of Horse Shoe Lake, to a point on Route No. 23 in Richmond.

Subd. 253. **Route No. 322.** MS 2000 [Repealed, 2001 c 213 s 29]

Subd. 254. **Route No. 323.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 298 at or near the intersection of Route No. 298 and Barron Road; thence extending westerly, southerly and northeasterly to a point on Route No. 298.

[See Note.]

Subd. 255. **Route 324A.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 in Hallock; thence extending in a general westerly direction following generally the location of present County State-Aid Highway 3 to a point on the boundary line between the state of Minnesota and the state of North Dakota.

Subd. 256. **Route No. 325.** Beginning at a point on Constitutional Route No. 11 in Baudette, thence extending in a northerly and northeasterly direction to the boundary line between the state of Minnesota and the Province of Ontario, Canada.

Subd. 257. **Route No. 326.** MS 1994 [Repealed, 1996 c 456 s 24]

Subd. 258. **Route No. 327.** [Discontinued and removed]

Subd. 259. **Route No. 328.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 6 in Hallock; thence extending in a general easterly direction to a point on Route No. 174, northerly of Lake Bronson.

Subd. 260. **Route No. 329.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 144 in or near Morris; thence extending in an easterly direction into and through the grounds of the West Central School and Experiment Station of the University of Minnesota and terminating at the east boundary thereof.

Subd. 261. **Route No. 330.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 7 westerly of Lamberton; thence extending into and through the grounds of the Southwest Experiment Station of the University of Minnesota; thence back to a point on Route No. 7.

Subd. 262. **Route No. 331.** MS 1994 [Repealed, 1996 c 455 art 3 s 34]

Subd. 263. **Route No. 332.** MS 2010 [Repealed, 2011 c 34 s 1]

Subd. 264. **Route No. 333.** Beginning at a point on Route 392 in Hennepin County, thence extending in a generally easterly direction to a point on Route 394 in Anoka or Ramsey county.

Subd. 265. **Route No. 334.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 116 at or near Inver Grove Heights; thence extending in a general northerly direction to a point near Kellogg Boulevard East in St. Paul.

Subd. 266. **Route No. 335.** MS 2008 [Repealed, 2008 c 350 art 1 s 89]

Subd. 267. **Route No. 336.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 2 at or near Dilworth; thence extending in a general southerly direction following generally the location of present County State-Aid Highway 11 to a point on Route No. 392.

Subd. 268. **Route No. 337.** From a point on Route No. 2 in the city of Brainerd thence extending southwesterly to its intersection with new, marked Trunk Highway 371 as signed on May 30, 2001.

Subd. 269. **Route No. 338.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 7 easterly of Rochester and thence extending in a southerly direction to a point on Route No. 391.

Subd. 270. **Route No. 339.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 45, thence extending easterly to a point on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Subd. 271. **Route No. 340.** Beginning at a point at or near the entrance of the Upper Sioux Agency State Park; thence extending in a generally northwesterly direction to a point on Route No. 67 at or near Granite Falls.

Subd. 272. **Route No. 341.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 1 at Sandstone, thence extending in a generally easterly direction to a point at or near the east bank of the Kettle River.

[See Note.]

History: 1957 c 19 s 3; 1957 c 287 s 3; 1957 c 943 s 46; 1959 c 381 s 1-3; 1959 c 426 s 1; Ex1959 c 43 s 1; 1961 c 431 s 1; 1961 c 451 s 1; 1961 c 498 s 1; 1963 c 884 s 15; 1965 c 207 s 1,2; 1967 c 421 s 1;

Ex1967 c 12 s 1,2; 1971 c 488 s 1; 1971 c 492 s 1-3; 1971 c 635 s 1; 1971 c 639 s 1; 1971 c 858 s 1,2; Ex1971 c 48 s 21; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1973 c 249 s 1; 1974 c 123 s 1; 1974 c 151 s 1; 1974 c 265 s 2; 1974 c 287 s 1; 1974 c 386 s 1; 1975 c 214 s 1; 1976 c 2 s 172; 1976 c 62 s 1; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1977 c 80 s 1,3; 1978 c 472 s 1,2; 1980 c 533 s 3-5; 1981 c 209 s 2; 1982 c 617 s 2,3; 1986 c 454 s 5 subd 3; 1987 c 384 art 1 s 49,55; 1988 c 565 s 2-4; 1989 c 169 s 1; 1990 c 384 s 1 subd 3; 1991 c 339 s 10,11; 1992 c 396 s 1; 1993 c 289 s 2 subd 3; 1994 c 408 s 1; 1998 c 403 s 10,11,30; 1999 c 230 s 7; 2001 c 213 s 3-5,29; 1Sp2003 c 22 s 2; 2005 c 6 s 1; 2007 c 23 s 1; 2010 c 265 s 1,2; 2012 c 287 art 3 s 57-59; 2013 c 127 s 6,7,66,67; 2015 c 75 art 2 s 50,51; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 23; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 3 s 7,8,132; 2020 c 100 s 2,26; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 14,124,125; 2023 c 68 art 5 s 4,5; 2024 c 104 art 1 s 5-7

NOTE: Subdivision 48 was amended by Laws 2001, chapter 213, section 4, effective upon satisfaction of the conditions indicated in Laws 2001, chapter 213, section 4, the effective date. On the effective date, the subdivision, as amended, will read as follows:

"Subd. 48. **Route No. 117.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 100 as herein established easterly of New Prague, thence extending in a northeasterly direction, thence extending in a northerly direction to a point on Route No. 393."

NOTE: Subdivision 87 was amended by Laws 1998, chapter 403, section 11, effective upon satisfaction of the conditions indicated in Laws 1998, chapter 403, section 30. On the effective date, the subdivision, as amended, will read as follows:

"Subd. 87. **Route No. 156.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 105 in the city of Minneapolis and extending in a northerly and westerly direction to a point on Route No. 62 at or near the city of Coon Rapids."

NOTE: The amendment to subdivision 116 by Laws 2024, chapter 104, article 1, section 5, is effective the day after the commissioner of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the commissioner and the governing body of Pine County to transfer jurisdiction of a portion of Legislative Route No. 185 and notifies the revisor of statutes electronically or in writing that the conditions required to transfer the route have been satisfied. Laws 2024, chapter 104, article 1, section 5, the effective date.

NOTE: The amendment to subdivision 117 by Laws 2024, chapter 104, article 1, section 6, is effective the day after the commissioner of transportation notifies the revisor of statutes electronically or in writing of the effective date. Laws 2024, chapter 104, article 1, section 6, the effective date.

NOTE: Subdivision 175 is repealed by Laws 2001, chapter 213, section 29, effective upon satisfaction of the conditions indicated in Laws 2001, chapter 213, section 29.

NOTE: Subdivision 194 is repealed effective the day after the commissioner of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the commissioner and the governing body of Martin County to transfer jurisdiction of Legislative Route No. 263 and notifies the revisor of statutes. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 124.

NOTE: Subdivision 195 is repealed effective the day after the commissioner of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the commissioner and the governing bodies of Jackson County and Nobles County to transfer jurisdiction of Legislative Route No. 264 and notifies the revisor of statutes. Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 5, section 52.

NOTE: Subdivision 198 is repealed effective the day after the commissioner of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the commissioner and the governing body of Murray County to transfer jurisdiction of Legislative Route No. 267 and notifies the revisor of statutes. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 125.

NOTE: Subdivision 229 is repealed effective the day after the commissioner of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the commissioner and the governing body of the city of Faribault to transfer jurisdiction of Legislative Route No. 298 and notifies the revisor of statutes. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 3, article 3, section 136.

NOTE: Subdivision 230 is repealed effective the day after the commissioner of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the commissioner and the governing body of the city of Faribault to transfer jurisdiction of Legislative Route No. 299 and notifies the revisor of statutes. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 3, article 3, section 137.

NOTE: Subdivision 254 is repealed effective the day after the commissioner of transportation receives a copy of the agreement between the commissioner and the governing body of the city of Faribault to transfer jurisdiction of Legislative Route No. 323 and notifies the revisor of statutes. Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 3, article 3, section 138.

NOTE: Subdivision 272, as added by Laws 2024, chapter 104, article 1, section 7, is effective the day after the commissioner of transportation notifies the revisor of statutes electronically or in writing of the effective date. Laws 2024, chapter 104, article 1, section 7, the effective date.

161.117 TRUNK HIGHWAYS; ADDITIONAL ROUTES.

Subdivision 1. **New routes added.** There may be added by order of the commissioner of transportation to the trunk highway system new routes described as follows:

Subd. 2. **Route No. 380.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 390 at its intersection with Shepard Road in the city of St. Paul; thence extending in a northeasterly direction generally following along the course of Shepard Road to a point on Route No. 112; thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 392 easterly of the downtown area of St. Paul; providing a connector route between Route No. 390 and Route Nos. 112 and 392.

Subd. 3. **Route No. 382.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 390 at its junction with Route No. 111, thence extending in a general northerly direction, within the corridor of the right-of-way already acquired on May 31, 1975, for Route No. 390, to a point on Short Line Road; thence extending in a northeasterly direction within said corridor of right-of-way to the intersection of Pleasant Avenue and Kellogg Boulevard in the city of St. Paul.

Subd. 4. **Route No. 383.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 393 in the city of Bloomington and continuing in a northerly direction above the present alignment of Hennepin County State-Aid Highway 18 to its intersection with Route No. 3 in or near the city of Brooklyn Park.

Subd. 5. **Route No. 384.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 393 in the city of Eden Prairie and continuing in an easterly direction along the present alignment of Hennepin County State-Aid Highway 62 to its intersection with Route No. 116.

Subd. 6. MS 1994 [Repealed, 1996 c 456 s 24]

History: 1975 c 203 s 19; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1978 c 740 s 1; 1986 c 452 s 29

161.12 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.12 ADDITIONAL ROUTES ADDED; FEDERAL AID.

Subdivision 1. **Interstate system.** To take advantage of federal aid made available by the United States to the state of Minnesota for highway purposes, the following trunk highway routes are added to the trunk highway system which routes form a part of the national system of interstate and defense highways and may be referred to as the interstate system.

Subd. 2. **Route No. 390.** Beginning at a point on the boundary between the states of Minnesota and Iowa, southerly of Albert Lea; thence extending in a general northeasterly direction to a point in Duluth on the boundary between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Route No. 390 shall not include any portion of Trunk Highway marked 3 from Trunk Highway marked 110 in Dakota County to East Seventh Street in the city of St. Paul.

Subd. 3. **Route No. 391.** Beginning at a point on the boundary between the states of Minnesota and South Dakota, westerly of Luverne; thence extending in a general easterly direction to a point on the boundary between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin, near La Crescent.

Subd. 4. **Route No. 392.** Beginning at a point on the boundary between the states of Minnesota and North Dakota in or near Moorhead; thence extending in a general southeasterly direction through the city of Minneapolis; thence in a general easterly direction through the city of St. Paul to a point on the boundary between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin in or near Lakeland.

Subd. 5. **Route No. 393.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 392, easterly of the city of St. Paul; thence in a general southerly and westerly direction through the city of South St. Paul; thence in a general westerly direction to a point in Eden Prairie Township, Hennepin County; thence in a general northerly direction to a point in the city of Maple Grove, Hennepin County; thence in a general easterly direction to a point on Route 390; thence in a general easterly, southeasterly and southerly direction to the point of beginning on Route No. 392, easterly of St. Paul.

Subd. 6. **Route No. 394.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 390, southerly of the Minnesota River; thence extending in a general northerly and northeasterly direction through the city of Minneapolis; thence continuing in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 390, near Forest Lake and there terminating.

Subd. 7. **Route No. 395.** Beginning at a point on Route No. 390 at or near the intersection of Superior Street and Nineteenth Avenue West in the city of Duluth, thence extending in a northeasterly direction to a point on Route No. 103 at or near the intersection of Superior Street and Tenth Avenue East in the city of Duluth.

Subd. 8. **Route No. 396.** Beginning at a point approximately on the intersection of Legislative Route No. 103, also known as Trunk Highway 61 and London Road, and 10th Avenue East in Duluth; thence extending in a general northeasterly direction and approximately parallel to Legislative Route No. 103 to a point approximately on the intersection of Legislative Route No. 103 and 26th Avenue East in Duluth.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 12; 1961 c 473 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1975 c 203 s 18; 1978 c 740 s 2; 1982 c 628 s 1; 1984 c 477 s 1

161.121 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.122 RESTRICTIONS ON MARKED TRUNK HIGHWAY 51.

The location, designation, marking and numbering of Legislative Route No. 125, marked Trunk Highway 51, as that route is established, located, designated, marked, and traveled southerly of University Avenue within the city of St. Paul, shall not be changed by the commissioner of transportation.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict the study of options under consideration regarding the completion of Interstate 35E.

History: *1981 c 345 s 1*

161.123 MS 1994 [Repealed, 1995 c 265 art 1 s 3]

161.1231 PARKING FACILITIES FOR I-394.

Subdivision 1. **Authority to construct.** Notwithstanding any other law, the commissioner may acquire land by purchase, gift, or eminent domain for parking facilities described in this section and may construct, operate, repair, and maintain parking facilities primarily to serve vehicles traveling the route in the interstate highway system described generally as Legislative Routes Nos. 10 and 107 between I-494 and the Hawthorne interchange in the city of Minneapolis, also known as I-394. Other vehicles may use the parking facilities when space is available.

Subd. 2. **Rules and procedures.** The commissioner shall adopt rules and establish procedures for the operation and use of the parking facilities. The rules are exempt from the requirements of chapter 14. A copy of the rules that regulate use of the facilities by drivers must be posted in each parking facility. The rules must:

(1) establish incentives, which must include preferential parking locations, to encourage drivers of vehicles that travel I-394 and that are occupied by two or more persons to use the facilities;

(2) define peak travel hours and provide that during peak travel hours single-occupant vehicles be charged a surcharge to bring the parking fee for those vehicles to approximately the same level as parking fees charged in the private parking ramps located in Minneapolis;

(3) provide preferential parking locations for vehicles licensed and operated under section 168.021;

(4) establish application, permit, and use requirements; and

(5) provide for removal and impoundment of vehicles and assessment of a service fee on vehicles parked in violation of this section and the rules adopted under it.

Subd. 3. MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

Subd. 4. **Agreements; leases.** (a) The commissioner may make agreements with or may lease the parking facilities to the city of Minneapolis or to a private party. The agreement or lease may allow the city of Minneapolis or private party to operate the facilities according to the commissioner's rules and procedures and to collect the fees established by the commissioner. The commissioner shall require a private operator to obtain liability insurance in an amount prescribed by the commissioner to insure the operator and the state against all claims occurring because of the existence of the agreement or lease. The agreement may provide for reasonable compensation.

(b) The commissioner may negotiate the agreement or lease without requiring competitive bids. The terms of an agreement or lease must be approved by the federal agency that grants money for the construction of the facilities.

Subd. 5. **Fees.** The commissioner shall establish and collect fees for use of the parking facilities. The fees must be established and adjusted in compliance with United States Code, title 23, section 137, and are not subject to chapter 14, including section 14.386, or 16A.1285.

Subd. 6. **Enforcement.** This section must be enforced in the same manner as parking ordinances or laws are enforced in Minneapolis. The commissioner may revoke the permit or refuse to issue a permit to a person who repeatedly violates subdivision 7 or the rules of the commissioner.

Subd. 7. **Prohibition.** A person may not park a motor vehicle in a parking facility described in subdivision 1 except in compliance with subdivision 5 and the rules of the commissioner adopted under subdivision 2. Violation of this subdivision is a misdemeanor.

Subd. 8. **Special account.** Fees collected by the commissioner under this section must be deposited in the state treasury and credited to a special account. Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner to construct, operate, repair, and maintain: (1) the parking facilities, (2) managed lanes, and (3) related multimodal and technology improvements that serve users of the parking facilities.

Subd. 9. MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

Subd. 10. MS 2018 [Repealed, 2020 c 83 art 1 s 103]

History: 1985 c 299 s 41; 1995 c 265 art 1 s 1; 1996 c 305 art 3 s 23; 1997 c 187 art 5 s 22; 2013 c 127 s 8

161.124 MS 1994 [Repealed, 1995 c 265 art 1 s 3]

161.1245 HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION; AUTHORIZATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Routes No. 382 and No. 392.** The commissioner of transportation is authorized to construct a four-lane parkway with limited access along the right-of-way of Route No. 382 in the city of St. Paul. The commissioner shall not construct any highway on Route No. 382 or connection to Route No. 392 other than that described in this subdivision.

Subd. 2. MS 1980 [Repealed, 1982 c 628 s 3]

Subd. 3. **Route No. 3.** The commissioner of transportation shall not authorize the construction of any traffic lanes on Trunk Highway marked 3 from Trunk Highway marked 110 in Dakota County to East Seventh Street in the city of St. Paul in addition to those in existence on January 1, 1978.

Subd. 4. **Route No. 396.** Notwithstanding any state law to the contrary, the commissioner of transportation shall extend, without undue delay, the interstate route commonly known as I-35 by construction of Route No. 396 described in section 161.12 in accordance with federal regulations for receiving federal aid made available by the United States to the state of Minnesota for highway purposes.

History: 1978 c 740 s 4; 1982 c 628 s 2; 1984 c 477 s 2; 2001 c 191 s 2

161.125 SOUND ABATEMENT ALONG HIGHWAYS.

Subdivision 1. **Implementation.** The commissioner of transportation shall implement noise abatement measures within or along the perimeter of freeways and expressways contingent on the availability of funding, in accordance with section 116.07, subdivision 2a.

Subd. 2. MS 1976 [Repealed, 1977 c 454 s 49]

Subd. 3. **Sound-abatement measures.** (a) For the purpose of this section, sound-abatement measures include but are not limited to the following:

(1) traffic-management measures, including reduced speed limits or exclusion and rerouting of excessively noisy vehicles;

(2) design and construction measures, including use of sound-absorbing road surface materials, landscaping and planning, acquisition of buffer zones or noise insulation of buildings on abutting property;

(3) enforcement of the motor vehicle source noise limits of the Pollution Control Agency and of the federal Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety; and

(4) other measures designed for the purpose of reducing motor vehicle source noise or reducing the effects of that noise.

(b) The commissioner of public safety shall cooperate with the commissioner of transportation in implementing any sound-abatement measures that include law enforcement activities.

History: 1975 c 203 s 20; 1976 c 164 s 1; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1977 c 454 s 13,14; 1978 c 791 s 18; 1981 c 357 s 49; 1983 c 326 s 1; 1995 c 265 art 2 s 16; 2009 c 86 art 1 s 24; 2023 c 68 art 5 s 6

161.1258 RUMBLE STRIPS.

(a) The commissioner must maintain transverse rumble strips in association with each stop sign that is located (1) on a trunk highway segment with a speed limit of at least 55 miles per hour, and (2) outside the limits of a statutory or home rule charter city.

(b) Prior to installation of rumble strips at a new location, the commissioner must provide a notification to residences adjacent to the location.

(c) The commissioner must meet the requirements under paragraph (a) at each applicable location by the earlier of August 1, 2034, or the date of substantial completion of any construction, resurfacing, or reconditioning at the location.

(d) The requirements under paragraph (a) do not apply to a location in which there is at least one residence within 750 feet.

History: 2024 c 127 art 3 s 12

161.13 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

161.131 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.132 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.133 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.134 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.135 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.139 HIGHWAY DESIGNATION COSTS.

The commissioner shall not adopt a design or erect a sign to mark or memorialize a highway or bridge, pursuant to designation by the legislature, unless the commissioner is assured of the availability of funds from nonstate sources sufficient to pay all costs related to designing, erecting, and maintaining the signs. The commissioner may remove a sign that marks or memorializes a highway or bridge as designated by the legislature if:

- (1) the sign requires maintenance, repair, or replacement;
- (2) the commissioner has made a reasonable effort to obtain funds for maintenance, repair, or replacement from nonstate sources; and
- (3) the funds obtained under clause (2) are insufficient to pay all related costs.

History: 1996 c 455 art 3 s 5; 2009 c 23 s 1

161.14 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.14 NAMES AND DESIGNATIONS OF CERTAIN HIGHWAYS.

Subdivision 1. **Capitol Highway.** The following route between the city of St. Paul and the south boundary of the state of Minnesota is hereby named and designated "The Capitol Highway":

Beginning at the intersection of University Avenue and Highway No. 62 in Anoka County, thence southerly along University Avenue through Minneapolis, and thence southerly along University Avenue and Robert Street through St. Paul, thence southerly along South Robert Street through West St. Paul, to a point at or near the northeast quarter-corner of section 19, township 27, range 22, thence southeasterly and southerly to a point at or near the southeast corner of section 35, township 113, range 19, thence southerly traversing in part the line between Rice and Goodhue Counties, to Trunk Highway No. 21, thence southeasterly on such highway to Trunk Highway No. 56, thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 56 through Dodge Center to Constitutional Route No. 9, now marked Trunk Highway 16, thence east on Constitutional Route No. 9, now marked Trunk Highway 16, to the northeast corner of section 2, township 102, range 17, thence in a southerly direction along County State-Aid Highway 19 to the junction of Statutory Route No. 81, now marked Trunk Highway 56, thence southeasterly along Statutory Route No. 81, now marked Trunk Highway 56, to the junction of County State-Aid Highway 12, thence southerly along County State-Aid Highway 12 to a point on the Iowa state line near the south quarter line of section 34, township 101, range 14.

Subd. 2. **Colvill Memorial Highway.** The following described highway shall be known as "The Colvill Memorial Highway":

Beginning at Gaylord and running thence in an easterly direction through Lonsdale, Northfield and Cannon Falls, terminating at the city of Red Wing.

Subd. 3. **Floyd B. Olson Memorial Highway.** The following described highway shall be known as the "Floyd B. Olson Memorial Highway":

Route No. 55, when permanently established, shall thereafter be known as the "Floyd B. Olson Memorial Highway" in addition to its statutory number.

Subd. 4. **Theodore Christianson Drive.** The following route in the vicinity of Dawson is named and designated "The Theodore Christianson Memorial Drive" in memory of the late Governor Theodore Christianson of Dawson, Minnesota, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on Constitutional Route No. 26, now marked Trunk Highway 12, at its intersection with Constitutional Route No. 66, now marked Trunk Highway 119, northerly of Appleton; thence extending in a southerly direction along Constitutional Route No. 66 to its intersection with Statutory Route No. 144, now marked Trunk Highway 119, at or near the south corporate limits of Appleton; thence extending southwesterly and southerly along said Statutory Route No. 144 to a point approximately six miles east of Madison; thence continuing southerly along present County State-Aid Highway 25 to its intersection with Constitutional Route No. 12, now marked Trunk Highway 212, at or near the westerly limits of Dawson; thence easterly along Constitutional Route No. 12 to its intersection with present County State-Aid Highway 23 in Dawson; thence continuing southerly along present County State-Aid Highways 23 and 11 to a point on Constitutional Route No. 48, now marked Trunk Highway 67.

Beginning at a point near the present junction of state Trunk Highway No. 40 and County State-Aid Highway 13 in Lac qui Parle County; thence extending in a general easterly direction along Statutory Route No. 276, now marked Trunk Highway 40 and County State-Aid Highway 20 in said county to a point at or near the city of Lac qui Parle; thence continuing in a general easterly and northerly direction to County State-Aid Highway 33; thence continuing easterly across the Minnesota River and Dam to its intersection with state Trunk Highway No. 59; thence extending in a general easterly direction along state Trunk Highway No. 59 to the junction of state Trunk Highway No. 7 in the city of Montevideo; thence extending in a general easterly direction on state Trunk Highway No. 7 to a point at or near the city of Minneapolis and there terminating.

Subd. 5. **P. H. McGarry Memorial Drive.** That portion of Constitutional Route No. 19, known as Trunk Highway 371, in Cass County from its south junction of Constitutional Route No. 34 to Walker is hereby named and designated as the "P. H. McGarry Memorial Drive."

Subd. 6. **Veterans' Evergreen Memorial Drive.** (a) That portion of Road No. 185, known as Trunk Highway 23 in St. Louis, Pine, and Carlton Counties, is hereby named and designated "Veterans' Evergreen Memorial Drive" in memory of veterans of St. Louis, Pine, and Carlton Counties.

(b) The commissioner shall install a bronze plaque with an inscription to read, "In grateful memory of all men and women from Carlton, Pine, and St. Louis Counties who served in World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and all future conflicts."

Subd. 7. **Prohibition of advertisements.** No advertisement or sign shall be displayed within a distance of 300 feet from the center of the traveled part of the Evergreen Memorial Drive, but this provision shall not apply within a municipality nor to any sign erected by public authority for the regulation of traffic nor to any advertisement or sign upon the wall of a building in which the goods advertised are offered for sale or the business advertised is conducted.

Subd. 8. **Commissioner may remove advertisements.** The commissioner shall remove or cause to be removed any advertisement or sign prohibited under this section.

Subd. 9. **Yellowstone Trail.** The highway now marked and known as Trunk Highway 212 from the Wisconsin state line to the South Dakota state line is hereby named and designated as the "Yellowstone Trail," and the commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design with which the commissioner shall mark or blaze said highway to carry out the purposes of this subdivision.

Subd. 10. **Sioux Trail.** (a) The following route is named and designated the "Sioux Trail":

Beginning at a point in Mendota at or near the Mendota Bridge over the Mississippi River; thence extending southwesterly along Legislative Route No. 117 to its junction with Legislative Route No. 187; thence extending westerly along Legislative Route No. 187 to its junction with Constitutional Route No. 5 in Shakopee; thence extending southwesterly along Constitutional Route No. 5 to Mankato; thence extending southwesterly along Constitutional Route No. 5 to its junction with Legislative Route No. 83; thence extending northwesterly along Legislative Route No. 83 to its junction with Constitutional Route No. 15; thence extending northerly along Constitutional Route No. 15 across the Minnesota River to its junction with Nicollet County State-Aid Highway 21; thence extending northwesterly along Nicollet County State-Aid Highway 21 to Nicollet County State-Aid Highway 29 near Fort Ridgely State Memorial Park; thence extending northwesterly along Nicollet County State-Aid Highway 29 to Renville County State-Aid Highway 5 at the Renville County line; thence extending northwesterly along Renville County State-Aid Highway 5 to Renville County Highway 51 at or near Franklin; thence extending northwesterly along Renville County Highway 51 to Constitutional Route No. 14 easterly of Morton; thence extending along Constitutional Route No. 14 to its junction with Constitutional Route No. 4 at Morton; thence extending northwesterly along Constitutional Route No. 4 at its junction with Renville County State-Aid Highway 15; thence extending northwesterly along Renville County State-Aid Highway 15 to its junction with Renville County State-Aid Highway 10; thence extending northerly along Renville County State-Aid Highway 10 to its junction with Renville County Highway 52; thence extending along Renville County Highway 52 to Chippewa County Highway 40 at the Chippewa County line; thence extending northwesterly along Chippewa County Highway 40 to its junction with Constitutional Route No. 12 at Granite Falls; thence extending northwesterly along Constitutional Route No. 12 to its junction with Constitutional Route No. 66 at Montevideo; thence extending northwesterly along Constitutional Route No. 66 to its junction with Legislative Route No. 147 at or near Appleton; thence extending northwesterly along Legislative Route No. 147 to its junction with Constitutional Route No. 6; thence extending northwesterly along Constitutional Route No. 6 to Ortonville.

(b) The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design with which the commissioner shall mark or blaze the specified portions of the trunk highway routes heretofore described over which the Sioux Trail is located, and the counties of Nicollet, Renville, and Chippewa shall mark or blaze their respective highways heretofore described with the same marking design adopted by the commissioner of transportation.

Subd. 11. **Arthur V. Rohweder Highway.** That portion of Constitutional Route No. 1, known as Trunk Highway 61, from Lester Park in Duluth to Two Harbors, as the same is relocated and to be constructed on new alignment, is hereby named and designated as the "Arthur V. Rohweder Memorial Highway."

Subd. 12. **Hiawatha Pioneer Trail.** (a) The following route is named and designated the "Hiawatha Pioneer Trail":

Beginning at Trunk Highway No. 61 on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin; thence northwesterly on Trunk Highway No. 61 to junction with Trunk Highway No. 12 in St. Paul; thence westerly and southwesterly on Trunk Highways No. 12 and No. 5 to Fort Snelling; thence southwesterly on Trunk Highway No. 3 to Faribault; thence westerly on Trunk Highway No. 99 to St. Peter; thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 22 to Mankato; thence westerly on Trunk Highway No. 68 to Sleepy Eye; thence northerly on Trunk Highway No. 4 to Fairfax; thence westerly on Trunk Highway No. 19 to junction with Trunk Highway No. 67; thence northerly on Trunk Highway No. 67 to Granite Falls; thence southwesterly on Trunk Highway No. 23 to junction with Trunk Highway No. 14; thence westerly on Trunk Highway No. 14 to Lake Benton; thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 75 to Pipestone; thence easterly on Trunk Highway No. 30 to Slayton; thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 59 to Worthington; thence easterly on

Trunk Highway No. 16 to Jackson; thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 71 to the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa.

(b) The route of the "Hiawatha Pioneer Trail" designated in paragraph (a) of this subdivision is the main route of the trail. The following routes are named and designated as the alternate southern route and the alternate northern route of the "Hiawatha Pioneer Trail."

(c) The alternate southern route is described as follows:

Commencing at the junction of Trunk Highway No. 61, on the main route, and Trunk Highway No. 14, north and west of Winona, thence westerly on Trunk Highway No. 14 to Owatonna; thence northerly on Trunk Highway No. 3 to Faribault, and connecting to the main route.

(d) The alternate northern route is described as follows:

Commencing at the junction of Trunk Highway No. 12, on the main route, and Trunk Highway No. 10 in the city of St. Paul; thence northerly on Trunk Highway No. 10 to Little Falls, to junction Trunk Highway No. 371; thence northerly on Trunk Highway No. 371 to Brainerd and junction with Trunk Highway No. 18; thence easterly on Trunk Highway No. 18 to Garrison and junction with Trunk Highway No. 169; thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 169 to junction with Trunk Highway No. 65; thence northerly on Trunk Highway No. 65 to Jacobsen, and junction with Trunk Highway No. 34; thence easterly on Trunk Highway No. 34 to junction with Trunk Highway No. 2; thence easterly and southerly on Trunk Highway No. 2 to Duluth and junction with Trunk Highway No. 23; thence southerly and westerly on Trunk Highway No. 23 to Sandstone and junction of Trunk Highway No. 61, thence southerly on Trunk Highway No. 61 to North Branch and junction with Trunk Highway No. 95; thence easterly and southerly on Trunk Highway No. 95 to Stillwater and junction with Trunk Highway No. 212; thence southerly and westerly to Trunk Highway No. 12 on the main route in the city of St. Paul.

(e) The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design with which the commissioner shall mark or blaze the highways heretofore described over which the "Hiawatha Pioneer Trail" is located.

Subd. 12a. **Hiawatha Pioneer Trail; alternate route.** The following route is designated as an alternate route of the "Hiawatha Pioneer Trail":

Commencing at the junction of Trunk Highway No. 61, on the main route, and Trunk Highway No. 58, at Red Wing, thence southwesterly on Trunk Highway No. 58, to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 52, at Zumbrota. The commissioner shall mark the route as provided in subdivision 12.

Subd. 13. **Blue Star Memorial Highway.** Trunk Highway Routes Numbered 390, 392, 394, and 395, as described in section 161.12, are hereby named and designated as the "Blue Star Memorial Highway."

Subject to the approval of the commissioner of transportation, the Blue Star Memorial marker may be placed in roadside rest areas, waysides, or parking areas within the right-of-way of the routes described in the first paragraph of this subdivision.

Subd. 14. **John A. Johnson Memorial Highway.** That portion of Trunk Highway marked 5 commencing in the city of St. Paul, to Interstate Highway marked 494, and that portion of Trunk Highway marked 169 from the intersection of Interstate Highway marked 494 to the city of St. Peter is hereby named and designated as the "John A. Johnson Memorial Highway."

Subd. 15. **Glacial Ridge Trail.** (a) The following route is named and designated the "Glacial Ridge Trail":

Beginning at the junction of Trunk Highway No. 71, at its intersection with Trunk Highway No. 12, in Willmar; thence extending north and northeasterly along Trunk Highway No. 71 to its intersection with Kandiyohi County Highway 90; thence extending east along said Highway 90 to its junction with Kandiyohi County State-Aid Highway (SAH) 9; thence extending north and northeasterly along said Highway 9 to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 26; thence extending east along said Highway 26 to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 8; thence extending north along said Highway 8 to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 10, south of Green Lake; thence northerly along said Highway 10 to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 30 in Spicer; thence extending northerly and easterly along said Highway 30 to its junction with Kandiyohi County SAH 2; thence extending northerly on said Highway 2 to a highway easterly of Long Lake and on the north side of Irving Township; thence westerly and southerly on the township road through Sections 4 and 5 of Irving Township to Kandiyohi County Highway 103 to its junction with a township road running south through Sections 6, 7, and 18 of Irving Township to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 40; thence west on said Highway 40, across Trunk Highway No. 23 to the junction of SAH 40 and SAH 9 in the city of New London; thence via city streets to Trunk Highway No. 9 in New London; thence extending westerly on said Highway No. 9, to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 71; thence southerly on said Highway No. 71 to Kandiyohi County SAH 48; thence westerly through Sibley State Park and northerly, across Trunk Highway No. 9, to Colfax Township road running westerly through Sections 27, 22, 21, 20, and 19, of said township, and Section 24 of Norway Lake Township to Kandiyohi County Road 1, thence north to the township road on the south side of Sections 13 and 14 of Norway Lake Township to Kandiyohi County Road 115 to its junction with Kandiyohi County SAH 36 and west on said Highway 36 to a Norway Lake Township Road running northerly through Section No. 5 to the Pope County line and there joining a township road in Section 32 of Lake Johanna Township; thence northerly and westerly through Sections 32 and 31 to Trunk Highway No. 104; thence northerly on said Highway No. 104 to a township road; running westerly through Sections 24 and 23 of Gilchrist Township to Pope County Highway 84; thence westerly on said Highway 84 to the west side of Section No. 15; thence northerly and westerly on a township road through Sections 16 and 17 to Pope County SAH 8; thence north on said Highway 8, in Section No. 8, to a township road; thence in a general northwesterly direction on township roads to Trunk Highway No. 104.

And beginning in the Community of Terrace, in Section No. 33 of Chippewa Falls Township, Pope County, Minnesota; thence northwesterly on Pope County SAH 21 to a township road; thence westerly on said township road to Trunk Highway No. 104; thence along said Highway No. 104 in a westerly and northerly direction to Pope County SAH 18; thence westerly on said Highway 18 to Pope County SAH 17; thence northerly on said Highway 17 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 104; thence northerly to Trunk Highway No. 28 in Glenwood; thence easterly on said Highway No. 28 to its junction with Pope County SAH 25; thence northerly and easterly to the city of Villard; thence to Trunk Highway No. 28 and easterly to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 71; thence northerly on said Highway No. 71 to the city of Sauk Centre.

And beginning in the city of Villard on Pope County SAH 28; thence westerly on said SAH 28 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 29.

And beginning at the south limits of the city of Alexandria on Trunk Highway No. 29; thence southerly to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 55; thence southeasterly to 14th Avenue Northeast and the adjacent Mount Lookout Rest Area in the city of Glenwood; thence westerly on said 14th Avenue NE to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 29; thence southerly on said Highway No. 29 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 104 in the city of Glenwood.

And beginning in the city of Glenwood at the junction of Trunk Highway No. 104 and Lakeshore Drive; thence westerly on Lakeshore Drive into the city of Long Beach to Golf Course Road; thence on Golf Course

Road to Trunk Highway No. 29; thence on said Highway No. 29 to Pope County SAH 24; thence westerly on said SAH 24 to the Pelican Lake Road; thence southerly on said road to Trunk Highway No. 29; thence southerly and westerly on said Highway No. 29 through the city of Starbuck to Pope County SAH 41; thence southerly on said SAH 41 to Glacial Lakes State Park.

And beginning on Pope County SAH 41 at its junction with Pope County Highway 74; thence easterly on said County Highway 74 to its junction with Pope County SAH 13; thence southerly on said SAH 13 to its junction with a township road on the north side of Section 5 of Rolling Forks Township; thence easterly on said township road through Sections 5, 4, and 3 of Rolling Forks Township; said road continuing as the township road through Sections 34, 35, and 36 of Barsness Township to its junction with Pope County SAH 19.

And beginning at the junction of Trunk Highway No. 104 and Pope County SAH 19; thence southerly on said SAH 19 to the Swift County line where it becomes Swift County SAH 25; thence on said SAH 25 to the Swift Falls Community Park.

And beginning at the junction of Swift County SAH 25 and Swift County Highway 87; thence southerly and easterly on said Highway 87 to its junction with a township road in Section 12 of Camp Lake Township; thence easterly and northerly on township roads through Sections 12 and 1 of Camp Lake Township to a junction with a township road in Section No. 6 of Kerkhoven Township; thence easterly and southerly on township roads through Sections No. 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, and 11 to its junction with Swift SAH 28; thence easterly on said SAH 28 to its junction with Swift County Highway 95; thence southerly on said Highway 95 through Monson Lake Memorial Park to its junction with Swift County SAH 18; thence easterly on said SAH 18 to the Kandiyohi county line where it becomes Kandiyohi County SAH 40; thence on said SAH 40 to Trunk Highway No. 104.

And beginning at the junction of Kandiyohi County SAH 36 and a township road in Section No. 8 of Norway Lake Township; thence southerly on said SAH 36 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 9; thence on said Highway No. 9 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 104; thence south on said Highway No. 104, through the city of Sunburg to the junction of said Highway No. 104 and Kandiyohi County SAH 40; thence easterly on said SAH 40 to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 5.

And beginning at the junction of Kandiyohi County SAH 48 and SAH 38; thence southerly on said SAH 38 to Kandiyohi County SAH 40; thence westerly on said SAH 40 to its junction with Kandiyohi SAH 5; thence southerly on said SAH 5 to its junction with a township road in Section No. 9 of Dovre Township; thence easterly on said township road through Sections No. 9, 10, and 11 to its intersection with Kandiyohi County SAH 27; thence easterly on said SAH 27 to its junction with a township road in Section No. 13 of Dovre Township; thence on said township road through Sections No. 13, 14, 23, 25, and 36 of Dovre Township to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 71.

(b) The respective road authorities of the highways over which the route described in this subdivision is located shall place and maintain the "Glacial Ridge Trail" emblem, an arrowhead design with red, black, and white colors, on the highways under their jurisdiction to adequately mark the highways as "Glacial Ridge Trail."

(c) The state Transportation Department shall make sufficient additional markers to enable the counties to mark those portions of the trail not maintained by the state.

Subd. 16. **Eisenhower Bridge of Valor.** The bridge over the Mississippi River at the city of Red Wing, being part of Legislative Route No. 161, is designated as the "Eisenhower Bridge of Valor." Subject to

section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this bridge and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 17. **Hiawatha-Appleblossom Scenic Drive.** (a) The following described route is named and designated the "Hiawatha-Appleblossom Scenic Drive."

Beginning at a point in LaCrescent on Houston County State-Aid Highway 29; thence extending northerly along Houston County State-Aid Highway 29 to the Winona County line; thence extending northerly and westerly along Winona County State-Aid Highway 1 to its junction with Winona County State-Aid Highway 12; thence easterly along Winona County State-Aid Highway 12 to its intersection with Trunk Highway marked 61 in Dakota and there terminating. Also from the junction of Winona County State-Aid Highway 1 and Winona County State-Aid Highway 12; thence westerly and northerly along Winona County State-Aid Highway 12 to its intersection with Winona County State-Aid Highway 3; thence easterly and northerly along Winona County State-Aid Highway 3 to its intersection with Trunk Highway marked 61 and there terminating.

(b) The respective road authorities having jurisdiction of the highways over which the route described in paragraph (a) is located shall adopt and place suitable marking signs on their respective highways to adequately mark the route as "Hiawatha-Appleblossom Scenic Drive."

Subd. 18. **Voyageur Highway.** The following route is named and designated the "Voyageur Highway":

(a) Beginning at a point on Trunk Highway No. 26 on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Iowa; thence northerly along Trunk Highway No. 26 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 61; thence northwesterly along Trunk Highway No. 61 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 10 in the city of St. Paul; thence extending in a general northwesterly direction along Trunk Highway No. 10 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 371 at Little Falls; thence extending in a general northerly direction along Trunk Highway No. 371 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 210 at Brainerd; thence northeasterly along Trunk Highway No. 210 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 169 at Aitkin; thence in a general northerly direction along Trunk Highway No. 169 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 2 at Grand Rapids, except that portion that is designated as the Jim Oberstar Causeway; thence northwesterly along Trunk Highway No. 2 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 71 at Bemidji; thence northeasterly along Trunk Highway No. 71 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 11 at Pelland; thence northeasterly along Trunk Highway No. 11 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 53 at International Falls. Beginning at a point on Trunk Highway No. 61 at its junction with Interstate Highway 35 and thence northeasterly along Trunk Highway No. 61 to the boundary line between the state of Minnesota and the province of Ontario, Canada.

(b) The route of the Voyageur Highway designated and described in clause (a) is supplemented by legs or alternative routes described as follows:

Beginning at a point on Trunk Highway No. 1 at its junction with Trunk Highway No. 61 northerly of Silver Bay; thence northwesterly along Trunk Highway No. 1 to Ely; thence southwesterly along Trunk Highway No. 1 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 169; thence southerly and westerly along Trunk Highway No. 169 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 53, and there terminating.

Beginning at a point on Trunk Highway No. 11 at its junction with Trunk Highway No. 53 at International Falls; thence easterly along Trunk Highway No. 11 to its easterly terminus near Island View.

Beginning at a point on Trunk Highway No. 33 at its junction with Interstate Highway marked I-35 southerly of Cloquet, thence northerly along Trunk Highway No. 33 to its junction with Trunk Highway No. 53.

(c) The commissioner of transportation shall:

(1) adopt a suitable marking design of signs or informational plaques;

(2) effect the installation of such signs or plaques in public waysides or other public areas as approved and designated by the commissioner.

Subd. 19. **Viking Trail.** The following route is named and designated the "Viking Trail":

(a) Beginning on Clay County State-Aid Highway (SAH) 36 on the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and North Dakota; thence easterly on said SAH 36 to Clay County Highway 100; thence southerly through the city of Georgetown to U.S. Trunk Highway 75; thence southerly on said Trunk Highway to its intersection with U.S. Trunk Highway 10; thence easterly on said Trunk Highway 10 to its junction with Becker County SAH 5; thence southerly on said SAH 5 to Becker County SAH 6; thence easterly on said SAH 6 to Becker County SAH 11; thence southerly on said SAH 11 to Becker County SAH 5; thence southerly on said SAH 5 to the Otter Tail County line where the highway becomes Otter Tail County SAH 9; thence southerly on said SAH 9 to Otter Tail County SAH 20; thence easterly on said SAH 20 to Otter Tail County SAH 31; thence southerly on said SAH 31, across U.S. Trunk Highway 59, to the junction of said SAH 31 and Otter Tail County SAH 4; thence westerly on said SAH 4 to its junction with U.S. Trunk Highway 59; thence southerly on said Trunk Highway 59 through the cities of Pelican Rapids, Erhard, and Elizabeth to its junction with Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 52; thence west on said Trunk Highway No. 52 to its junction with Otter Tail County Highway 116; thence southerly on said County Highway 116 to its junction with Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 210; thence easterly on said Trunk Highway No. 210 through the cities of Fergus Falls and Underwood to its junction with Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 78; thence northerly on said Trunk Highway No. 78 to its junction with Otter Tail County SAH 83 in the city of Battle Lake; thence westerly on said SAH 83 to its junction with Otter Tail County Highway 122; thence westerly on said County Highway 122 to its junction with Otter Tail County SAH 35 in the city of Underwood; thence southerly, across Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 210, through the city of Dalton and across Interstate Highway 94 to the junction of said SAH 35 with U.S. Trunk Highway 59; thence southerly on said Trunk Highway 59 into Grant County to its junction with Grant County Highway 50; thence easterly on said County Highway 50 to its junction with Grant County SAH 4; thence easterly on said SAH 4 to its junction with Grant County SAH 21; thence southerly on said SAH 21 to its junction with Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 79.

Beginning in the city of Elbow Lake on Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 79; thence easterly on said Trunk Highway No. 79 to its junction with Grant County SAH 21; thence southerly on said SAH 21 to Grant County Highway 36; thence easterly on said County Highway 36 to its junction with Grant County SAH 10; thence southerly on said SAH 10 to its junction with Grant County SAH 2.

Beginning in the city of Barrett on Grant County SAH 2; thence easterly on said SAH 2 to its junction with Grant County SAH 5; thence southerly on said SAH 5 through the city of Hoffman to Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 55; thence southeasterly on said Trunk Highway No. 55 to its junction with Douglas County SAH 1 in the city of Kensington; thence northerly on said SAH 1 to the Solem Township road on the south side of Section 15 of Solem township (T. 127 N., R. 40 W.); thence easterly and northeasterly on Solem Township roads through Sections 15, 14, and 11 to their junction with Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 27; thence easterly on said Trunk Highway No. 27 to its junction with Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 114; thence northerly on said Trunk Highway No. 114, under Interstate Highway 94, to the junction of said Trunk Highway No. 114 with Douglas County SAH 8; thence easterly on said SAH 8 to its junction with Douglas County SAH 82; thence southerly and easterly on said SAH 82 to its junction with Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 29 in the city of Alexandria; thence northerly on said Trunk Highway No. 29 to its junction with Douglas

County SAH 42 in the city of Alexandria; thence northerly on said SAH 42 to its junction with Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 29; thence easterly across said Trunk Highway No. 29 to Douglas County SAH 13 and continuing easterly on said SAH 13 through the city of Carlos to the junction of said SAH 13 with Douglas County SAH 3 in the community known as Belle River; thence easterly on said SAH 3 to the Belle River Township Road in Section 14 of Belle River Township (T. 129 N., R. 36 W.); thence easterly on said township Road through Sections 14 and 13 of Belle River Township to the Douglas-Todd County Line, where it becomes a Leslie Township Road in Section No. 18 of Leslie Township (T. 129 N. R. 35 W.); thence easterly on said Leslie Township Road through Sections No. 18 and 17 to the Todd County SAH 1; thence southerly on said SAH 1 to its junction with Todd County SAH 36; thence easterly on said SAH 36 to its junction with Leslie Township Road in Section No. 22 of said Leslie Township; thence southerly on said Township Road through Sections No. 22, 27, and 28 of said Leslie Township to Todd County SAH 10; thence easterly on said SAH 10 to its junction with Todd County SAH 37; thence southerly on said SAH 37 to its junction with Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 27; thence southerly on said Trunk Highway No. 27 to the city of Osakis.

Beginning at the junction of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 27 and Todd County SAH 4; thence easterly on said SAH 4 to its junction with Todd County SAH 11; thence southerly on said SAH 11 to its junction with Todd County Highway 96; thence easterly on said County Highway 96 to its junction with Todd County SAH 50 at the community of Little Sauk; thence southerly on said SAH 50 to its junction with U.S. Trunk Highway 71; thence southerly on said Trunk Highway 71 to its junction with Todd County SAH 2; thence easterly on said SAH 2 to its junctions with Todd County SAH 15; thence southerly on said SAH 15 to the Todd-Stearns County line and its junction with Stearns County SAH 24; thence southerly on said SAH 24 to Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 28; thence southwesterly on said Trunk Highway No. 28 to its junction with U.S. Trunk Highway 71; thence southerly on said Trunk Highway 71 through the city of Sauk Centre to its junction with the Interstate Highway 94 and there terminating.

(b) The respective road authorities, of the highways over which the route described in this subdivision is located, may erect and maintain the "Viking Trail" emblem on the highways under their jurisdiction to adequately mark the route as the "Viking Trail." The commissioner of transportation shall approve an emblem which shall consist of the lettering "Viking Trail" with the bow section of a Viking ship on a body of water; the colors being blue on white.

Subd. 20. **Veterans Memorial Bridge.** The bridge over the Minnesota River between the cities of Mankato and North Mankato, being a part of Legislative Route No. 256, is named and designated the "Veterans Memorial Bridge." Plaques or signs memorializing this bridge must be furnished by other than the Minnesota Department of Transportation and approved by the commissioner.

Subd. 21. **George Mann Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 60 from Mankato to Brewster is named and designated the "George Mann Memorial Highway." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs.

Subd. 22. **Olof Hanson Drive.** Legislative Route No. 299, as described in section 161.115, is named and designated "Olof Hanson Drive." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs.

Subd. 23. **American Veterans Memorial Highway.** Trunk Highway No. 391, described in section 161.12 and marked as Interstate Highway I-90, is named and designated as the "American Veterans Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 24. **Moberg Trail.** That portion of Constitutional Route No. 46, known as U.S. Route No. 8, that is located within Chisago County is named and designated "Moberg Trail." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs.

Subd. 25. **Paul Bunyan Expressway.** That portion of Trunk Highway marked 2 from its intersection with Trunk Highway marked 371 in Cass Lake to Bemidji, is named and designated the "Paul Bunyan Expressway." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs.

Subd. 26. **Disabled American Veterans Highway and Rest Area.** That portion of Constitutional Route No. 3, known as Trunk Highway 61, from the easterly limits of the city of St. Paul to the boundary line between the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin is designated the "Disabled American Veterans Highway." The roadside rest area on Trunk Highway 61 at Lake City is designated the Disabled American Veterans rest area. The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and rest area and shall erect the appropriate signs.

Subd. 27. **B. E. Grottum Memorial Highway.** That segment of Constitutional Route No. 4 from its intersection with marked County State-Aid Highway 34 in Jackson County to its intersection with North Highway in the city of Jackson, is designated the "B. E. Grottum Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 28. **Wally Nelson Highway.** Legislative Route No. 330, as described in section 161.115, is named and designated "Wally Nelson Highway." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 29. **Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Highway.** Marked Trunk Highway 14, from its intersection with the Minnesota-South Dakota border easterly to its intersection with Olmsted County Road 22 and then southerly and easterly along that county road to its intersection with marked Trunk Highway 14 and then easterly to its intersection with marked U.S. Highway 63 in or near Rochester and then northerly and southerly along marked U.S. Highway 63, as follows:

(1) northerly along marked U.S. Highway 63 to its intersection with marked U.S. Highway 61 in or near Lake City and then southeasterly along U.S. Highway 61 to its intersection with marked Trunk Highway 60 in or near the city of Wabasha and then northeasterly along marked Trunk Highway 60 to its intersection with the Minnesota-Wisconsin border; and

(2) southerly along marked U.S. Highway 63 to its intersection with marked Trunk Highway 16 and then easterly along marked Trunk Highway 16 to its intersection with marked U.S. Highway 52 in or near the city of Preston and then southerly and easterly along marked U.S. Highway 52 to the Minnesota-Iowa border,

is designated the "Laura Ingalls Wilder Historic Highway."

Pursuant to section 161.139, the commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect appropriate signs. The people of the communities, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of these routes, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this highway.

Subd. 30. **Minnesota Veterans Memorial Highway.** Trunk Highway marked 212 is designated the "Minnesota Veterans Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs.

Subd. 31. **Bridge of Hope.** The bridge over the Mississippi River at or near St. Cloud, Minnesota, being a part of Trunk Highway marked 15, is named and designated the "Bridge of Hope." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark the bridge and shall provide and erect the appropriate signs or plaques. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this bridge, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this bridge.

Subd. 32. **Betty Adkins Bridge.** The bridge over the Mississippi River in or near the city of Elk River connecting Trunk Highway marked 101 in Wright County with Trunk Highway marked 169 in Sherburne County is named and designated "Betty Adkins Bridge." The commissioner of transportation shall furnish and erect plaques or signs to mark and memorialize this bridge. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this bridge, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this bridge.

Subd. 33. **POW/MIA Memorial Highway.** Trunk Highway marked 169 from its intersection with Trunk Highway marked 10 in or near the city of Elk River to its intersection with State Highway marked 18 in or near the city of Garrison and State Highway marked 18 from its intersection with Trunk Highway marked 169 in or near Garrison to its intersection with Trunk Highway marked 371 in or near the city of Brainerd is designated the "POW/MIA Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this highway, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this highway.

Subd. 34. **Veterans Memorial Highway.** Legislative Route No. 131, marked as Trunk Highway 115, is designated the "Veterans Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this highway, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this highway.

Subd. 35. **Amish Buggy Byway.** Marked Trunk Highway 52, from its intersection with marked Trunk Highway 44 near the city of Prosper to its intersection with marked Trunk Highway 16 east of the city of Preston, is designated the "Amish Buggy Byway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this highway, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this highway.

Subd. 36. **Czech Heritage Highway.** That portion of Trunk Highway marked 13 between the city of New Prague and the city of Montgomery is designated the "Czech Heritage Highway" or another name reflecting the area's Czech heritage that is agreed on by the city councils of New Prague and Montgomery. The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this highway, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this highway.

Subd. 37. **Victory Drive.** Marked Trunk Highway 22, from its intersection with marked Trunk Highways 14 and 60 in the city of Mankato to its intersection with marked Trunk Highway 30 in the city of Mapleton, is designated "Victory Drive." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable design for marking this highway and shall erect appropriate signs at locations the commissioner determines. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this highway, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this highway.

Subd. 38. **Veterans Memorial Highway.** Marked Trunk Highway 15, from its intersection with marked Trunk Highway 60 to its intersection with the Iowa border, is designated "Veterans Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable design for marking this highway and shall erect appropriate signs at locations the commissioner determines. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this highway, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this highway.

Subd. 39. **Dale Wayrynen Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 210 located within Aitkin County is designated "Dale Wayrynen Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall erect appropriate signs after adopting a marking design for the signs, which suitably commemorates Dale Wayrynen, posthumous recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, for heroism displayed during the Vietnam War. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this highway, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this highway.

Subd. 40. **Augie Mueller Memorial Highway.** Marked Trunk Highway 5 from the westerly side of the intersection with marked Trunk Highway 41, known as Hazeltine Boulevard, in Chanhassen southwesterly to its intersection with marked Trunk Highway 19 in or near Gaylord is designated "Augie Mueller Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this highway, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this highway.

Subd. 41. **Don Rickers Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 60 from Brewster to Worthington is designated "Don Rickers Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable design for marking this highway and shall erect appropriate signs at locations determined by the commissioner. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this highway, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this highway.

Subd. 42. **Ruby L. Hughes Boulevard.** The north frontage road just off Olson Memorial Highway, from its intersection with Logan Avenue North and Morgan Avenue North in the city of Minneapolis, is designated "Ruby L. Hughes Boulevard" subject to section 161.139. The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this road and erect appropriate signs. The people of the community, having resolved to support and financially back the marking of this road, shall reimburse the department for costs incurred in marking and memorializing this road.

Subd. 43. **State Trooper Timothy J. Bowe Memorial Highway.** Marked Trunk Highway 95, from its intersection with marked Trunk Highway 65 in Cambridge to its intersection with marked Interstate Highway 35 near North Branch, is named and designated "State Trooper Timothy J. Bowe Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 44. **Otter Tail Veterans Memorial Drive.** That portion of marked Trunk Highway 59 from its intersection with Otter Tail County Highway 3 to its intersection with Otter Tail County Highway 4, is designated "Otter Tail Veterans Memorial Drive." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to the provisions of section 161.139.

Subd. 45. **C. Elmer Anderson Memorial Highway.** (a) That portion of marked Trunk Highway 371 from its intersection with Design Drive in Baxter to the unincorporated community of Barrows, known as the Brainerd bypass, is named and designated the "C. Elmer Anderson Memorial Highway." Subject to the

provisions of section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs.

(b) No advertising device as defined in section 173.02, subdivision 16, other than advertising devices described in section 173.08, subdivision 1, clauses (1) to (7), (9), and (10), may be erected or maintained in the area adjacent to the right-of-way of the C. Elmer Anderson Memorial Highway. The commissioner may remove any advertising device erected or maintained in violation of this paragraph.

Subd. 46. **34th Infantry (Red Bull) Division Highway.** Trunk Highway 390, described in section 161.12 and marked as Interstate Highway I-35, is named and designated as the "34th Infantry (Red Bull) Division Highway." Subject to the provisions of section 161.139, the commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 47. **Richard J. Mathiowetz Memorial Highway.** Marked Trunk Highway 4, from the north city limits of Sleepy Eye to its intersection with marked Trunk Highway 60 in St. James, is designated the "Richard J. Mathiowetz Memorial Highway." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 48. **Old St. Anne's Pass.** The bridge located on marked Trunk Highway 55 over the Soo Line Railroad right-of-way in Maine Prairie township in Stearns County is named and designated "Old St. Anne's Pass." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this bridge and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 49. **State Trooper Theodore "Ted" Foss Memorial Highway.** Marked Interstate Highway 90, from its intersection with marked Trunk Highway 74 in Winona County to the Wisconsin border, is named and designated "State Trooper Theodore "Ted" Foss Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 50. **King of Trails.** (a) The following described route, signed as Trunk Highway 75 on July 1, 2001, is designated the "King of Trails": Constitutional Route No. 6 from its intersection with the Minnesota-Canada border southerly to its intersection with Legislative Route No. 175 at or near the city of Crookston, then Legislative Route No. 175 southwesterly and southerly to its intersection with Constitutional Route No. 6 between the cities of Halstad and Hendrum, then Constitutional Route No. 6 southerly to its intersection with the Minnesota-Iowa border.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark the highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 51. **Bradley Waage "Brainerd Brad" Memorial Bridge.** The bridge that is part of marked Trunk Highway 6 where it crosses over the narrows of Lake Roosevelt in or near the town of Outing in Cass County is named and designated "Bradley Waage Memorial Bridge." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design that includes the words "Bradley Waage Memorial Bridge" and/or "aka "Brainerd Brad"" to mark this bridge and shall erect the appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 52. **Veterans Memorial Bridge.** The interstate bridge on marked Trunk Highway 10 connecting the city of Moorhead with the city of Fargo, North Dakota, is named and designated as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this bridge and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 53. **Purple Heart Memorial Highway.** (a) Except for that portion designated under subdivision 45, the route signed as Trunk Highway 371 on July 15, 2005, from its intersection with U. S. Highway 10

near the city of Little Falls to its intersection with U. S. Highway 2 in the city of Cass Lake, is named and designated the "Purple Heart Memorial Highway."

(b) Subject to the provisions of section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark the highway and shall erect the appropriate signs.

Subd. 54. **Biauswah Bridge.** The bridge over the St. Louis River that is part of Legislative Route No. 185, marked as Trunk Highway 23 on July 15, 2005, is named and designated "Biauswah Bridge In Honor of Native American Veterans." After consulting with the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, the commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to memorialize this bridge and shall erect the appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 55. **POW/MIA Memorial Highway.** Anoka County SAH/County Road 7, from its intersection with Grant Street in the city of Anoka, to its intersection with Anoka County SAH 24 in the city of St. Francis, is designated the "POW/MIA Memorial Highway."

Subd. 56. **Shawn Silvera Memorial Highway.** (a) Marked Interstate Highway 35 from its intersection with Broadway Street in Forest Lake to the point where the highway divides into marked Interstate Highways 35E and 35W, and marked Interstate Highway 35W from the point where it divides from marked Interstate Highway 35E to Lake Drive in Lino Lakes, are designated as the "Shawn Silvera Memorial Highway."

(b) The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to memorialize this highway, in consultation with and approval by the Shawn Silvera Foundation, that conforms to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices adopted by the commissioner of transportation pursuant to section 169.06, except for the following requirements:

- (1) be a height of at least 60 inches, and a width of at least 48 inches; and
- (2) have a background color of blue, and have white lettering.

(c) The commissioner of transportation shall erect suitable signs as close as practicable to the following locations, subject to section 161.139:

- (1) one sign on southbound marked Interstate Highway 35 at its intersection with Washington County Highway 2;
- (2) one sign on northbound marked Interstate Highway 35W within 300 feet of the location at which Officer Silvera was killed in the line of duty on September 6, 2005;
- (3) one sign on northbound marked Interstate Highway 35 between the point where it divides into marked Interstate Highways 35E and 35W and marked Trunk Highway 97; and
- (4) one sign on southbound marked Interstate Highway 35 south of its intersection with marked Trunk Highway 97.

Subd. 57. **Purple Heart Trail.** Statutory Route No. 392, described in section 161.12 and marked on July 1, 2008, as Interstate Highway 94, is designated in its entirety within Minnesota as the "Purple Heart Trail." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs at each safety rest area located on the highway.

Subd. 58. **Dallas Sams Memorial Highway.** That portion of Legislative Route No. 2, signed as Trunk Highway 210 on July 1, 2008, from the city of Motley to the city of Staples, is designated as the "Dallas

Sams Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 59. **Walter F. Mondale Drive.** Trunk Highway marked 53 from its intersection with Superior Street to its intersection with Central Entrance in the city of Duluth, as signed on July 1, 2008, is designated "Walter F. Mondale Drive." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 60. **Jim Oberstar Causeway.** The causeway over Pokegama Lake on Trunk Highway 169 is designated the "Jim Oberstar Causeway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 61. **Mayor William "Bill" Sandberg Memorial Bridge.** The bridge over Margaret Street on marked Trunk Highway 36 in North St. Paul is designated the "Mayor William "Bill" Sandberg Memorial Bridge." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 62. **Clearwater County Veterans Memorial Highway.** (a) The following described route is designated the "Clearwater County Veterans Memorial Highway": that portion of Legislative Route No. 168, marked on August 1, 2009, as Trunk Highway 200, from its intersection with Clearwater County State-Aid Highway 39 to its intersection with Legislative Route No. 169, marked on August 1, 2009, as Trunk Highway 92; and that portion of Route No. 169 to its intersection with Clearwater County State-Aid Highway 5.

(b) The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 63. **Speaker Irvin N. Anderson Memorial Highway.** That portion of Route No. 11 known as Trunk Highway 53 on August 1, 2009, from the junction of the northern city limits of Virginia to the intersection with marked Trunk Highway 11 in the city of International Falls, is designated the "Speaker Irvin N. Anderson Memorial Highway." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect suitable signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 64. **Corporal Johnathan Benson Memorial Highway.** That portion of marked Trunk Highway 95 from the intersection of marked Interstate Highway 35 to the eastern boundary of the city of North Branch is designated as "Corporal Johnathan Benson Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to memorialize the highway and shall erect the appropriate signs.

Subd. 65. **Veterans Memorial Bridge.** The bridge over marked Interstate Highway 35 that is part of marked Trunk Highway 95 is designated as "Veterans Memorial Bridge." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to memorialize the bridge and shall erect the appropriate signs.

Subd. 66. **Veterans Memorial Highway.** Trunk Highway marked 200 as of July 1, 2010, from the border with North Dakota to the city of Mahanomen, is designated as the "Veterans Memorial Highway." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 67. **Becker County Veterans Memorial Highway.** Marked Trunk Highway 34, from its intersection with Washington Avenue in Detroit Lakes to its intersection with County State-Aid Highway 39; and marked Trunk Highway 87, from its intersection with County State-Aid Highway 33 to its intersection

with County State-Aid Highway 39, is named and designated the "Becker County Veterans Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 68. **Granite City Crossing.** The bridge over the Mississippi River on marked Trunk Highway 23 in St. Cloud is designated "Granite City Crossing." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable design to mark this bridge and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 69. **Veterans Memorial Highway.** Marked Trunk Highway 59 from the city of Karlstad to the border with Canada is designated as the "Veterans Memorial Highway." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 70. **Black and Yellow Trail.** Trunk Highway signed 14 as of August 1, 2012, from the border with South Dakota to the border with Wisconsin, is designated as the "Black and Yellow Trail." The commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 71. **Arianna Celeste Macnamara Memorial Bridge.** The pedestrian bridge over Route No. 7, signed as Trunk Highway 14 on August 1, 2012, located in the city of Rochester west of Route No. 20, signed as U.S. Highway 52 on August 1, 2012, is designated as "Arianna Celeste Macnamara Memorial Bridge." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to memorialize the bridge and shall erect the appropriate signs as close as practicable to the bridge.

Subd. 72. **Deputy John W. Liebenstein Memorial Highway.** (a) That segment of Route No. 390, signed as Interstate Highway 35 on August 1, 2012, and located in Rice County, is designated as "Deputy John W. Liebenstein Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design to mark this highway and shall erect the appropriate signs as provided in paragraph (b).

(b) The commissioner of transportation shall erect suitable signs on marked Interstate Highway 35 as close as practicable to the following locations:

- (1) one sign on the southbound entrance ramp of the interchange with Rice County State-Aid Highway 1; and
- (2) one sign on the northbound entrance ramp of the interchange with Rice County State-Aid Highway 1.

Subd. 73. **Officer Tom Decker Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 23 from the east border of the township of Wakefield to the west border of the city of Richmond is designated as "Officer Tom Decker Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 74. **Officer Richard Crittenden, Sr., Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 36 located within the city limits of North St. Paul shall be designated as the "Officer Richard Crittenden, Sr., Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs directly adjacent to the marked Trunk Highway 36 roadway, excluding entrance and exit ramps.

Subd. 75. **Nicholas Patrick Spehar Memorial Highway.** That segment of Route No. 46, signed as U.S. Highway 8, on August 1, 2014, from the southwestern border of Chisago City to the eastern border of Center City, is designated as "Nicholas Patrick Spehar Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 76. **Michael Duane Clickner Memorial Bridge.** The bridge over the Mississippi River on marked Trunk Highway 60 at the city of Wabasha is designated "Michael Duane Clickner Memorial Bridge." The commissioner of transportation shall adopt a suitable design to mark this bridge and erect appropriate signs, subject to section 161.139.

Subd. 77. **Old Cedar Avenue Bridge.** Minnesota state bridge number 3145, the Camelback bridge over the Minnesota River overflowage (referred to as Long Meadow Lake) constructed in 1920, is designated and named the "Old Cedar Avenue Bridge." This designation and name also applies to any renovation or reconstruction of the bridge and must be used in any publicly financed signage that refers to the bridge.

Subd. 78. **Trooper Glen Skalman Memorial Highway.** That segment of signed U.S. Highway 61 from the intersection with signed U.S. Highway 8 in Forest Lake to the intersection with 260th Street in Wyoming is designated as "Trooper Glen Skalman Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs in the vicinity of the location where Trooper Skalman died.

Subd. 79. **Sergeant Joseph Bergeron Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 36 located within the city limits of Maplewood is designated as "Sergeant Joseph Bergeron Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 80. **Officer Scott Patrick Memorial Highway.** (a) That segment of signed Trunk Highway 149, known as Dodd Road, from the interchange with signed Interstate Highway 494 to the intersection with Smith Avenue in West St. Paul is designated as "Officer Scott Patrick Memorial Highway."

(b) The commissioner shall, in consultation with interested groups, adopt a suitable design to mark this highway that conforms to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices adopted by the commissioner under section 169.06.

(c) Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 81. **Patrol Officer Michael Alan Hogan Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 7 located within the county of McLeod is designated as "Patrol Officer Michael Alan Hogan Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 82. **Staff Sergeant Kevin Witte Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 28 located between the city of Beardsley and the city of Graceville is designated as "Staff Sergeant Kevin Witte Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 83. **Medal of Honor recipient Kenneth L. Olson Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 23 within the city of Paynesville and the town of Paynesville is designated as "Medal of Honor recipient Kenneth L. Olson Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 84. **Corporal Benjamin S. Kopp Bridge.** The bridge on Dakota County State-Aid Highway 46, known as Brandel Drive within the city of Coates, over marked U.S. Highway 52 is designated as "Corporal Benjamin S. Kopp Bridge." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 85. **Chip A. Imker Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 65 from Isanti County State-Aid Highway 19, known as 305th Avenue NE, to the northerly limit of Cambridge Township is designated as "Chip A. Imker Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 86. **Senator Jim Metzen Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked U.S. Highway 52 located within Dakota County is designated as "Senator Jim Metzen Memorial Highway." Notwithstanding section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 87. **Officer Bill Mathews Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked U.S. Highway 12 within the city limits of Wayzata is designated as "Officer Bill Mathews Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 88. **Corrections Officer Joseph Gomm Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 95 in West Lakeland Township, Bayport, and Oak Park Heights from the intersection with signed Interstate Highway 94 to the intersection with marked Trunk Highway 36 is designated "Corrections Officer Joseph Gomm Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner shall adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 89. **Captain Jeffrey Vollmer Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 25 from marked Trunk Highway 7 to Carver County State-Aid Highway 30 is designated as "Captain Jeffrey Vollmer Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 90. **Richard J. Ames Memorial Highway.** (a) The following route between the city of Jordan and marked U.S. Highway 61 is designated as the "Richard J. Ames Memorial Highway":

Beginning at a point at the eastern city limits of Jordan; thence extending easterly along marked Trunk Highway 282 to its junction with marked Trunk Highway 13; thence extending northerly along marked Trunk Highway 13 to its junction with Eagle Creek Avenue in the city limits of Prior Lake; thence extending easterly along Eagle Creek Avenue and 185th Street East to its junction with Kenwood Trail and Dakota County State-Aid Highway 50; thence extending easterly and southerly along Kenwood Trail and Dakota County State-Aid Highway 50 to its junction with marked Trunk Highway 3 in the city limits of Farmington; thence extending southerly along marked Trunk Highway 3 to its junction with marked Trunk Highway 50; thence extending easterly along marked Trunk Highway 50 to its terminus at its junction with marked Trunk Highway 20 and marked U.S. Highway 61 near Miesville.

(b) Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs on the trunk highway portions of the route, and the local road authorities must erect appropriate signs on the local roadway portions of the route, with the cost of the signs to be paid by nonpublic sources of funds.

Subd. 91. **Ryane Clark Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 23 in Kandiyohi County between New London and Spicer is designated as "Ryane Clark Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 92. **Tom Rukavina Memorial Bridge.** The bridge on marked U.S. Highway 53 over a mining area easterly of 2nd Avenue West in the city of Virginia is designated as "Tom Rukavina Memorial Bridge." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this bridge and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 93. **Kenneth E. Sellon and Eugene B. Schlotfeldt Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Interstate Highway 94 from Sauk Centre to Alexandria is designated as "Kenneth E. Sellon and Eugene B. Schlotfeldt Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 94. **Specialist Noah Pierce Bridge.** The bridge on marked U.S. Highway 53 over marked Trunk Highway 37 in the city of Eveleth is designated as "Specialist Noah Pierce Bridge." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this bridge and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 95. **State Trooper Ray Krueger Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 210 within Cass County is designated as "State Trooper Ray Krueger Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs in the vicinity of the location where Trooper Krueger died.

Subd. 96. **Warrant Officer Dennis A. Groth Memorial Bridge.** The bridge on marked U.S. Highway 52 over Dakota County State-Aid Highway 42, known as 145th Street within the city of Rosemount, is designated as "Warrant Officer Dennis A. Groth Memorial Bridge." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark the bridge and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 97. **Corporal Caleb L. Erickson Memorial Highway.** That segment of marked Trunk Highway 13 in Waseca County from the southern border of New Richland Township to the northern border of Blooming Grove Township is designated as "Corporal Caleb L. Erickson Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 98. **Chief Daryl "Taddy" Drusch Memorial Highway.** The segment of marked U.S. Highway 12 within the city limits of Howard Lake is designated as "Chief Daryl "Taddy" Drusch Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 99. **Private Joseph Marthaler Memorial Bridge.** The bridge on marked U.S. Highway 52 over Dakota County State-Aid Highway 8, known as Wentworth Avenue, in the city of West Saint Paul, is designated as "Private Joseph Marthaler Memorial Bridge." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark the bridge and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 100. **Patrol Inspector Robert H. Lobdell Memorial Highway.** The segment of marked Trunk Highway 11 from Roseau to Warroad is designated as "Patrol Inspector Robert H. Lobdell Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 101. **Deputy Richard K. Magnuson Memorial Highway.** The segment of marked Trunk Highway 310 from Roseau to the border with Canada is designated as "Deputy Richard K. Magnuson Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 102. **Prince Rogers Nelson Memorial Highway.** The segment of marked Trunk Highway 5 from Hennepin County State-Aid Highway 60, known as Mitchell Road, in Eden Prairie, to the westerly side of the intersection with marked Trunk Highway 41, known as Hazeltine Boulevard, in Chanhassen is designated "Prince Rogers Nelson Memorial Highway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs. The signs must be purple in color.

Subd. 103. **Deputy Josh Owen Memorial Overpass.** The overpass at the junction of marked Trunk Highway 29 and marked Trunk Highway 55 in Pope County is designated as "Deputy Josh Owen Memorial

Overpass." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark the overpass and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 104. **Michael Gau Memorial Bridge.** The bridge over marked U.S. Highway 169 on Hennepin County State-Aid Highway 9, known as Rockford Road, in the city of Plymouth, is designated as "Michael Gau Memorial Bridge." Notwithstanding section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark the bridge and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 105. **Senator David J. Tomassoni Memorial Cross Range Expressway.** That segment of marked U.S. Highway 169 from Itasca County State-Aid Highway 69 in the city of Marble to Saint Louis County State-Aid Highway 7 in the city of Mountain Iron is designated as "Senator David J. Tomassoni Memorial Cross Range Expressway." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark this highway and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 106. **Mayor Dave Smiglewski Memorial Bridge.** The bridge on marked U.S. Highway 212 over the Minnesota River in the city of Granite Falls is designated as "Mayor Dave Smiglewski Memorial Bridge." Subject to section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark the bridge and erect appropriate signs.

Subd. 107. **Gopher Gunners Memorial Bridge.** (a) The bridge on marked Trunk Highway 55 and marked Trunk Highway 62 over the Minnesota River, commonly known as the Mendota Bridge, is designated as "Gopher Gunners Memorial Bridge." Notwithstanding section 161.139, the commissioner must adopt a suitable design to mark the bridge and erect appropriate signs.

(b) The adjutant general of the Department of Military Affairs must reimburse the commissioner of transportation for costs incurred under this subdivision.

History: 1959 c 210 s 1; 1959 c 500 art 2 s 14; 1961 c 669 s 1,2; 1961 c 734 s 1; 1965 c 445 s 1-3; 1965 c 556 s 1; 1969 c 346 s 1; 1969 c 480 s 1; 1969 c 1058 s 1; 1971 c 82 s 1; 1971 c 640 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1974 c 65 s 1; 1974 c 102 s 1; 1975 c 255 s 1; 1976 c 29 s 1; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1976 c 292 s 1; 1978 c 674 s 19; 1984 c 412 s 3; 1985 c 35 s 1; 1985 c 301 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1988 c 438 s 1; 1988 c 565 s 1; 1989 c 227 s 1; 1990 c 357 s 1; 1991 c 248 s 1; 1991 c 274 s 1; 1993 c 39 s 1,2; 1994 c 395 s 1; 1994 c 457 s 1; 1995 c 19 s 1; 1995 c 50 s 1; 1996 c 272 s 1,2; 1996 c 279 s 1; 1996 c 287 s 1; 1996 c 309 s 1; 1996 c 426 s 1,2; 1996 c 455 art 3 s 6-8; 1997 c 51 s 1-4; 1997 c 159 art 2 s 7; 1998 c 254 art 1 s 58; 1998 c 290 s 1; 1999 c 16 s 1; 1999 c 42 s 1; 1999 c 86 art 1 s 83; 2000 c 279 s 1,2; 2000 c 281 s 1; 2000 c 288 s 1; 2001 c 14 s 1; 2001 c 103 s 1; 2001 c 113 s 1; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 15; 2005 c 73 s 1,2; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 4-6; 2006 c 213 s 1; 2008 c 287 art 1 s 8-12; 2008 c 350 art 1 s 2; 2009 c 18 s 1; 2009 c 23 s 2,3; 2010 c 196 s 1; 2010 c 204 s 1; 2010 c 351 s 4-8; 2012 c 287 art 3 s 1; art 4 s 6-8; 2013 c 12 s 1; 2014 c 155 s 1; 2014 c 216 s 1; 2014 c 287 s 2; 2014 c 308 art 8 s 2; 2014 c 312 art 11 s 1; 2015 c 46 s 1; 2015 c 51 s 1; 2016 c 117 s 1; 2016 c 118 s 1; 2017 c 69 s 1; 2017 c 70 s 1; 2017 c 81 s 1; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 24; 2018 c 108 s 1; 2019 c 15 s 1; 2019 c 37 s 1; 2019 c 55 s 1; 2019 c 56 s 1; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 3 s 9-17; 2020 c 100 s 3; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 15-19; 2023 c 25 s 57; 2023 c 35 s 1,2; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 26,27; 2024 c 84 s 1; 2024 c 98 s 1; 2024 c 104 art 1 s 8; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 13

161.141 NORTHWEST ANGLE, CONNECTING HIGHWAY; FEDERAL APPROVAL.

Subdivision 1. **Agreement.** The commissioner of transportation may enter into an agreement with the authorized authorities of the province of Manitoba, Canada providing for an equitable division of costs and responsibilities to be borne by the state of Minnesota and the province of Manitoba for the establishment, location, construction, maintenance, and operation of a highway through the province of Manitoba, thereby connecting the Northwest Angle with other parts of the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 2. **Required condition.** The agreement shall contain an express provision that it shall not be binding on the state of Minnesota until approved by the Congress of the United States. The agreement shall contain the further express provision that the agreement shall not be binding on the state of Minnesota unless the Congress of the United States appropriates to the state of Minnesota a sum of money sufficient to pay Minnesota's share of the cost of the highway.

Subd. 3. **Implementation.** Upon approval of Congress and the appropriation of money by Congress as provided in subdivision 2, the commissioner may proceed to carry out the terms of the agreement provided for in subdivision 1.

History: 1959 c 132 s 1-3; 1976 c 166 s 7

161.1419 MISSISSIPPI RIVER PARKWAY COMMISSION.

Subdivision 1. **Policy.** It is declared to be the policy of the state and to be in the best public interest for the promotion of public safety, recreation, travel, trade, and the general welfare of the people to cooperate with the federal government and with the interstate Mississippi River Parkway Planning Commission. To carry out such policy and to aid in the promotion and securement of a scenic parkway and highway for the state of Minnesota and to aid in securing the location of federal parks within Minnesota a Mississippi River Parkway Commission is created. Such commission shall also work toward the planning, construction, maintenance, and improvement of the Great River Road or Mississippi River Parkway which is to follow generally the course of the Mississippi River and extend from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

Subd. 2. **Members.** (a) The commission shall be composed of 15 members of whom:

- (1) one shall be appointed by the commissioner of transportation;
- (2) one shall be appointed by the commissioner of natural resources;
- (3) one shall be appointed by the director of Explore Minnesota Tourism;
- (4) one shall be appointed by the commissioner of agriculture;
- (5) one shall be appointed by the director of the Minnesota Historical Society;
- (6) two shall be members of the senate to be appointed by the Committee on Committees;
- (7) two shall be members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker;
- (8) one shall be the secretary appointed pursuant to subdivision 3; and

(9) five shall be citizen members appointed to staggered four-year terms by the commission after receiving recommendations from five citizen committees established by the members appointed under clauses (1) to (8), with each citizen committee established within and representing each of the following geographic segments along the Mississippi River:

- (i) Lake Itasca to but not including the city of Grand Rapids;
- (ii) Grand Rapids to but not including the city of Brainerd;
- (iii) Brainerd to but not including the city of Elk River;
- (iv) Elk River to but not including the city of Hastings; and
- (v) Hastings to the Iowa border.

Each citizen member shall be a resident of the geographic segment that the member represents.

(b) The members of the commission appointed in paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (8), shall serve for a term expiring at the close of each regular session of the legislature and until their successors are appointed.

(c) Successor members shall be appointed by the same appointing authorities. Members may be reappointed. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority. The commissioner of transportation, the commissioner of natural resources, and the director of the Minnesota Historical Society shall be ex officio members, and shall be in addition to the 15 members heretofore provided for. Immediately upon making the appointments to the commission the appointing authorities shall so notify the Mississippi River Parkway Commission, hereinafter called the National Commission, giving the names and addresses of the members so appointed.

Subd. 3. **Chair, vice-chair, and secretary.** The commission may hold meetings and hearings at such time and places as it may designate to accomplish the purposes set forth in this section. It shall select a chair, a vice-chair, and such other officers from its membership as it deems necessary. The commission shall appoint a secretary who shall also serve as a commission member.

Subd. 3a. **Gifts, grants, and endowments.** The commission may accept gifts of money, property, or services; may apply for and accept grants from the United States, the state, a subdivision of the state, or a person for any of its purposes; may enter into an agreement required in connection with it; and may hold, use, and dispose of the money, property, or services in accordance with the terms of the gift, grant, or agreement relating to it. The commission may also make grants, gifts, and bequests of money, property, or services and enter into contracts to carry out the same. The gift acceptance procedures of sections 16A.013 to 16A.016 do not apply to this section.

Subd. 4. **Compensation, supplies, staff.** Compensation of legislative members of the commission is as provided in section 3.101. Compensation of the remaining members is as provided in section 15.0575. The commission may purchase supplies, employ part-time or full-time employees, and do all things reasonably necessary and convenient in carrying out the purposes of this section.

Subd. 5. **Staff from other agencies.** The commissioner of transportation shall designate one employee of the Department of Transportation who is an engineer or who has engineering experience and the commissioner of natural resources shall appoint one staff member who shall advise with and assist the commission in carrying out its functions and duties.

Subd. 6. **National Commission.** The commission shall be an affiliate of the National Commission and as a member of the National Commission may pay an annual fee for its equal share of the planning program of the National Commission.

Subd. 7. **Program review.** The commission may review the programs of the various interstate compacts, studies, planning groups and commissions involved in water and land use activities along the Mississippi River in Minnesota.

Subd. 8. MS 2018 [Repealed, 1Sp2019 c 3 art 3 s 140]

History: 1963 c 875 s 1; 1969 c 1129 art 3 s 1; 1971 c 653 s 1-5; 1973 c 35 s 34; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1983 c 260 s 44; 1985 c 285 s 9; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 312 art 1 s 26 subd 2; 1987 c 384 art 3 s 2; 1987 c 404 s 148; 1993 c 337 s 11; 1996 c 407 s 46; 1997 c 7 art 2 s 24; 1997 c 192 s 27; 2001 c 161 s 27,28; 1Sp2003 c 4 s 1; 1Sp2003 c 23 s 11; 2005 c 10 art 1 s 27; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 4 s 33,34; 2007 c 148 art 2 s 46; 1Sp2011 c 10 art 3 s 32; 2013 c 142 art 3 s 31; 2015 c 77 art 2 s 51; 2023 c 62 art 2 s 105

161.142 GREAT RIVER ROAD.

Subdivision 1. MS 1961 [Repealed, 1963 c 875 s 3]

Subd. 2. **Location; construction; improvement; maintenance; acquisition of land.** The commissioner of transportation shall establish and locate the route or routes of the Great River Road and shall thereafter construct, reconstruct, improve and may maintain same. The commissioner may acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain proceedings, in fee or such lesser estate as the commissioner may determine, all lands and properties needed in laying out, establishing, constructing, reconstructing, and improving the Great River Road in Minnesota.

Subd. 3. **Inclusion within state system; controlled access.** The portion of the Great River Road in Minnesota may be part of the state trunk highway system and may be a controlled-access highway.

Subd. 4. **Acceptance of federal funds; cooperation with federal agencies.** The commissioner of transportation may accept any federal funds made available to the state of Minnesota for expenditure on the Great River Road. The commissioner may cooperate with the federal government or any federal agency in the establishment, construction, reconstruction and improvement of the Great River Road to the end that the state will obtain all federal funds available for expenditure on the Great River Road in Minnesota. The commissioner may act as agent for any other department of state, public corporation, or political subdivision of the state in accepting federal aid in their behalf for the purposes expressed in subdivisions 2 to 7, and may distribute any federal aid received by the department to other departments of the state, public corporations or political subdivisions of the state.

Subd. 5. **Cooperation with other governmental units.** The commissioner of transportation shall cooperate with other state departments, public corporations and political subdivisions in laying out, constructing, reconstructing and improving and maintaining the Great River Road.

Subd. 6. **Expenditures limitation.** None of the provisions of subdivisions 2 to 7 shall be construed as authorizing the commissioner of transportation to expend trunk highway funds for nontrunk highway purposes.

Subd. 7. **Preservation of adjacent areas.** The commissioner of transportation and any political subdivision or public corporation adjacent to the Great River Road or through which the Great River Road passes may acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain proceedings as provided by law any lands or properties, or interests in lands and properties, lying along the Great River Road as they deem necessary for the purpose of preserving areas of natural scenic beauty, views of lake or riverside areas, historic sites, and such lands as they deem necessary for the purpose of providing recreational and rest areas and facilities in connection therewith including camping and overnight facilities. They may enter into agreements with property owners along the Great River Road providing for restrictions on land uses along such road and providing for compensation therefor. Such agreements may provide that the lands or properties may continue to be used for agricultural, horticultural, forest, grazing, residential, or other purposes not inconsistent with parkway principles and standards approved by the federal government and the Mississippi River Parkway Commission.

History: 1959 c 411 s 1-7; 1976 c 163 s 33; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1978 c 495 s 1; 1986 c 444

161.143 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1974 c 34 s 2]

161.144 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1974 c 34 s 2]

161.145 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1974 c 34 s 2]

161.146 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1974 c 34 s 2]

161.147 MS 1971 [Repealed, 1974 c 34 s 2]

161.148 GREAT RIVER ROAD, LOCATION OF ROUTE.

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner's responsibility.** The commissioner of transportation shall designate, establish and locate the Great River Road described in and authorized by section 161.142, with the approval of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission and, when the location is not on the trunk highway system, with the approval of the political subdivision having jurisdiction of the road.

Subd. 2. **Alternate routes.** The commissioner of transportation may designate, establish, locate and mark alternate routes of the Great River Road with the approval of the Mississippi River Parkway Commission upon highways of the trunk highway system and when not located upon the trunk highway system with the approval of the political subdivision having jurisdiction of the road.

Subd. 3. **Expenditures limitation.** Funds shall not be expended on any alternate route or routes provided for by subdivision 2 except to the extent of any surplus in federal funds provided for the route designated under subdivision 1 or as provided by agreement with the United States government.

Subd. 4. MS 1976 [Repealed, 1978 c 495 s 5]

History: 1974 c 34 s 1; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1978 c 495 s 2-4

161.15 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.15 SPECIFIC LOCATION; LIMITATION ON DEVIATIONS.

The commissioner may specifically and definitely locate all of the routes of the trunk highway system, but in so locating same, the commissioner shall not deviate from the starting points or terminals as set forth in the route description; nor shall there be any deviation from the various cities named in the routes through which such routes shall pass.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 15; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1986 c 444

161.16 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.16 HIGHWAY DESIGNATION, VACATION, REVERSION, SURVEY.

Subdivision 1. **Temporary trunk highways; reversion.** Until such time as the commissioner definitely locates and constructs the several routes of the trunk highway system, the commissioner shall select practicable existing roads along the general location of such routes and shall maintain them for the benefit of the traveling public. Such roads shall be known as temporary trunk highways. The road authority which had jurisdiction over such road shall, thereupon, be relieved of responsibilities thereto; provided, however, if the definite location of the route shall be other than the location of the temporary trunk highway, the portion of the temporary locations which is not included in the definite location shall, upon notice of the commissioner, revert to the road authority unless the same lies within the corporate limits of a city, in which case it shall become a street of the city, provided that when the portion of the temporary location, which is not included in the definite location lies within a city having a population of less than 5,000, that portion shall revert to the county if it meets the criteria for a county state-aid highway.

Subd. 2. **Designation and location by order.** The commissioner shall by order or orders designate such temporary trunk highways, and on determining the definite location of any trunk highway or portion thereof,

the same shall also be designated by order or orders. The definite location of such highway or portion thereof may be in the form of a map or plat showing the lands and interests in lands required for trunk highway purposes. Formal determination or order if by map or plat, shall be certified by the commissioner of transportation on said map or plat. The commissioner may, by similar order or orders, change the definite location of any trunk highway between the fixed termini, as fixed by law, when such changes are necessary in the interest of safety and convenient public travel. The commissioner shall maintain a file of these orders as permanent records.

Subd. 3. Public hearing. When the county board of any county requests a public hearing in regard to the definite location or a change in the definite location of any trunk highway within its boundaries, the commissioner shall hold such hearing in such county before making a determination in such matters.

Subd. 4. Reversion or conveyance to another road authority. (a) If the commissioner makes a change in the definite location of a trunk highway as provided in this section, the portion of the existing road that is no longer a part of the trunk highway by reason of the change and all right, title, and interest of the state in the trunk highway shall revert to the road authority originally charged with the care of that trunk highway unless the commissioner, the road authority originally charged with the care of the trunk highway and the road authority of the political subdivision in which the portion is located agree on another disposition, in which case the reversion is as provided in the agreement. When the reversion is to a county and a portion lies partly within a city of under 5,000 population the entire portion shall revert to the county if it meets the criteria for a county state-aid highway.

(b) If the portion had its origin as a trunk highway, it shall become a county highway unless it lies within the corporate limits of a city, in which case it shall become a street of the city. When the existing road that is no longer a part of the trunk highway by reason of the change lies within a city of less than 5,000 population, the portion shall revert to the county if the portion meets the criteria for a county state-aid highway. In municipalities of over 5,000 population that portion of the road may revert to the county if the appropriate authorities of the state, county and the various cities through which the route passes so agree. Should any city not agree that the portion of the roadway that passes through it shall revert to county jurisdiction, the portion shall not so revert, although the other portions of the roadway in which agreement has been reached shall revert to county jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this chapter or other applicable laws and rules, the commissioner may convey and quitclaim to a county, city, or other political subdivision all or part of the right-of-way of the existing road that is no longer a part of the trunk highway by reason of the commissioner's order or orders. The conveyance shall be for highway purposes, and the future cost of maintenance, improvement, or reconstruction of the highway and the contribution of that highway to the public highway system is reasonable and proper consideration for the conveyance. This subdivision shall apply to all trunk highways reverted before May 29, 1967.

Subd. 5. Damages due to vacation of former trunk highway. Damages occasioned by the vacation of any highway or street that had its origin as a trunk highway, if vacated by the county within one year after the commissioner relinquished jurisdiction thereof, shall be paid by the state out of the trunk highway fund. No award of damages determined by the county shall be made for such vacation without the concurrence of the attorney general, and no action brought to recover damages for such vacation shall be settled or otherwise disposed of without the consent of the attorney general. The attorney general may defend any action brought to recover damages for such vacation.

Subd. 6. Vacation. When the definite location of any trunk highway takes the place of and serves the same purpose as any portion of an existing road, however established, the commissioner may make an order vacating such portion of the road. A copy of the order shall be served upon the owners and occupants of the lands on which is located the portion of the road so vacated and, if the road terminates at or abuts upon any

public water, a copy of the order also shall be served upon the commissioner of natural resources. The notice under this subdivision is for notification purposes only and does not create a right of intervention by the commissioner of natural resources. A copy of the order, together with proof of service, or affidavit of publication if the owners are unknown or reside outside the state, shall be filed with the county auditor of the county in which such lands lie. Any person claiming to be damaged by the vacation may appeal at any time within 30 days after the service of the order to the district court of the county for a determination of damages, by serving notice of the appeal on the commissioner and filing same with proof of service in the office of the court administrator of the district court. The appeal shall be tried in the same manner as an appeal from an award in proceedings in eminent domain.

Subd. 7. Survey of trunk highway centerline. (a) When the physical location of a trunk highway centerline will be changed by order of the commissioner and the commissioner is aware that a property description has been written to the centerline, the commissioner shall file with the recorder in the county where the highway is located a survey of the existing centerline prior to changing or removing the trunk highway.

(b) The survey of the trunk highway centerline must be prepared on four-mil transparent reproducible film or its equivalent. Sheet size must be 22 inches by 34 inches. A border line must be placed one-half inch inside the outer edge of the sheet on the top and bottom 34-inch sides; and the right 22-inch side; and two inches inside the outer edge of the sheet on the left 22-inch side. If a survey of the trunk highway centerline consists of more than one sheet, the sheets must be numbered consecutively. The survey of the trunk highway centerline must include:

(1) a graphic depiction of the existing trunk highway centerline;

(2) distances along the centerline, and ties to the corners of the public land survey, expressed in feet and hundredths of a foot. All straight line segments of the plat must be labeled with the length of the line and bearing or azimuth. All curved line segments of the plat must be labeled with the central angle, arc length, and radius length. If any curve is nontangential, the dimensions must include a long chord bearing or azimuth, and must be labeled nontangential;

(3) a north arrow and directional orientation note;

(4) a graphics scale along with the label "Scale In Feet";

(5) the position, description, and ties from the trunk highway centerline to corners of the public land survey;

(6) identification of the public land survey quarter section or sections, government lot or lots, and the county through which the depicted trunk highway centerline runs; and

(7) the date of the survey.

(c) The survey of the trunk highway centerline must be certified by the commissioner of transportation or the commissioner's designated assistant and by a licensed land surveyor.

(d) Upon submission to the recorder in the county where the depicted trunk highway centerline is located, and upon payment of appropriate fees, the survey of the trunk highway centerline must be filed of record.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 16; 1967 c 436 s 1,2; Ex1967 c 11 s 1; 1969 c 207 s 1; 1969 c 336 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1981 c 209 s 3; 1984 c 535 s 1; 1984 c 655 art 1 s 31; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1986 c 444; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 1 s 82; 1989 c 183 s 1; 1999 c 230 s 8; 2009 c 168 s 1

161.161 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

FINAL ROUTE LAYOUT AND PLAN

161.162 DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Applicability.** The terms in sections 161.162 to 161.167 have the meanings given them in this section and section 160.02.

Subd. 2. **Final layout.** (a) "Final layout" means geometric layouts and supplemental drawings that show the location, character, dimensions, access, and explanatory information about the highway construction or improvement work being proposed. "Final layout" includes, where applicable, traffic lanes, shoulders, trails, intersections, signals, bridges, approximate right-of-way limits, existing ground line and proposed grade line of the highway, turn lanes, access points and closures, sidewalks, proposed design speed, noise walls, transit considerations, auxiliary lanes, interchange locations, interchange types, sensitive areas, existing right-of-way, traffic volume and turning movements, location of stormwater drainage, location of municipal utilities, project schedule and estimated cost, and the name of the project manager.

(b) "Final layout" does not include a cost participation agreement. For purposes of this subdivision "cost participation agreement" means a document signed by the commissioner and the governing body of a municipality that states the costs of a highway construction project that will be paid by the municipality.

Subd. 3. **Final construction plan.** "Final construction plan" means the set of technical drawings for the construction or improvement of a trunk highway provided to contractors for bids.

Subd. 4. **Governing body.** "Governing body" means the elected council of a municipality.

Subd. 5. **Municipality.** "Municipality" means a statutory or home rule charter city.

History: 2001 c 191 s 3; 2002 c 364 s 3

161.163 HIGHWAY PROJECT REVIEW.

Subdivision 1. **Projects requiring review.** Sections 161.162 to 161.167 apply only to projects that alter access, increase or reduce highway traffic capacity, or require acquisition of permanent rights-of-way.

Subd. 2. **Traffic safety measures.** Nothing contained in sections 161.162 to 161.167 limits the power of the commissioner to regulate traffic or install traffic-control devices or other safety measures on trunk highways located within municipalities regardless of their impact on access or traffic capacity or on the need for additional right-of-way.

Subd. 3. **Construction program.** Nothing contained in sections 161.162 to 161.167 limits the commissioner's discretion to determine priority and programming of trunk highway projects.

History: 2001 c 191 s 4

161.164 FINAL LAYOUT APPROVAL PROCESS.

Subdivision 1. **Submission of final layout.** Before proceeding with the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of any route on the trunk highway system lying within any municipality, the commissioner shall submit to its governing body a final layout and project report covering the purpose, route location, and proposed design of the highway. The final layout must be submitted as part of a report containing any supporting data that the commissioner deems helpful to the governing body in reviewing the final layout

submitted. The supporting data must include a good-faith cost estimate of all the costs in which the governing body is expected to participate. The final layout must be submitted before final decisions are reached so that meaningful early input can be obtained from the municipality.

Subd. 2. Governing body action. (a) Within 15 days of receiving a final layout from the commissioner, the governing body shall schedule a public hearing on the final layout. The governing body shall, within 60 days of receiving a final layout from the commissioner, conduct a public hearing at which the Department of Transportation shall present the final layout for the project. The governing body shall give at least 30 days' notice of the public hearing.

(b) Within 90 days from the date of the public hearing, the governing body shall approve or disapprove the final layout in writing, as follows:

(1) If the governing body approves the final layout or does not disapprove the final layout in writing within 90 days, in which case the final layout is deemed to be approved, the commissioner may continue the project development.

(2) If the final construction plans contain changes in access, traffic capacity, or acquisition of permanent right-of-way from the final layout approved by the governing body, the commissioner shall resubmit the portion of the final construction plans where changes were made to the governing body. The governing body must approve or disapprove the changes, in writing, within 60 days from the date the commissioner submits them.

(3) If the governing body disapproves the final layout, the commissioner may make modifications requested by the municipality, decide not to proceed with the project, or refer the final layout to an appeal board. The appeal board shall consist of one member appointed by the commissioner, one member appointed by the governing body, and a third member agreed upon by both the commissioner and the governing body. If the commissioner and the governing body cannot agree upon the third member, the chief justice of the supreme court shall appoint a third member within 14 days of the request of the commissioner to appoint the third member.

Subd. 3. Appeal board. Within 30 days after referral of the final layout, the appeal board shall hold a hearing at which the commissioner and the governing body may present the case for or against approval of the final layout referred. Not later than 60 days after the hearing, the appeal board shall recommend approval, recommend approval with modifications, or recommend disapproval of the final layout, making additional recommendations consistent with state and federal requirements as it deems appropriate. It shall submit a written report containing its findings and recommendations to the commissioner and the governing body.

History: 2001 c 191 s 5

161.165 COMMISSIONER ACTION; INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS.

Subdivision 1. Applicability. This section applies to interstate highways.

Subd. 2. Action on approved final layout. (a) If the appeal board recommends approval of the final layout or does not submit its findings and recommendations within 60 days of the hearing, in which case the final layout is deemed approved, the commissioner may prepare substantially similar final construction plans and proceed with the project.

(b) If the final construction plans change access, traffic capacity, or acquisition of permanent right-of-way from the final layout approved by the appeal board, the commissioner shall submit the portion of the final

construction plans that shows the changes, to the governing body for its approval or disapproval under section 161.164, subdivision 2.

Subd. 3. Action on final layout approved with changes. (a) If, within 60 days, the appeal board recommends approval of the final layout with modifications, the commissioner may:

(1) prepare final construction plans with the recommended modifications, notify the governing body, and proceed with the project;

(2) decide not to proceed with the project; or

(3) prepare final construction plans substantially similar to the final layout referred to the appeal board, and proceed with the project. The commissioner shall, before proceeding with the project, file a written report with the governing body and the appeal board stating fully the reasons for doing so.

(b) If the final construction plans contain changes in access or traffic capacity or require additional acquisition of permanent right-of-way from the final layout reviewed by the appeal board or the governing body, the commissioner shall resubmit the portion of the final construction plans that shows the changes, to the governing body for its approval or disapproval under section 161.164, subdivision 2.

Subd. 4. Action on disapproved final layout. (a) If, within 60 days, the appeal board recommends disapproval of the final layout, the commissioner may either:

(1) decide not to proceed with the project; or

(2) prepare final construction plans substantially similar to the final layout referred to the appeal board, notify the governing body and the appeal board, and proceed with the project. Before proceeding with the project, the commissioner shall file a written report with the governing body and the appeal board stating fully the reasons for doing so.

(b) If the final construction plans contain changes in access or traffic capacity or require additional acquisition of permanent right-of-way from the final layout reviewed by the appeal board or the governing body, the commissioner shall resubmit the portion of the final construction plans that shows the changes, to the governing body for its approval or disapproval under section 161.164, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. Final construction plans issued. The commissioner shall send a complete set of final construction plans to the municipality at least 45 days before the bid opening for informational purposes.

History: 2001 c 191 s 6

161.166 COMMISSIONER ACTION; OTHER HIGHWAYS.

Subdivision 1. Applicability. This section applies to trunk highways that are not interstate highways.

Subd. 2. Action on approved final layout. If the appeal board recommends approval of the final layout or does not submit its findings or recommendations within 60 days of the hearing, in which case the final layout is deemed approved, the commissioner may prepare substantially similar final construction plans and proceed with the project. If the final construction plans change access or traffic capacity or require additional acquisition of right-of-way from the final layout approved by the appeal board, the commissioner shall submit the portion of the final construction plan that shows the changes, to the governing body for its approval or disapproval under section 161.164, subdivision 2.

Subd. 3. **Action on final layout approved with changes.** (a) If the appeal board approves the final layout with modifications, the commissioner may:

(1) prepare final construction plans including the modifications, notify the governing body, and proceed with the project;

(2) decide not to proceed with the project; or

(3) prepare a new final layout and resubmit it to the governing body for approval or disapproval under section 161.164, subdivision 2.

(b) If the final construction plans contain changes in access or traffic capacity or require additional acquisition of permanent right-of-way from the final layout reviewed by the appeal board or the governing body, the commissioner shall resubmit the portion of the final construction plans that shows the changes, to the governing body for its approval or disapproval under section 161.164, subdivision 2.

Subd. 4. **Action on disapproved final layout.** If the appeal board disapproves the final layout, the commissioner may:

(1) decide not to proceed with the project; or

(2) prepare a new final layout and submit it to the governing body for approval or disapproval under section 161.164, subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. **Final construction plans issued.** The commissioner shall send a complete set of final construction plans to the municipality at least 45 days before the bid opening for informational purposes.

History: 2001 c 191 s 7; 2020 c 83 art 1 s 51

161.167 REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES.

Members of the appeal board shall submit to the commissioner an itemized list of the expenses incurred in disposing of matters presented to them. The appeal board members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses incurred by them in the performance of their duties. The commissioner shall pay these costs out of the trunk highway fund.

History: 2001 c 191 s 8

161.168 MS 2008 [Renumbered 161.475]

161.17 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.17 MS 2000 [Repealed, 2001 c 191 s 9]

161.171 MS 2000 [Repealed, 2001 c 191 s 9]

161.172 MS 2000 [Repealed, 2001 c 191 s 9]

161.173 MS 2000 [Repealed, 2001 c 191 s 9]

161.174 MS 2000 [Repealed, 2001 c 191 s 9]

161.175 MS 2000 [Repealed, 2001 c 191 s 9]

161.176 MS 2000 [Repealed, 2001 c 191 s 9]

161.177 MS 2000 [Repealed, 2001 c 191 s 9]

161.178 TRANSPORTATION GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACT ASSESSMENT.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Applicable entity" means the commissioner with respect to a project or portfolio for inclusion in the state transportation improvement program or a metropolitan planning organization with respect to a project or portfolio for inclusion in the appropriate metropolitan transportation improvement program.

(c) "Assessment" means the impact assessment under this section.

(d) "Capacity expansion project" means a project for trunk highway construction or reconstruction that:

(1) is a major highway project, as defined in section 174.56, subdivision 1, paragraph (b); and

(2) adds highway traffic capacity or provides for grade separation of motor vehicle traffic at an intersection, excluding auxiliary lanes with a length of less than 2,500 feet.

(e) "Greenhouse gas emissions" includes those emissions described in section 216H.01, subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **Project or portfolio assessment.** (a) Prior to inclusion of a project or portfolio in the state transportation improvement program or in a metropolitan transportation improvement program, the applicable entity must perform an impact assessment of the project or portfolio. Following the assessment, the applicable entity must determine if the project or portfolio is proportionally in conformance with:

(1) the greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets under section 174.01, subdivision 3; and

(2) the vehicle miles traveled reduction targets established in the statewide multimodal transportation plan under section 174.03, subdivision 1a.

(b) If the applicable entity determines that the project or portfolio is not in conformance with paragraph (a), the applicable entity must:

(1) alter the scope or design of the project or any number of projects, add or remove one or more projects from the portfolio, or undertake a combination, and subsequently perform a revised assessment that meets the requirements under this section;

(2) interlink sufficient impact mitigation as provided in subdivision 4; or

(3) halt project development and disallow inclusion of the project or portfolio in the appropriate transportation improvement program.

Subd. 2a. **Applicable projects.** (a) For purposes of this section:

(1) prior to the date established under paragraph (b), a project or portfolio is a capacity expansion project; and

(2) on and after the date established under paragraph (b), a project or portfolio is a capacity expansion project or a collection of trunk highway and multimodal projects for a fiscal year and specific region.

(b) The commissioner must establish a date to implement impact assessments on the basis of assessing a portfolio or program of projects instead of on a project-by-project basis. The date must be:

(1) August 1, 2027, which applies to projects that first enter the appropriate transportation improvement program for fiscal year 2031 or a subsequent year; or

(2) as established by the commissioner, if the commissioner:

(i) consults with metropolitan planning organizations;

(ii) prioritizes and makes reasonable efforts to meet the date under clause (1) or an earlier date;

(iii) determines that the date established under this clause is the earliest practicable in which the necessary models and tools are sufficient for analysis under this section; and

(iv) submits a notice to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance, which must identify the date established and summarize the efforts under item (ii) and the determination under item (iii).

Subd. 3. **Assessment requirements.** (a) The commissioner must establish a process to implement the requirements under this section, which includes:

(1) any necessary policies, procedures, manuals, and technical specifications;

(2) procedures to perform an impact assessment that provide for the determination under subdivision 2;

(3) in consultation with the technical advisory committee under section 161.1782, criteria for identification of a capacity expansion project; and

(4) related data reporting from local units of government on local multimodal transportation systems and local project impacts on greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled.

(b) Analysis under an assessment must include but is not limited to estimates resulting from a project or portfolio for the following:

(1) greenhouse gas emissions over a period of 20 years;

(2) a net change in vehicle miles traveled for the affected network; and

(3) impacts to trunk highways and related impacts to local road systems, on a local, regional, or statewide basis, as appropriate.

Subd. 4. **Impact mitigation; interlinking.** (a) To provide for impact mitigation, the applicable entity must interlink the project or portfolio as provided in this subdivision.

(b) Impact mitigation is sufficient under subdivision 2, paragraph (b), if the project or portfolio is interlinked to offset actions such that the total greenhouse gas emissions reduction from the offset actions, after accounting for the greenhouse gas emissions otherwise resulting from the project or portfolio, is consistent with meeting the targets specified under subdivision 2, paragraph (a). Each comparison under this paragraph must be performed over equal comparison periods.

(c) An offset action consists of a project, program, operations modification, or mitigation plan in one or more of the following areas:

(1) transit expansion, including but not limited to regular route bus, arterial bus rapid transit, highway bus rapid transit, rail transit, and intercity passenger rail;

(2) transit service improvements, including but not limited to increased service level, transit fare reduction, and transit priority treatments;

(3) active transportation infrastructure;

(4) micromobility infrastructure and service, including but not limited to shared vehicle services;

(5) transportation demand management, including but not limited to vanpool and shared vehicle programs, remote work, and broadband access expansion;

(6) parking management, including but not limited to parking requirements reduction or elimination and parking cost adjustments;

(7) land use, including but not limited to residential and other density increases, mixed-use development, and transit-oriented development;

(8) infrastructure improvements related to traffic operations, including but not limited to roundabouts and reduced conflict intersections;

(9) natural systems, including but not limited to prairie restoration, reforestation, and urban green space; and

(10) as specified by the commissioner in the manner provided under paragraph (e).

(d) An offset action may be identified as interlinked to the project or portfolio if:

(1) there is a specified project, program, modification, or mitigation plan;

(2) the necessary funding sources are identified and sufficient amounts are committed;

(3) the mitigation is localized as provided in subdivision 5; and

(4) procedures are established to ensure that the mitigation action remains in substantially the same form or a revised form that continues to meet the calculation under paragraph (b).

(e) The commissioner may authorize additional offset actions under paragraph (c) if:

(1) the offset action is reviewed and recommended by the technical advisory committee under section 161.1782; and

(2) the commissioner determines that the offset action is directly related to reduction in the transportation sector of greenhouse gas emissions or vehicle miles traveled.

Subd. 5. Impact mitigation; localization. (a) An offset action under subdivision 4 must be localized in the following priority order:

(1) if the offset action is for one project, within or associated with at least one of the communities impacted by the project;

(2) if clause (1) does not apply or there is not a reasonably feasible location under clause (1), in areas of persistent poverty or historically disadvantaged communities, as measured and defined in federal law, guidance, and notices of funding opportunity;

(3) if there is not a reasonably feasible location under clauses (1) and (2), in the region of the project or portfolio; or

(4) if there is not a reasonably feasible location under clauses (1) to (3), on a statewide basis.

(b) The applicable entity must include an explanation regarding the feasibility and rationale for each mitigation action located under paragraph (a), clauses (2) to (4).

Subd. 6. **Public information.** The commissioner must publish information regarding impact assessments on the department's website. The information must include:

(1) for each project evaluated separately under this section, identification of the project;

(2) for each project evaluated separately, a summary that includes an overview of the assessment, the impact determination by the commissioner, and project disposition, including a review of any offset actions;

(3) for each portfolio of projects, an overview of the projects, the impact determination by the commissioner, and a summary of any offset actions;

(4) a review of any interpretation of or additions to offset actions under subdivision 4;

(5) identification of the date established by the commissioner under subdivision 2a, paragraph (b); and

(6) a summary of the activities of the technical advisory committee under section 161.1782, including but not limited to any findings or recommendations made by the advisory committee.

Subd. 7. **Safety and well-being.** The requirements of this section are in addition to and must not supplant the safety and well-being goals established under section 174.01, subdivision 2, clauses (1) and (2).

Subd. 8. **Transportation impact assessment and mitigation account.** (a) A transportation impact assessment and mitigation account is established in the special revenue fund. The account consists of funds provided by law and any other money donated, allotted, transferred, or otherwise provided to the account.

(b) Money in the account is annually appropriated to the commissioner and must only be expended on activities described or required under this section. In determining expenditures from the account, the commissioner must include prioritization for offset actions interlinked to trunk highway projects that reduce traffic fatalities or severe injuries.

History: 2023 c 68 art 4 s 28; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 14

NOTE: This section, as added by Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 4, section 28, is effective February 1, 2025. Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 4, section 28, the effective date.

NOTE: The amendment to this section by Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 3, section 14, is effective February 1, 2025, except that subdivision 8 is effective July 1, 2024. Laws 2024, chapter 127, article 3, section 14, the effective date.

161.1782 TRANSPORTATION IMPACT ASSESSMENT; TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Advisory committee" means the technical advisory committee established in this section.

(c) "Project or portfolio" is as provided in section 161.178.

Subd. 2. **Establishment.** The commissioner must establish a technical advisory committee to assist in implementation review related to the requirements under section 161.178.

Subd. 3. **Membership; appointments.** The advisory committee is composed of the following members:

- (1) one member from the Department of Transportation, appointed by the commissioner of transportation;
- (2) one member from the Pollution Control Agency, appointed by the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency;
- (3) one member from the Metropolitan Council, appointed by the chair of the Metropolitan Council;
- (4) one member from the Center for Transportation Studies, appointed by the president of the University of Minnesota;
- (5) one member representing metropolitan planning organizations outside the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, appointed by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations; and
- (6) up to four members who are not employees of the state, with no more than two who are employees of a political subdivision, appointed by the commissioner of transportation.

Subd. 4. **Membership; requirements.** (a) To be eligible for appointment to the advisory committee, an individual must have experience or expertise sufficient to provide assistance in implementation or technical review related to the requirements under section 161.178. Each appointing authority must consider appointment of individuals with expertise in travel demand modeling, emissions modeling, traffic forecasting, land use planning, or transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions assessment and analysis. In appointing the members under subdivision 3, clause (6), the commissioner must also consider technical expertise in other relevant areas, which may include but is not limited to public health or natural systems management.

(b) Members of the advisory committee serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Vacancies must be filled by the appointing authority.

Subd. 5. **Duties.** The advisory committee must assist the commissioner in implementation of the requirements under section 161.178, including to:

- (1) perform technical review and validation of processes and methodologies used for impact assessment and impact mitigation;
- (2) review and make recommendations on:
 - (i) impact assessment requirements;
 - (ii) models and tools for impact assessment;
 - (iii) methods to determine sufficiency of impact mitigation;
 - (iv) procedures for interlinking a project or portfolio to impact mitigation; and
 - (v) reporting and data collection;
- (3) advise on the approach used to determine the area of influence for a project or portfolio for a geographic or transportation network area;
- (4) develop recommendations on any clarifications, modifications, or additions to the offset actions authorized under section 161.178, subdivision 4; and
- (5) perform other analyses or activities as requested by the commissioner.

Subd. 6. **Administration.** (a) The commissioner must provide administrative support to the advisory committee. Upon request, the commissioner must provide information and technical support to the advisory committee.

(b) Members of the advisory committee are not eligible for compensation under this section.

(c) The advisory committee is subject to the Minnesota Data Practices Act under chapter 13 and to the Minnesota Open Meeting Law under chapter 13D.

History: 2024 c 127 art 3 s 15

ACQUISITIONS; DUTIES AND POWERS

161.18 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.18 PRIOR EASEMENTS VEST IN STATE.

When any road or highway, including any city street or portion thereof, is taken over by the state as a trunk highway, the state as to any such road, street, or highway or portion thereof, without compensation paid therefor, shall be vested with all rights, titles, easements, and appurtenances thereto appertaining, held by or vested in any of the political subdivisions of the state prior to the time such road, street, or highway is taken over by the state.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 18; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7

161.19 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.19 CERTAIN RECORDS OBTAINED AND FILED.

Upon the written request of the commissioner the court administrator of any court, the auditor of any county, the clerk of any town, or the recorder or clerk of any city shall furnish a copy of the proceedings, documents, and plats, if any, relating to the establishment of any road or the procuring of the right-of-way of any road which has been or may be taken over by the state of Minnesota as a trunk highway. The copy shall be filed in the records of the commissioner and shall be prima facie evidence of the existence of the road as described therein. The legal fee for the copies shall be paid from the trunk highway fund.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 19; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 1 s 82

161.20 GENERAL POWERS OF COMMISSIONER.

Subdivision 1. **Provisions of constitution.** The commissioner shall carry out the provisions of article 14, section 2, of the Constitution of the state of Minnesota.

Subd. 2. **Property acquisition; agreements and contracts.** (a) The commissioner is authorized:

(1) to acquire by purchase, gift, or by eminent domain proceedings as provided by law, in fee or such lesser estate as the commissioner deems necessary, all lands and properties necessary in preserving future trunk highway corridors or in laying out, constructing, maintaining, and improving the trunk highway system including recreational vehicle lanes; to locate, construct, reconstruct, improve, and maintain the trunk highway system; to purchase all road material, machinery, tools, and supplies necessary for the construction, maintenance, and improvement thereof; to construct necessary buildings, or rent or acquire by purchase, gift, or condemnation, grounds and buildings necessary for the storing and housing of such material,

machinery, tools, and supplies or necessary for office space for employees; to maintain, repair, or remodel such buildings as may be necessary;

(2) to acquire by purchase, gift, or condemnation, replacement sites for historically significant buildings or structures and to relocate these buildings or structures onto those sites, reconstructing and maintaining them until disposed of through public sale to the highest responsible bidder;

(3) to make agreements with any county for the relocation or reestablishment, by the county, of section, quarter section, or meander corners originally established by the United States, when such relocation or reestablishment is necessary in order to write land acquisition descriptions or by reason of the construction, reconstruction, improvement, or maintenance of a trunk highway;

(4) to contract on an equitable basis with railroad companies for the installation and reinstallation of safety devices at trunk highway-railroad grade crossings, and for the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of bridges and approaches existing or necessary for the separation of grades at railroad and trunk highway intersections; and

(5) in carrying out duties, to let all necessary contracts in the manner prescribed by law.

(b) The commissioner may make agreements with and cooperate with any governmental authority for the purpose of effectuating the provisions of this chapter.

Subd. 3. Trunk highway fund appropriations. The commissioner may expend trunk highway funds only for trunk highway purposes. Payment of expenses related to Bureau of Criminal Apprehension laboratory, Explore Minnesota Tourism kiosks, Minnesota Safety Council, driver education programs, Emergency Medical Services Board, Mississippi River Parkway Commission, payments to the Department of Information Technology Services in excess of actual costs incurred for trunk highway purposes, and personnel costs incurred on behalf of the Governor's Office do not further a highway purpose and do not aid in the construction, improvement, or maintenance of the highway system.

[See Note.]

Subd. 4. Debt collection. The commissioner shall make reasonable and businesslike efforts to collect money owed for licenses, fines, penalties, and permit fees or arising from damages to state-owned property or other causes related to the activities of the Department of Transportation. The commissioner may contract for debt collection services for the purpose of collecting a money judgment or legal indebtedness. The commissioner may enter into an agreement with the commissioner of public safety to use debt collection services authorized by this subdivision when civil penalties relating to the use of highways have been reduced to money judgment. Money received as full or partial payment shall be deposited to the appropriate fund. When money is collected through contracted services, the commissioner may make payment for the service from the money collected. The amount necessary for payment of contractual collection costs is appropriated from the fund in which money so collected is deposited.

Subd. 5. Acceptance of private funds. Notwithstanding sections 16A.013 to 16A.016, the commissioner may accept on behalf of the state, gifts, grants, or contributions for purposes pertaining to the activities of the department. Funds received under this subdivision must be deposited in the trunk highway fund and are annually appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose for which they are given.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 20; 1965 c 505 s 1; 1973 c 620 s 2; 1976 c 2 s 172; 1982 c 641 art 1 s 3; 1984 c 417 s 13; 1984 c 558 art 5 s 1; 1985 c 299 s 2; 1988 c 698 s 2; 1991 c 339 s 3; 2000 c 479 art 2 s 4; 2002 c 364 s 5; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50; 1Sp2003 c 19 art 2 s 9; 2004 c 171 s 18; 2009 c 36 art 3 s 3; 2013 c 117 art 3 s 2; 2014 c 227 art 1 s 4; 2021 c 31 art 2 s 16; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 151

NOTE: Subdivision 3 is repealed by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 151, effective July 1, 2025. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 151, the effective date.

161.201 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

161.202 REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC LANDS.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them:

(a) "Public lands" means any lands, except streets, roads, or bridges owned by any subdivision of government, including but not limited to, the property of school districts, however organized, towns, cities, municipalities, counties, and any board or commission of any thereof, and public corporations created by the laws of this state.

(b) "Affected agency" means any governing body of any subdivision of government which owns public lands, and shall include any agency, board, or commission charged with the administration of such lands.

(c) "Cost of replacement" means the amount paid by any affected agency to purchase and develop lands to replace public lands acquired for the purpose of constructing or improving trunk highways.

Subd. 2. **Replacement of acquired public lands.** Whenever it has been determined that the commissioner of transportation is to acquire any public lands for the construction or improvement of a federally aided state trunk highway, including urban extensions thereof, the commissioner may, and in the case of parks shall, upon the request of the affected agency, authorize the affected agency to replace the same within a reasonable time by gift, purchase, or condemnation if granted the power of eminent domain by law. The replacement lands to be acquired by the affected agency shall be designated in an agreement entered into between any affected agencies and the commissioner. Such replacement lands shall be a functional replacement which shall consist of but not be limited to land substantially equal in acreage, use, interest, or estate in the lands to be acquired from the affected agency. If the parties are unable to agree on the designation of the replacement lands, the parties may agree to submit to an arbiter or the district court the issue of which replacement lands proposed by the parties is a functional replacement for the lands to be acquired from the affected agency. After the completion of the acquisition of the replacement lands by the affected agency the cost of replacement shall be ascertained and paid by the state from any funds available for the acquisition of lands.

Subd. 3. **Lump-sum settlements.** The commissioner of transportation may enter into agreements with an affected agency for the replacement of public lands providing for the payment by the state of a lump sum based on the estimated cost of replacement when the lump sum so agreed upon, which shall be irrevocable, does not exceed \$50,000.

Subd. 4. **Acquiring replacement lands for affected agency.** When the affected agency is unable to acquire the replacement lands, or if the acquisition of such lands by the affected agency would result in undue delay in the completion of the highway project, upon a request of an affected agency which shall include a recommendation as to the replacement land to be acquired within its jurisdiction, the commissioner of transportation by gift, purchase, or condemnation proceedings, may acquire the designated replacement lands if the commissioner deems that the acquisition would reduce the cost to the state of the highway project and would otherwise be in the public interest. The affected agency shall relinquish to the commissioner its interests in the lands required for the highway project upon its completion of the acquisition of the replacement lands or upon conveyance by the commissioner to the affected agency of the replacement lands designated in the agreement between the affected agency and the commissioner. The commissioner shall convey the lands or interests designated in the agreement to the affected agency.

Subd. 5. **Compensation for damage to improvements.** The affected agency, unless otherwise provided for in the agreement, by the acceptance of the replacement lands, shall not be deemed to have waived its right to compensation for the total of the damage to improvements.

History: 1969 c 968 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1983 c 143 s 2; 1986 c 444

161.203 MS 2020 [Repealed, 2022 c 55 art 1 s 187]

161.21 STUDIES.

Subdivision 1. **Location and design of highways.** The commissioner may make or cause to be made such studies and investigations as the commissioner deems necessary for the purpose of determining the most advantageous location and design of trunk highways from the standpoint of both present and future traffic needs, and in making such determinations the commissioner may take into consideration the probable future development of both urban and rural areas and the effect of such development on future traffic needs as indicated by such studies and investigations and the location and design with respect to bikeway establishment.

Subd. 2. **Cooperation with other governmental units.** Such studies and investigations may also be carried out by the commissioner in cooperation with any governmental authority or agency of this state or of any other state, the federal government or any of its agency, including the National Academy of Sciences, whenever federal law or federal rules and regulations require such studies in order for Minnesota to receive federal aid.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 21; 1963 c 115 s 1; 1973 c 620 s 3; 1986 c 444; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 25

161.22 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

161.23 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.23 EXCESS ACQUISITION.

Subdivision 1. **Acquisition of entire tract.** On determining that it is necessary to acquire any interest in a part of a tract or parcel of real estate for trunk highway purposes, the commissioner of transportation may acquire in fee, with the written consent of the owner or owners thereof, by purchase, gift, or condemnation the whole or such additional parts of such tract or parcel as the commissioner deems to be in the best interests of the state. Any owner or owners consenting to such excess acquisition may withdraw the consent at any time prior to the award of commissioners in the case of condemnation proceedings, or at any time prior to payment in the case of purchase. In the event of withdrawal the commissioner shall dismiss from the condemnation proceedings the portion of the tract in excess of what is needed for highway purposes.

Subd. 2. **Conveyance of excess.** (a) On acquiring real estate in excess of what is needed for trunk highway purposes as authorized in subdivision 1, the commissioner of transportation shall, within one year after the completion of the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of the highway for which a portion of the real estate was needed and required, convey and quitclaim the excess real estate.

(b) The excess real estate may be sold and conveyed to the owner of the land abutting upon the excess real estate in the same manner and under the same terms provided under section 161.44, subdivision 2, or to the highest responsible bidder, after receipt of sealed bids following mailed notice to adjacent landowners and published notice of the sale for three successive weeks in a newspaper or trade journal of general circulation in the territory from which bids are likely to be received. All bids may be rejected and new bids received upon like advertisement.

(c) If the lands remain unsold after being offered for sale, the commissioner may offer the remaining lands to any person who agrees to pay the minimum bid established for the public sale. The sale must continue until all eligible lands have been sold or the commissioner withdraws the remaining lands from the sale. The lands to be sold must be listed on the department's unsold property inventory list.

(d) The deed may contain restrictive clauses limiting the use of such real estate in the interests of safety and convenient public travel when the commissioner finds that the restrictions are reasonably necessary.

Subd. 2a. **Services of licensed real estate broker.** If the lands remain unsold after being offered for sale to the highest bidder, the commissioner may retain the services of a licensed real estate broker to find a buyer. The sale price may be negotiated by the broker, but must not be less than 80 percent of the appraised market value as determined by the commissioner. The broker's fee must be established by prior agreement between the commissioner and the broker, and must not exceed ten percent of the sale price for sales of \$10,000 or more. The broker's fee must be paid to the broker from the proceeds of the sale.

Subd. 3. **Leasing; proceeds allocated.** The commissioner may lease for the term between the acquisition and sale thereof and for a fair rental rate and upon such terms and conditions as the commissioner deems proper, any excess real estate acquired under this section, and any real estate acquired in fee for trunk highway purposes and not presently needed for those purposes. All rents received from the leases must be paid into the state treasury. Seventy percent of the rents must be credited to the trunk highway fund. The remaining 30 percent must be paid to the county treasurer where the real estate is located, and distributed in the same manner as real estate taxes. This subdivision does not apply to real estate leased for the purpose of providing commercial and public service advertising pursuant to agreements as provided in sections 160.272 to 160.276 or to fees collected under section 174.70, subdivision 2.

Subd. 4. **Limitation on construction of section.** Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prevent the commissioner from acquiring lands, real estate, or interests in lands or real estate necessary for trunk highway purposes, without the consent of the owner or owners thereof.

Subd. 5. **Receipts paid into trunk highway fund.** Money received from the sale of such lands and properties less any fee paid under subdivision 2a must be paid into the trunk highway fund.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 23; 1973 c 544 s 1; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1980 c 494 s 6; 1980 c 533 s 7; 1985 c 108 s 1-3; 1986 c 444; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 16; 2004 c 295 art 2 s 11,15; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 20,21

161.231 APPROPRIATION; PROCEEDS FROM STATE PROPERTY.

There is appropriated annually from the fund or account in the state treasury to which the money from the sale, lease, conveyance, or disposal of state property is credited a sufficient amount of money to carry out the state's obligations under the provisions of sections 15.16, 117.135, 117.226, 161.16, 161.202, 161.23, subdivision 3, 161.24, 161.241, 161.43, 161.433, 161.44, 161.442, and 272.68, subdivision 3, including the inventorying, marketing, and property management activities required to sell, lease, rent, permit, convey, or otherwise dispose of the land or the interest in the land. At the discretion of the commissioner of transportation, money in the account at the end of each biennium may cancel to the trunk highway fund.

History: Ex1971 c 3 s 75; 2015 c 75 art 2 s 8

EFFECTS OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

161.24 MS 1957 [Repealed, 1959 c 500 art 6 s 13]

161.24 CHANGES REQUIRED BY CONSTRUCTION OF TRUNK HIGHWAY.

Subdivision 1. **Grade at intersections.** When the construction or reconstruction of a trunk highway results in a change of grade which necessitates a change of grade in intersecting or connecting highways or streets, including city streets, the cost of making the grade changes and any damages occasioned thereby shall be paid out of the trunk highway fund.

Subd. 2. **Relocation of highway.** When in the judgment of the commissioner, the establishment, construction, or reconstruction of a trunk highway requires, in the interest of safety or convenient public travel, a change in the location of any highway or street, including a city street, the commissioner may make the needed change in location after obtaining the approval of the road authority having jurisdiction over such highway or street. The cost of the change in location and any damages occasioned thereby shall be paid out of the trunk highway fund. All lands necessary therefor may be acquired by purchase, gift or condemnation. The highway or street as changed shall be the legally designated location thereof until otherwise changed as provided by law, and the maintenance and care of the highway or street shall be the responsibility of the road authority having jurisdiction thereof.

Subd. 3. **Detours during construction.** On determining, during construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of a trunk highway, that it is impractical to provide crossovers within the trunk highway limits for local highways or city streets designated for and carrying traffic of five tons or more per axle, and that it is necessary to provide a detour outside the limits of the trunk highway for traffic using such local highways or streets to meet local traffic needs, the commissioner may, upon request of the local road authority, expend trunk highway funds on the most practical detour to the extent necessary to provide a route reasonably adequate to carry such detoured traffic. The commissioner may provide temporary traffic-control devices on such detours as the commissioner deems necessary.

Subd. 4. **Access to isolated property.** When the establishment, construction, or reconstruction of a trunk highway closes off any other highway or street, including a city street, private road, or entrance at the boundary of the trunk highway, the commissioner may, in mitigation of damages or in the interest of safety and convenient public travel, construct a road either within or outside the limits of the trunk highway, connecting the closed-off highway, street, private road, or entrance with another public highway. In determining whether to build the road within or outside the limits of the trunk highway, the commissioner may take into consideration economy to the state and local traffic needs. The commissioner, in mitigation of damages, may connect the closed-off private road with the remaining portion of the private road or with another private road. All lands necessary for connecting a highway, street, private road, or entrance to another public highway or for connecting a closed-off private road to the remaining portion of a private road or to another private road, may be acquired by purchase, gift, or condemnation. Notwithstanding section 161.23, 161.43, 161.431, or 161.44, the commissioner may convey and quitclaim a fee title or easement held or owned by the state in land used to construct a road to connect the closed-off highway, street, entrance, or private road with another public highway or to reconnect the private road to the property served by the road.

Subd. 5. **Maintenance of roads outside trunk highway.** Any road so constructed outside the limits of the trunk highway shall be maintained by the road authority having jurisdiction over the highway or street closed off. Any private road constructed outside the limits of the trunk highway connecting the private road with a public highway shall be the responsibility of the property owners or owners served thereby.

Subd. 6. **Agreements.** The commissioner and the road authority affected may enter into agreements upon such terms as may be agreed upon, to provide for the construction of such grade changes, changes in location, detours, or connecting roads.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 24; 1961 c 577 s 1; 1963 c 336 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1986 c 444; 2001 c 213 s 6

161.241 RELOCATION OF RAILROAD TRACKS, ACQUISITION OF LAND.

Subdivision 1. **Acquisition.** Whenever the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of a trunk highway will require the acquisition by the state of lands or interests in lands owned by a railroad company, and will require the railroad company to relocate its tracks in order to provide right-of-way for the trunk highway, the commissioner of transportation may either reimburse the railroad company for replacement lands including all reasonable costs directly related to acquiring the replacement lands, necessary for relocation of its tracks or may acquire, by purchase, gift, or eminent domain proceedings, the lands or interests in lands necessary for the relocation of such tracks. Such acquisition is deemed to be for a trunk highway purpose. The commissioner and the railroad company shall mutually agree whether the replacement lands will be provided by the commissioner or acquired by the railroad company.

Subd. 2. **Agreement.** The lands to be acquired from the railroad company, and the lands necessary for the relocation of the railroad tracks to be acquired by the state, shall be described in a voluntary agreement between the railroad company and the commissioner. Such agreement shall set forth the consideration to be paid for the lands involved. The consideration may be an even exchange of land if the market value is equal, or there may be money payment or services to be rendered by one party or the other to the agreement in addition to the exchange of land, depending on the relative market values of the lands involved. Any money paid to the state shall be credited to the trunk highway fund.

Subd. 3. **Form of conveyance.** The commissioner shall convey to the railroad company, by quitclaim deed, lands or interests in lands acquired by the state pursuant to the provisions of subdivisions 1 to 3.

Subd. 4. **Highway lands no longer needed.** The commissioner shall convey to a railroad company, by quitclaim deed, lands owned by the state in fee for trunk highway purposes, but no longer needed for such purposes, when the lands are needed by a railroad company for the relocation of its tracks which is required by the construction, reconstruction, or improvement of a trunk highway. The consideration must be set forth in a voluntary agreement between the railroad company and the commissioner of transportation and must be as provided in subdivision 2.

Subd. 5. MS 1974 [Repealed, 1976 c 163 s 63]

History: 1963 c 704 s 1-3; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1983 c 143 s 3,4; 2003 c 102 s 1

JUNK YARDS BY HIGHWAYS

161.242 JUNK YARD ACT.

Subdivision 1. **Legislative findings and purpose.** It is hereby found that the operation of motor vehicle, agricultural, construction machinery or other junk yards adjacent to the trunk highways on which motor vehicles are operated is a distracting influence on drivers, thereby impairing the public safety; and that junk yards are unsightly, thus impairing the public investment in such highways. It is hereby found and declared that in the interest of and to promote the public safety, to protect the public investment in such highways,

and to preserve natural beauty, it is necessary to regulate the operation of junk yards on lands adjacent to the trunk highways of the state.

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the terms defined in this subdivision have the meanings given them.

(b) "Automobile graveyard" means any establishment or place of business which is maintained, used, or operated for storing, keeping, buying, or selling wrecked, scrapped, ruined, or dismantled motor vehicles or motor vehicle parts.

(c) "Dealer" means any person, partnership, or corporation engaged in the operation of a junk yard.

(d) "Hazard signs" means signs listed in the Minnesota drivers' manual published by the Department of Public Safety, signs required by the State Fire Code, and other signs related to road or fire hazards and approved for use by the state or a political subdivision.

(e) "Industrial activities" means those activities permitted only in industrial zones, or in less restrictive zones by the nearest zoning authority within the state, or prohibited by said authority but generally recognized as industrial by other zoning authorities within the state, except that none of the following shall be considered industrial activities:

(1) outdoor advertising devices as defined in section 173.02, subdivision 16;

(2) agricultural, forestry, ranching, grazing, farming and related activities, including, but not limited to, wayside fresh produce stands;

(3) activities normally and regularly in operation less than three months of the year;

(4) activities not visible from the traffic lanes of the main-traveled way;

(5) activities conducted in a building principally used as a residence;

(6) railroad tracks, minor sidings, and passenger depots; or

(7) junk yards, as defined in paragraph (g).

(f) "Junk" means old or scrap hazard signs, copper, brass, rope, rags, batteries, paper, synthetic or organic, trash, rubber debris, waste, or junked, dismantled, or wrecked automobiles or farm or construction machinery or parts thereof, iron, steel, and other old or scrap ferrous or nonferrous material.

(g) "Junk yard" means an establishment, place of business, or place of storage or deposit, which is maintained, operated, or used for storing, keeping, buying, or selling junk, or for the maintenance or operation of an automobile graveyard, and shall include garbage dumps and sanitary fills not regulated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, any of which are wholly or partly within one-half mile of any right-of-way of any state trunk highway, including the interstate highways, whether maintained in connection with another business or not, where the waste, body, or discarded material stored is equal in bulk to five or more motor vehicles and which are to be resold for used parts or old iron, metal, glass, or other discarded material.

(h) "Unzoned industrial area" means the land occupied by the regularly used building, parking lot, storage or processing area of an industrial activity, and the land within 1,000 feet thereof which is located on the same side of the highway as the principal part of said activity, and not predominantly used for residential or commercial purposes, and not zoned by state or local law, regulation or ordinance.

Subd. 3. Unauthorized junk yards prohibited. (a) A junk yard may not exist or be operated outside a zoned or unzoned industrial area, including those located on public lands, unless it is screened to effectively conceal it from the view of motorists using the highway. The screening required by this section may be effected by trees, shrubs, or foliage, natural objects, fences or other appropriate means as determined by standards established by the commissioner. Plantings that will eventually achieve effective screening shall be acceptable. Plantings shall be used in connection with any fence or other nonnatural screening device.

(b) A portion of a junk yard that cannot be effectively screened must be removed or relocated under the provisions of this section. A junk yard lawfully existing along a highway that is made a part of the trunk highway system after January 1, 1975, and becomes nonconforming thereby shall be effectively screened or removed or relocated within four years. Any junk yard that comes into existence after July 1, 1971 that does not conform to this section, or that becomes nonconforming after July 1, 1971, or that becomes nonconforming after action by the commissioner pursuant to this section, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance and illegal, and the commissioner may enter upon the land where the junk yard is located and may screen the same, or may relocate or dispose of the junk yard after 90 days' notice to the owner or dealer thereof, if known, or to the owner of the land. In this event, no compensation shall be paid to the owner or dealer or owner of the land, and the commissioner may recover the cost of screening, removal, relocation or disposal from the owner or dealer, if known, or from the owner of the land upon which the junk yard is located. Any costs recovered by the commissioner shall be deposited in the general fund.

(c) None of the articles commonly found in junk yards shall be allowed to remain on the grounds for more than 24 hours unless within the buildings or the properly screened area as provided herein, nor shall any junk in any junk yard be allowed to extend above existing or planned screening so as to be visible from the highway.

Subd. 4. Authority; enforcement. The commissioner shall screen junk yards when required by this section at locations on the right-of-way of the highway or on lands within 1,000 feet of the right-of-way and shall pay for the costs thereof. If screening is not feasible because of economic or topographic reasons, the commissioner shall secure the removal, relocation or disposal of such junk yard by sale, agreement, or other means, and pay for the costs thereof. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this section, if a junk yard exists within one-half mile of the right-of-way of any trunk highway and is visible from the highway, the commissioner may acquire easements for screening purposes up to one-half mile from the edge of the right-of-way of the highway. The commissioner shall acquire such rights and interest in property, personal or real, necessary to carry out the purposes of this section by purchase, gift, or eminent domain proceedings and shall pay just compensation therefor.

Subd. 5. Penalty. The owner or dealer of any junk yard which is declared a public nuisance and illegal under subdivision 3, paragraph (b), or who violates any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day such a condition exists is a separate offense.

Subd. 6. Agreements with United States. The commissioner is authorized to do all things necessary, including, but not limited to, entering into agreements with the United States or any of its agencies or departments as provided in United States Code, title 23, section 136, with respect to control of junk yards, or any other applicable federal statute, and the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, to accomplish the purposes of this section and to take such action as may be necessary to obtain all available federal money therefor.

Subd. 6a. Hazard signs must be accepted. A dealer shall accept hazard signs only from a properly identified elected official or employee of the state or a political subdivision, who is acting within the scope of the person's official duties. A dealer is not required to pay or otherwise compensate any person or

organization for taking possession of a hazard sign and is not required to take possession at a place away from the site of the dealer's junk yard.

Subd. 7. **Other regulation allowed.** Nothing in this section shall be construed to limit any right, power or authority to regulate more strictly and control the erection or maintenance of junk yards under the provisions of any other law of this state.

Subd. 8. **Citation.** This section is the Junk Yard Act.

Subd. 9. [Unnecessary]

History: 1965 c 674 s 1-6; 1971 c 881 s 1; 1973 c 35 s 35; 1974 c 483 s 9; 1975 c 266 s 1; 1981 c 357 s 50; 1984 c 654 art 3 s 54,55; 1991 c 197 s 2,3; 2022 c 55 art 1 s 46

HIGHWAY LOCATION, SPECIAL SITUATIONS

161.25 TEMPORARY TRUNK HIGHWAY DETOUR; HAUL ROAD.

If, for the purpose of constructing or maintaining any trunk highway, the use of any public street or highway is necessary for a detour or haul road, the commissioner may designate any such street or highway as a temporary trunk highway detour or as a temporary trunk highway haul road, and shall thereafter maintain the same as a temporary trunk highway until the commissioner revokes the designation. Prior to revoking the designation the commissioner shall restore such streets or highways to as good condition as they were prior to the designation of same as temporary trunk highways. Upon revoking the designation, the street or highway shall revert to the subdivision charged with the care thereof at the time it was taken over as a temporary trunk highway.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 25; 1986 c 444; 1994 c 635 art 2 s 3

161.26 HIGHWAY MAINTAINED ACROSS PORTION OF ADJOINING STATE.

When a state trunk highway route is so located that in order to properly connect the designated objectives it is advisable to construct and maintain the highway across a portion of an adjoining state, the commissioner is authorized to expend trunk highway funds therefor in the same manner as other expenditures for trunk highway purposes are made. No such highway or portion thereof shall be established or constructed in any adjoining state until the adjoining state shall first pass legislation consenting thereto and granting the commissioner necessary jurisdiction over the portion of the highway located in the adjoining state.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 26

161.261 CONNECTOR SEGMENTS WITH OTHER STATES.

Subdivision 1. **Agreement to improve segment in other state.** When the beginning or terminal of a trunk highway is the state boundary, and the commissioner of transportation and the authorities of the adjoining state deem it desirable during the construction or improvement of such trunk highway to construct or improve a connector highway in the adjoining state thereby connecting or improving the connection of such trunk highway with the highway system of the adjoining state, the commissioner may enter into agreements with the authorities of such adjoining state providing for such connecting highway to be constructed or improved under and as part of the trunk highway construction contract. Such connector highway shall connect with the trunk highway at the state boundary. The entire cost of constructing or improving the connector highway, including engineering costs and expenses, planning and designing

expenses, and any other expenses attributable to such connector highway, shall be paid by the adjoining state, and the manner and time of such payment shall be specified in the agreement.

Subd. 2. **Agreement to improve segment in Minnesota.** The commissioner, in the interest of construction economy, may enter into agreements with the authorities of an adjoining state providing that the adjoining state construct or improve a segment of a Minnesota trunk highway route in conjunction with a construction project of the adjoining state so as to connect or improve the connection of the Minnesota trunk highway route with the highway system of such adjoining state at their common boundary. The cost of construction or improvement of such segment, including costs of planning and design and equitable engineering costs and expenses attributable to such segment, shall be paid from the trunk highway fund.

Subd. 3. MS 1974 [Repealed, 1976 c 163 s 63]

History: 1963 c 460 s 1-3; 1976 c 166 s 7; 2014 c 243 s 1,2

161.27 TRUNK HIGHWAYS ACROSS BODIES OF WATER.

Subdivision 1. **Permit.** The commissioner may establish, construct, and maintain trunk highways into, through, or across any lake and may alter and change the channel of any stream when necessary or expedient in the construction or maintenance of any trunk highway; provided that no such trunk highway improvement affecting public waters shall be made until a permit therefor is issued by the commissioner of natural resources as provided by law.

Subd. 2. **Acquisition of lands.** For the purposes set forth in subdivision 1 the commissioner may acquire lands and properties or any interest therein by purchase, gift, or condemnation.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 27; 1969 c 1129 art 3 s 1

161.28 ALTERING PUBLIC DRAINAGE DITCH BY TRUNK HIGHWAY.

Subdivision 1. **Petition.** Upon the filing of a petition by the commissioner with the appropriate county auditor setting forth that it would be advantageous or desirable in the construction or maintenance of a trunk highway to make a minor alteration or change in a public drainage system directly affecting a trunk highway and that the alteration or change will not affect the functioning or efficiency of the public drainage system, the auditor shall fix a time and place for hearing and give notice of the hearing by publication, as defined in section 103E.325. Upon the filing of the petition, the commissioner shall also file a plan showing in detail the alteration or change petitioned for. If upon the hearing it appears to the county board or joint county ditch authority that the alteration or change in the public drainage system will not affect or impair the efficiency of the drainage system, the board or authority shall make its order allowing the commissioner to make the alteration or change petitioned for. Upon the making of the order by the county board or the joint county ditch authority, the commissioner may proceed at the sole cost and expense of the state to make the alterations or changes as may be in the order allowed, damages, if any, for any additional lands necessary for the change or alteration being first duly paid or secured. Upon completion of the alteration or change, the commissioner shall file with the appropriate auditor a map drawn to scale showing the change or alteration made and shall also file a profile of all lines of the alteration or change in the ditch showing graphically the elevation of the ground and gradient, whether open or tiled, the size of tile, and the bottom width and side slope of open ditch sections, and such other information as may appear necessary for understanding. Upon the completion of the alteration or change herein provided for, the ditch shall thereafter include such alteration or change as a part of it with the same force and effect as though it had been originally so constructed and established.

Subd. 2. **Recovery of damages.** Within six years after completion of any alteration or change as provided in this section, any owner or owners of lands in the drainage system claiming damages by reason of the alteration or change may bring an action in the district court of the county in which the lands are located to compel the commissioner to pay damages, if any, caused by the alteration or change.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 28; 1983 c 143 s 5; 1985 c 172 s 125; 1990 c 391 art 8 s 30

161.29 ACQUIRING TOLL BRIDGE FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

On determining that it is in the best interests of the public and necessary in the location, construction, improvement, or maintenance of any trunk highway, the commissioner may designate by order as a part of the trunk highway system any toll bridge situated wholly within the state, and may acquire by purchase, gift, or condemnation, as provided by law, the necessary rights or easement in, to, or over any such toll bridge as will enable the public to use the bridge for highway traffic free of toll.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 29; 1986 c 444

HIGHWAY MARKINGS; MAPS

161.30 MARKING DESIGN.

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner to adopt.** The commissioner shall adopt a suitable marking design with which the commissioner shall mark or blaze the trunk highway routes, and as the definite final location of each route is opened to traffic the markings shall be changed to such location.

Subd. 2. **Avoiding duplicate numbering of routes; map.** In order to coordinate the markings of the various existing routes, together with the new routes which have been or may be added, and in order to avoid duplication in numbers used on interstate routes, the commissioner may revise and consolidate the marking and numbering of the routes within the system from time to time. Upon revising the marking or numbering the commissioner shall prepare a map showing the existing routes and identifying numbers and the routes and identifying numbers or design of the revised system. This map shall be authenticated by a certificate of the commissioner certifying the same as being the map showing the revised markings under the provisions of this section. This map and certificate shall be filed in the office of the commissioner and thereafter shall govern the identification of the several routes or portions thereof in the trunk highway system and all proceedings, records, and accounts thereafter shall be governed accordingly. Proceedings pending and under way at the time such map is filed shall cite both the old and the new identifications.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 30; 1986 c 444

161.31 MAPS AND PAMPHLETS.

Subdivision 1. **Maps.** The commissioner shall periodically publish a map showing the location and status of improvements of the trunk highway system. Trunk highway maps may contain advertising as a means of offsetting the costs of preparing and distributing the maps. All advertising revenues received by the commissioner under this subdivision shall be deposited in the trunk highway fund.

Subd. 2. MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 31; 1975 c 126 s 1; 1984 c 654 art 3 s 56; 1986 c 444

CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

161.315 PROTECTION OF PUBLIC CONTRACTS.

Subdivision 1. **Legislative intent.** Recognizing that the preservation of the integrity of the public contracting process of the Department of Transportation is vital to the development of a balanced and efficient transportation system and a matter of interest to the people of the state, the legislature hereby determines and declares that:

(1) the procedures of the department for bidding and awarding department contracts exist to secure the public benefits of free and open competition and to secure the quality of public works;

(2) the opportunity to be awarded department contracts or to supply goods or services to the department is a privilege, not a right; and

(3) the privilege of transacting business with the department or local road authority should be denied to persons convicted of a contract crime in order to preserve the integrity of the public contracting process.

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** The terms used in this section have the meanings given them in this subdivision.

(a) "Affiliate" means a predecessor or successor of a person by merger, reorganization, or otherwise, who is, or that has as an officer or director an individual who is, a relative of the person or an individual over whose actions the person exercises substantial influence or control, or a group of entities so connected or associated that one entity controls or has the power to control each of the other entities. "Affiliate" includes the affiliate's principals. One person's ownership of a controlling interest in another entity or a pooling of equipment or income among entities is prima facie evidence that one entity is an affiliate of another.

(b) "Contract crime" means a violation of state or federal antitrust law, fraud, theft, embezzlement, bribery, forgery, misrepresentation, making false statements, falsification or destruction of records, or other criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract or subcontract.

(c) "Conviction" has the meaning given it in section 609.02, subdivision 5.

(d) "Debar" means to disqualify from receiving a contract or from serving as a subcontractor or material supplier as provided by Laws 1984, chapter 654, article 2, section 8.

(e) "Person" means a natural person or a business, corporation, association, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity formed to do business as a contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier and includes an affiliate of a person.

(f) "Pooling" means a combination of persons engaged in the same business or combined for the purpose of engaging in a particular business or commercial venture and who all contribute to a common fund or place their holdings of a given stock or other security in the hand and control of a managing member or committee of the combination.

(g) "Suspend" means to temporarily disqualify from receiving a contract or from serving as a subcontractor or material supplier as provided by Laws 1984, chapter 654, article 2, section 8.

(h) "Relative" means an individual related by consanguinity within the second degree as determined by the common law, a spouse, or an individual related to a spouse within the second degree as determined by the common law, and includes an individual in an adoptive relationship within the second degree as determined by the common law.

Subd. 3. **Prohibitions.** Except as provided in subdivision 4:

(1) neither the commissioner nor a county, town, or home rule or statutory city may award or approve the award of a contract for goods or services to a person who is suspended or debarred;

(2) neither the commissioner nor a county, town, or home rule or statutory city may award or approve the award of a contract for goods or services under which a debarred or suspended person will serve as a subcontractor or material supplier;

(3) a person to whom a contract for goods or services has been awarded may not subcontract with or purchase materials or services from a debarred or suspended person for performance of that contract; and

(4) when a debarred person sells or otherwise transfers to a relative or to any other party over whose actions the debarred person exercises substantial influence or control, a business, corporation, association, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other entity, or an affiliate of the entity, that is ineligible by virtue of the debarment to contract with a governmental entity, the sold or transferred entity remains ineligible for these contracts for the duration of the seller's or transferor's debarment.

Subd. 4. **Exceptions.** The commissioner may terminate a debarment by order, or the commissioner or a county, town, or home rule or statutory city may award a contract to a debarred or suspended person when:

(1) that person is the sole supplier of a material or service required by the commissioner or a county, town, or home rule or statutory city;

(2) the commissioner determines that an emergency exists as defined in section 161.32, subdivision 3;

(3) the commissioner of administration determines that an emergency exists as defined in section 16C.10, subdivision 2;

(4) in the case of a contract to be awarded by a county, town, or home rule or statutory city, the governing body thereof determines by resolution that an emergency exists that will result in a road, street, or bridge being closed to travel; or

(5) the contract is for purchasing materials or renting equipment for routine road maintenance.

Subd. 5. **Duration of debarment.** A person who has been convicted of a contract crime must be debarred for a period of not less than one year. This subdivision applies to contract crime violations which occur after June 30, 1985.

Subd. 6. **Preexisting contracts.** The disqualification of a contractor or its affiliate does not affect the contractor's or its affiliate's obligations under any preexisting contract.

History: 1985 c 299 s 3; 1990 c 462 s 1,2; 1998 c 386 art 2 s 58

161.32 CONTRACTING FOR WORK ON TRUNK HIGHWAY.

Subdivision 1. **Advertisement for bids.** The commissioner may conduct the work or any part of the work incidental to the construction and maintenance of the trunk highways by labor employed to do the work or by contract. In cases of construction work, the commissioner shall first advertise for bids for contracts, and if no satisfactory bids are received, may either reject all bids and readvertise, or do the work by labor employed to do the work. Except as provided in subdivision 3 or 4, when work is to be done under contract, the commissioner shall advertise for bids once each week for three successive weeks prior to the date the bids are to be received. The advertisement for bids must be published on the Internet. The plans and

specifications for the proposed work must be on file in the commissioner's office prior to the first call for bids.

Subd. 1a. **Standard specifications, security.** Contracts under this section must be based on specifications prescribed by the commissioner. Each bidder for a contract shall furnish security approved by the commissioner to ensure completion of the contract. The commissioner may require that bid, performance, or payment bonds, or other security, be furnished electronically.

Subd. 1b. **Lowest responsible bidder; electronic bids.** Bidders may submit bids electronically in a form and manner required by the commissioner; however, the commissioner may require that all bids for trunk highway contracts must be submitted electronically. Notwithstanding section 13.591, subdivision 3, or any other law or rule to the contrary, bids are not required to be opened and read in public if the commissioner publishes the public data specified by section 13.591, subdivision 3, on a state website immediately after the deadline for receipt of bids has passed. Bids for federal-aid highway projects must be conducted in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations, title 23, part 635. Trunk highway construction contracts, including design-build contracts, must be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, taking into consideration conformity with the specifications, the purpose for which the contract or purchase is intended, the status and capability of the vendor, and other considerations imposed in the call for bids. The commissioner may decide which is the lowest responsible bidder for all contracts and may use the principles of life-cycle costing, when appropriate, in determining the lowest overall bid. Any or all bids may be rejected. When competitive bids are required and all bids are rejected, new bids, if solicited, must be called for as in the first instance, unless otherwise provided by law.

Subd. 1c. **Alterations and erasures.** A bid containing an alteration or erasure of any price contained in the bid which is used in determining the lowest responsible bid must be rejected unless the alteration or erasure is corrected pursuant to this subdivision. An alteration or erasure may be crossed out and the correction printed in ink or typewritten adjacent to it and initialed in ink by the person signing the bid.

Subd. 1d. **Special circumstances.** The commissioner may reject the bid of any bidder who has failed to perform a previous contract with the state. In the case of identical low bids from two or more bidders, the commissioner may use negotiated procurement methods with the tied low bidders for that particular transaction, so long as the price paid does not exceed the low tied bid price. The commissioner may award contracts to more than one bidder in accordance with subdivision 1b, if doing so does not decrease the service level or diminish the effect of competition.

Subd. 1e. **Record.** A record must be kept of all bids, including names of bidders, amounts of bids, and each successful bid. After the contract is awarded, this record is open to public inspection and may be posted on the Internet.

Subd. 1f. **Best-value alternative.** As an alternative to the procurement method described in subdivisions 1a to 1e, the commissioner may issue a request for proposals and award the contract to the vendor or contractor offering the best value as described in section 16C.28, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (2), and paragraph (c).

Subd. 2. **Direct negotiation.** In cases where the estimated cost of construction work or maintenance work does not exceed \$250,000, the commissioner may enter into a contract for the work by direct negotiation by obtaining two or more quotations for the work and without advertising for bids or otherwise complying with the requirements of competitive bidding if the total contractual obligation of the state for the directly negotiated contract or contracts on any single project does not exceed \$250,000. All quotations obtained shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt of the quotation. For purposes of this

subdivision only, "construction work or maintenance work" includes work on department-owned buildings or property.

Subd. 3. Emergencies. In the case of emergency, contracts may be let without advertising for bids. Emergency is defined as a condition on a trunk highway that necessitates immediate work in order to keep such highway open for travel. No such contract shall be let without advertising for bids except upon the written authority of the commissioner or the commissioner's deputy.

Subd. 4. Damaged trunk highways. Contracts may be let for the repair and restoration of trunk highways damaged by spring breakup, the effects of the freeze-thaw cycle, floods, other sudden natural phenomenon, or man-made disasters, or to prevent damage from flooding or other natural phenomenon, upon advertisement for bids for a period of one week prior to the date such bids are to be received.

Subd. 5. Default by contractor. In cases where work is being done under contract and the commissioner finds that the contractor has failed to comply within the period specified in the contract from the date of receipt of a written demand to make arrangements, satisfactory to the commissioner, to correct specified delays, neglect, or default, within the control of the contractor, the commissioner may negotiate with others, with the approval of the defaulting contractor's surety, for the completion of the contract according to the terms and provisions of the contract.

Subd. 6. Landscape contractors; payment. When goods or services are provided to the commissioner by a landscape contractor for the landscaping of a trunk highway, the commissioner shall agree in the contract to pay the landscape contractor 100 percent of the value of the contract upon completion of the contracted work. The commissioner may require the contractor, as part of the contract, to post a bond for a sum not exceeding 125 percent of the value of the contract, payable to the commissioner, and conditioned upon the work's compliance with the contract terms, for a period of one year beyond the work completion date.

Subd. 7. Approval and payment of supplemental agreements. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, when goods or services are provided to the commissioner under an agreement supplemental to a contract for work on a trunk highway, the commissioner or designee may approve the work. Payment of valid state obligations must be made within 30 days of approval of the work or submission by the contractor of an invoice indicating completion of work, whichever occurs later.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 32; 1961 c 17 s 1; 1963 c 455 s 1; 1967 c 232 s 1; 1981 c 209 s 4; 1985 c 76 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1998 c 386 art 1 s 27-31; 1999 c 230 s 9; 2000 c 479 art 1 s 13; 2000 c 499 s 20; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 17-20; 2004 c 295 art 1 s 2; 2007 c 148 art 3 s 16; 2008 c 287 art 1 s 13-15; 2014 c 243 s 3; 2014 c 287 s 3; 1Sp2019 c 3 art 3 s 18; 2023 c 68 art 5 s 7

161.3203 CONTRACTS FOR WORK FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY.

Subdivision 1. Privatization transportation contracts. For purposes of this section, "privatization transportation contract" means an enforceable agreement, or combination or series of agreements, by which a private contractor agrees with the commissioner of transportation to provide work (1) that is incidental to the construction or improvement of trunk highways, or (2) for maintenance of trunk highways. A privatization transportation contract does not include a design-build contract as defined in section 161.3410, subdivision 3, contracts awarded pursuant to section 161.32, work related to utility relocation, utility relocation agreements, state aid agreements, municipal agreements, interagency agreements, joint powers agreements, partnership agreements, and grant agreements. Privatization transportation contracts also do not include contracts related to aerial photos, asbestos investigation or abatement, communications, computer and information technology, construction contract administration, cultural resource investigations, electronic communications, environmental investigations, expert witnesses, contaminated soil investigations and remediation, geographic

information systems, hydraulic and geotechnical studies, intelligent transportation systems, management support, mapping and photogrammetrics, market research, medical analysis, planning, public relations, right-of-way appraisals or acquisitions and field title investigations, research, relocation services, special studies, traffic studies and modeling, and employee training, and does not include services by persons licensed under sections 326.02 to 326.15.

Subd. 2. **Applicability.** This section applies to privatization transportation contracts in a total amount greater than \$100,000. The requirements imposed by this section are in addition to, and do not supersede, the requirements of any other applicable section of law.

Subd. 3. **Review of contract costs.** (a) Before entering into a privatization transportation contract, the commissioner of transportation shall prepare a comprehensive written estimate of the cost of having the same work provided in the most cost-effective manner by agency employees. The cost estimate must include all costs of having agency employees provide the work, including the cost of pension, insurance, and other employee benefits. The cost estimate is nonpublic data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 9, until the day after the deadline for receipt of responses under paragraph (b), when it becomes public data.

(b) After soliciting and receiving responses, the commissioner shall publicly designate the responder to which it proposes to award the privatization contract. The commissioner shall prepare a comprehensive written estimate of the cost of the proposal based on the designated responder's bid, including the cost of a transition from public to private provision of the work, any additional unemployment and retirement benefits resulting from the transfer, and costs associated with monitoring the proposed contract. If the designated responder proposes to perform any or all of the desired services outside the state, the commissioner of transportation shall include in the cost estimate, as nearly as possible, any loss of sales and income tax revenue to the state. The cost estimate must not include trade secret data which is classified as nonpublic data under section 13.37, subdivision 2.

(c) Before entering into a privatization transportation contract for \$250,000 or more, the commissioner shall determine that:

- (1) the cost estimated under paragraph (b) will be lower than the cost estimated under paragraph (a);
- (2) the quality of the work to be provided by the designated responder is likely to equal or exceed the quality of services that could be provided by Department of Transportation employees;
- (3) the contract, together with other privatization transportation contracts to which the department is or has been party, will not reduce full-time equivalent positions within the department or result in layoffs; and
- (4) the proposed privatization contract is in the public interest.

Subd. 4. **Report.** (a) By September 1 of each year, the commissioner must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance.

(b) The report must list all privatization transportation contracts that were executed or performed, whether wholly or in part, in the previous fiscal year. The report must identify, with respect to each contract:

- (1) the contractor;
- (2) contract amount;
- (3) duration;

(4) work, provided or to be provided;

(5) the comprehensive estimate derived under subdivision 3, paragraph (a);

(6) the comprehensive estimate derived under subdivision 3, paragraph (b);

(7) the actual cost to the agency of the contractor's performance of the contract; and

(8) for contracts of at least \$250,000, a statement containing the commissioner's determinations under subdivision 3, paragraph (c).

(c) The report must collect aggregate data on each of the commissioner's district offices and the bridge office on barriers and challenges to the reduction of transportation contract privatization. The aggregate data must identify areas of concern related to transportation contract privatization and include information on:

(1) recruitment and retention of staff;

(2) expertise gaps;

(3) access to appropriate equipment; and

(4) the effects of geography, demographics, and socioeconomic data on transportation contract privatization rates.

Subd. 5. **Short title.** This section may be cited as the "Taxpayers' Transportation Accountability Act."

History: 2008 c 287 art 1 s 16; 2022 c 55 art 1 s 47; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 16

161.3205 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

161.3206 BEST-VALUE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY.

Notwithstanding sections 16C.25, 161.32, 161.321, or any other law to the contrary, the commissioner may solicit and award all contracts, other than design-build contracts governed by section 161.3412, for a project on the basis of a best-value selection process as defined in section 16C.28, subdivision 1b. Section 16C.08 does not apply to this section.

History: 2007 c 148 art 3 s 17; 2014 c 196 art 3 s 2

161.3207 CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTOR CONTRACTS; DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The terms used in sections 161.3207 to 161.3209 have the meanings given them in this section.

Subd. 2. **Acceptance.** "Acceptance" means an action of the commissioner authorizing the execution of a construction manager/general contractor contract.

Subd. 3. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of transportation.

Subd. 4. **Construction manager/general contractor.** "Construction manager/general contractor" means a proprietorship, partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, corporation, any type of limited liability company, professional corporation, or any legal entity selected by the commissioner to act as a construction manager to manage the construction process, which includes, but is not limited to, responsibility for the price, schedule, and execution of preconstruction services or the workmanship of construction performed according to section 161.3209, or both.

Subd. 5. **Construction manager/general contractor contract.** "Construction manager/general contractor contract" means a contract for construction of a project between a construction manager/general contractor and the commissioner, which must include terms providing for a price, construction schedule, and workmanship of the construction performed. The construction manager/general contractor contract may include provisions for incremental price contracts for specific work packages, additional work performed, contingencies, or other contract provisions that will allow the commissioner to negotiate time and cost changes to the contract.

Subd. 6. **Past performance; experience.** "Past performance" or "experience" does not include the exercise or assertion of a person's legal rights.

Subd. 7. **Preconstruction services.** "Preconstruction services" means all non-construction-related services that a construction manager/general contractor is allowed to perform before execution of a construction manager/general contractor contract or work package.

Subd. 8. **Preconstruction services contract.** "Preconstruction services contract" means a contract under which a construction manager/general contractor is paid on the basis of the actual cost to perform the work specified in the contract plus an amount for overhead and profit for all preconstruction services.

Subd. 9. **Project.** "Project" means any project selected by the commissioner as a construction manager/general contractor project under section 161.3208.

Subd. 10. **Request for proposals; RFP.** "Request for proposals" or "RFP" means the document or publication soliciting proposals for a construction manager/general contractor contract.

Subd. 11. **Request for qualifications; RFQ.** "Request for qualifications" or "RFQ" means a document or publication used to prequalify and short-list potential construction managers/general contractors.

Subd. 12. **Work package.** "Work package" means the scope of work for a defined portion of a project. A defined portion includes construction services on any project aspect, including procuring materials or services.

History: 2012 c 287 art 3 s 2; 2012 c 287 art 3 s 2; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 120

NOTE: This section, as added by Laws 2012, chapter 287, article 3, section 2, expires one year following the acceptance of 20 construction manager/general contractor contracts. Laws 2012, chapter 287, article 3, section 2, the effective date, as amended by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 120.

161.3208 CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTOR; AUTHORITY.

Subdivision 1. **Selection authority; limitation.** Notwithstanding sections 16C.25, 161.32, and 161.321, or any other law to the contrary, the commissioner may select a construction manager/general contractor as provided in section 161.3209, and award a construction manager/general contractor contract. The number of awarded contracts shall not exceed three in any calendar year.

Subd. 2. **Determination.** Final determination to use a construction manager/general contractor contracting procedure may be made only by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Cancellation.** The solicitation of construction manager/general contractor requests for qualifications or proposals does not obligate the commissioner to enter into a construction manager/general contractor contract. The commissioner may accept or reject any or all responses received as a result of the request. The solicitation of proposals may be canceled at any time at the commissioner's sole discretion if

cancellation is considered to be in the state's best interest. If the commissioner rejects all responses or cancels the solicitation for proposals, the commissioner may resolicit a request for proposals using the same or different requirements.

Subd. 4. **Reporting.** The commissioner shall notify the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and transportation finance each time the commissioner decides to use the construction manager/general contractor method of procurement and explain why that method was chosen.

History: 2012 c 287 art 3 s 3; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 22,121

NOTE: This section, as added by Laws 2012, chapter 287, article 3, section 3, expires one year following the acceptance of 20 construction manager/general contractor contracts. Laws 2012, chapter 287, article 3, section 3, the effective date, as amended by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 121.

161.3209 CONSTRUCTION MANAGER/GENERAL CONTRACTOR; PROCEDURES.

Subdivision 1. **Solicitation of proposals.** If the commissioner determines that a construction manager/general contractor method of procurement is appropriate for a project, the commissioner shall establish a two-phase procedure for awarding the construction manager/general contractor contract, as described in subdivisions 2 and 3.

Subd. 2. **Phase 1 - request for proposals.** (a) The commissioner shall prepare or have prepared an RFP for each construction manager/general contractor contract as provided in this section. The RFP must contain, at a minimum, the following elements:

- (1) the minimum qualifications of the construction manager/general contractor;
- (2) the procedures for submitting proposals and the criteria for evaluation of qualifications and the relative weight for each criteria;
- (3) the form of the contract to be awarded;
- (4) the scope of intended construction work;
- (5) a listing of the types of preconstruction services that will be required;
- (6) an anticipated schedule for commencing and completing the project;
- (7) any applicable budget limits for the project;
- (8) the requirements for insurance, statutorily required performance, and payment bonds;
- (9) the requirements that the construction manager/general contractor provide a letter from a surety or insurance company stating that the construction manager/general contractor is capable of obtaining a performance bond and payment bond covering the estimated contract cost;
- (10) the method for how construction manager/general contractor fees for the preconstruction services contract will be negotiated;
- (11) a statement that past performance or experience does not include the exercise or assertion of a person's legal rights; and
- (12) any other information desired by the commissioner.

(b) Before receiving any responses to the RFP:

(1) the commissioner shall appoint a technical review committee of at least five individuals, of which one is a Department of Transportation manager who is also a licensed professional engineer in Minnesota;

(2) the technical review committee shall evaluate the construction manager/general contractor proposals according to criteria and subcriteria published in the RFP and procedures established by the commissioner. The commissioner shall, as designated in the RFP, evaluate construction manager/general contractor proposals on the basis of best value as defined in section 16C.05, or using the qualifications-based selection process set forth in section 16C.087, except that subdivision 1 of section 16C.087 shall not apply. If the commissioner does not receive at least two proposals from construction managers, the commissioner may:

(i) solicit new proposals;

(ii) revise the RFP and thereafter solicit new proposals using the revised RFP;

(iii) select another allowed procurement method; or

(iv) reject the proposals; and

(3) the technical review committee shall evaluate the responses to the request for proposals and rank the construction manager/general contractor based on the predefined criteria set forth in the RFP in accordance with paragraph (a), clause (2).

(c) Unless all proposals are rejected, the commissioner shall conduct contract negotiations for a preconstruction services contract with the construction manager/general contractor with the highest ranking. If the construction manager/general contractor with the highest ranking declines or is unable to reach an agreement, the commissioner may begin contract negotiations with the next highest ranked construction manager/general contractor.

(d) Before issuing the RFP, the commissioner may elect to issue a request for qualifications (RFQ) and short-list the most highly qualified construction managers/general contractors. The RFQ must include the procedures for submitting statements of qualification, the criteria for evaluation of qualifications, and the relative weight for each criterion. The statements of qualifications must be evaluated by the technical review committee.

Subd. 3. Phase 2 - construction manager/general contractor contract. (a) Before conducting any construction-related services, the commissioner shall:

(1) conduct an independent cost estimate for the project or each work package; and

(2) conduct contract negotiations with the construction manager/general contractor to develop a construction manager/general contractor contract. This contract must include a minimum construction manager/general contractor self-performing requirement of 30 percent of the negotiated cost. Items designated in the construction manager/general contractor contract as specialty items may be subcontracted and the cost of any specialty item performed under the subcontract will be deducted from the cost before computing the amount of work required to be performed by the contractor.

(b) If the construction manager/general contractor and the commissioner are unable to negotiate a contract, the commissioner may use other contract procurement processes or may readvertise the construction manager/general contractor contract. The construction manager/general contractor may: (1) bid or propose on the project if advertised under section 161.32 or 161.3206; or (2) join a design-build team if advertised under sections 161.3410 to 161.3426.

(c) The commissioner shall provide to all bidders or design-build teams all data shared between the commissioner and the construction manager/general contractor during the contract negotiations under this subdivision.

History: 2012 c 287 art 3 s 4; 2014 c 196 art 2 s 15; 2015 c 21 art 1 s 29; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 122

NOTE: This section, as added by Laws 2012, chapter 287, article 3, section 4, expires one year following the acceptance of 20 construction manager/general contractor contracts. Laws 2012, chapter 287, article 3, section 4, the effective date, as amended by Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 122.

161.321 SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTS.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section the following terms have the meanings given them, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning is intended.

(a) "Award" means the granting of a contract in accordance with all applicable laws and rules governing competitive bidding except as otherwise provided in this section.

(b) "Contract" means an agreement entered into between a business entity and the state of Minnesota for the construction of transportation improvements.

(c) "Subcontractor" means a business entity which enters into a legally binding agreement with another business entity which is a party to a contract as defined in paragraph (b).

(d) "Targeted group business" means a business designated under section 16C.16, subdivision 5.

(e) "Veteran-owned small business" means a business designated under section 16C.16, subdivision 6a.

Subd. 2. **Small targeted group business, small business; contract preferences.** (a) The commissioner may award up to a 12 percent preference in the amount bid for specified construction work to small targeted group businesses.

(b) The commissioner may designate a contract for construction work for award only to small targeted group businesses if the commissioner determines that at least three small targeted group businesses are likely to bid.

(c) The commissioner may award up to a four percent preference in the amount bid for specified construction work to small businesses located in an economically disadvantaged area as defined in section 16C.16, subdivision 7.

Subd. 2a. **Small targeted group business; subcontracting goals.** (a) The commissioner may set goals for targeted group business participation in contracts. As a condition of award, the prime contractor is required to either meet the goal or demonstrate good faith efforts to meet the goal. The commissioner must establish a procedure for evaluating the good faith efforts of contractors that do not meet the goal. The commissioner may establish (1) financial incentives for prime contractors who exceed the goals set for the use of subcontractors under this subdivision; and (2) sanctions for prime contractors who fail to make good faith efforts to meet the goals set under this subdivision.

(b) The small targeted group business subcontracting requirements of this subdivision do not apply to prime contractors who are small targeted group businesses.

Subd. 2b. **Veteran-owned small business; contract preferences.** (a) The commissioner may award up to a 12 percent preference in the amount bid for specified construction work to veteran-owned small businesses, except when prohibited by the federal government as a condition of receiving federal funds. When a bid preference is provided under this section, the percentage of preference in bid amount under this subdivision may not be less than the percentage of bid preference provided to any small targeted group business under subdivision 2.

(b) When a bid preference is provided under this subdivision, the commissioner must be as inclusive as possible in specifying contracts for construction work, as well as for construction-related professional and technical services, available under this bid preference program for veteran-owned small businesses. The term "construction" must be given broad meaning for purposes of specifying and letting contracts for veteran-owned small businesses and must include, but is not limited to, preplanning, planning, and all other construction-related professional and technical services.

(c) When a bid preference is provided under this subdivision, the commissioner must strive to ensure that contracts will be awarded on a proportional basis with contracts awarded under subdivision 2.

(d) The commissioner may designate a contract for construction work for award only to veteran-owned small businesses, if the commissioner determines that at least three veteran-owned small businesses are likely to bid.

Subd. 2c. **Veteran-owned small business; subcontracting goals.** (a) The commissioner may set goals for veteran-owned small business participation in contracts, except when prohibited by federal law or rule as a condition of receiving federal funds. As a condition of award, the prime contractor must either meet the goal or demonstrate good faith efforts to meet the goals. The commissioner must establish a procedure for evaluating the good faith efforts of contractors that do not meet the goal. The commissioner may establish (1) financial incentives for prime contractors who exceed the goals set for the use of subcontractors under this subdivision; and (2) sanctions for prime contractors who fail to make good faith efforts to meet goals set under this subdivision.

(b) The subcontracting requirements of this subdivision do not apply to prime contractors who are veteran-owned small businesses.

Subd. 3. **Small targeted group business; subcontract awards.** At least 75 percent of subcontracts awarded to small targeted group businesses must be performed by the business to which the subcontract is awarded or another small targeted group business.

Subd. 3a. **Veteran-owned small business; subcontract awards.** At least 75 percent of subcontracts awarded to veteran-owned small businesses must be performed by the business to which the subcontract is awarded or another veteran-owned small business.

Subd. 4. **Contract awards, limitations.** The commissioner may elect to subject contracts awarded under this section to limitations contained in rules adopted by the commissioner of administration.

Subd. 4a. **Small targeted group business; limited duration and reevaluation.** The commissioner shall cooperate with the commissioner of administration to periodically reevaluate the targeted group businesses to determine whether there is a statistical disparity between the percentage of construction contracts awarded to businesses owned by targeted group members and the representation of businesses owned by targeted group members among all businesses in the state in the construction category. The commissioner of administration shall designate targeted groups pursuant to section 16C.16, subdivision 5.

Subd. 5. **Recourse to other businesses.** If the commissioner is unable to award a contract pursuant to the provisions of subdivisions 2 to 4a, the award may be placed pursuant to the normal solicitation and award provisions set forth in this chapter and chapter 16C.

Subd. 6. **Rules; eligibility.** The rules adopted by the commissioner of administration to define small businesses and to set time and other eligibility requirements for participation in programs under sections 16C.16 to 16C.19 apply to this section. The commissioner may promulgate other rules necessary to carry out this section.

Subd. 7. **Noncompetitive bids.** The commissioner is encouraged to purchase from small targeted group businesses and veteran-owned small businesses designated under section 16C.16 when making purchases that are not subject to competitive bidding procedures.

Subd. 8. **Reporting.** (a) The commissioner shall report to the commissioner of administration on compliance with this section. The information must be reported at the time and in the manner requested by the commissioner of administration.

(b) By February 1 of each even-numbered year, the commissioner of transportation shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance and veterans policy and finance concerning contract awards during the preceding biennium under this section. At a minimum, the report must include:

(1) a summary of the program;

(2) a review of the use of preferences for contracting during the preceding biennium, including frequency of establishment of a preference and frequency and amount of contract awards to:

(i) small targeted group businesses; and

(ii) veteran-owned small businesses;

(3) a review of goals and good faith efforts to use small targeted group businesses and veteran-owned small businesses in subcontracts, including analysis of methods used for, and effectiveness of, good faith efforts;

(4) a summary of any financial incentives used or sanctions imposed;

(5) agency commentary on any perceived impediments, whether statutory, administrative, or otherwise, that may be limiting the participation of small targeted group businesses and veteran-owned small businesses in the agency's contract preference program;

(6) information on each reevaluation under subdivision 4a, including details on the methodology for reevaluation; and

(7) any recommendations for legislative or programmatic changes.

Subd. 9. **Veteran-owned small business; purpose.** The purpose of the state contracting bid preference program for veteran-owned small businesses is to facilitate the healthy transition of veterans from military to civilian life, and to help compensate veterans for their sacrifices including, but not limited to, their sacrifice

of health and time to the state and nation during their military service, as well as to enhance economic development within Minnesota.

History: 1977 c 222 s 1,2; 1978 c 506 s 1; 1979 c 246 s 1; 1980 c 361 s 1,2; 1984 c 544 s 89; 1989 c 352 s 14-17,25; 1990 c 541 s 17-24,29; 1998 c 386 art 2 s 59-63; 2009 c 94 art 3 s 8; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 69, 110; 2012 c 254 art 1 s 1; 2015 c 75 art 2 s 9-11; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 26; 2024 c 104 art 1 s 9,10

161.3211 [Renumbered 161.321, subd 8]

161.3212 WORKING CAPITAL FUND.

The commissioner, to the extent allowed by other law or contract, may grant available money that has been appropriated for socially or economically disadvantaged business programs to a guaranty fund administered by a nonprofit organization that makes or guarantees working capital loans to small business concerns owned and operated by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. "Small business concern" and "socially and economically disadvantaged individual" have the meanings given them in Code of Federal Regulations, title 49, section 26.5. The purpose of loans made or guaranteed by the organization must be to provide short-term working capital to enable eligible businesses to be awarded contracts for goods and services or for construction-related services from government agencies.

Money contributed from a constitutionally or statutorily dedicated fund must be used only for purposes consistent with the purposes of the dedicated fund.

History: 1989 c 320 s 1; 2012 c 287 art 3 s 5

161.322 PAYMENT OF INTEREST TO CONTRACTORS.

When any contract for the construction, improvement, or repair of any trunk highway has been entered into by the commissioner of transportation of the state of Minnesota, and the work provided for in the contract has been in all things completed to the satisfaction of the commissioner or the commissioner's agent except for the release of sureties, in accordance with the contract, by the person with whom the commissioner has contracted, herein termed the contractor, unless final estimate for the work is made within 90 days after the contractor has so completed the work, the contractor shall be entitled to receive interest at the rate equal to the Monthly Index of Long Term United States Bond Yields for the month prior to the month in which this obligation is incurred from the date of the expiration of that 90-day period upon all amounts finally determined to be due the contractor which were not paid prior to the expiration of that period, to be paid in the same manner as, and at the time of, the final payment under the contract. The 90-day requirement, and the interest provisions provided for herein, shall not apply if delay is caused by the contractor; nor shall the 90-day requirement apply to contracts over two million dollars if the contract provides specifically for a different period of time in which to make such final estimate.

History: 1963 c 515 s 1; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1980 c 464 s 5; 1986 c 444

161.33 EMPLOYEE INTEREST IN CONTRACT, UNLAWFUL.

It shall be unlawful for any member or employee of the Department of Transportation to be directly or indirectly interested in any contract for the construction or improvement of any public road or bridge, or in any contract for the repair, purchase or sale of any road machinery, equipment, materials, or supplies to be used thereon. Any person violating any of the foregoing provisions shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 33; 1976 c 166 s 7

161.34 CONTRACT CLAIMS AGAINST STATE.

Subdivision 1. **Waiver of immunity.** When a controversy arises out of any contract for the construction or repair of state trunk highways entered into by the commissioner or by the commissioner's authority, in respect to which controversy a party to the contract would be entitled to redress against the state, either in a court of law or equity if the state were suable, and when no claim against the state for the same redress has heretofore been made, the state hereby waives immunity from suit in connection with such controversy and confers jurisdiction on the district courts of the state to hear and try the controversy in the manner provided for the trial of causes in the district courts. Only a party to the contract shall have the right to bring action against the state.

Subd. 2. **When action may be commenced.** No such action shall be maintained unless commenced within 90 days after the plaintiff has been furnished by the state with a final estimate under the plaintiff's contract, or, at the election of the plaintiff, within six months after the work provided for under that contract shall have been in all things completed.

Subd. 3. **Where action may be brought.** The action shall be brought at the election of the plaintiff in the District Court of Ramsey County, or in the district court of the county where a major portion of the contract is performed, or in the district court of the county in which the plaintiff resides, or, if there be several plaintiffs residing in different counties, then in the district court of the county of the residence of any one of them. The action shall be commenced by filing a complaint with the court administrator and serving summons and copy of the complaint upon the attorney general of the state at the State Capitol. The state shall have 40 days from the date of such service within which to serve an answer upon the plaintiff, and thereafter the case shall proceed in the same manner as other actions at law in the court.

Subd. 4. **Appeal.** An appeal from any final order of judgment in the action shall lie as in other civil cases.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 34; 1983 c 247 s 66; 1986 c 444; 1Sp1986 c 3 art 1 s 82

161.3410 DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTS; DEFINITIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Scope.** The terms used in sections 161.3410 to 161.3426 have the meanings given in this section.

Subd. 2. **Commissioner.** "Commissioner" means the commissioner of transportation.

Subd. 3. **Design-build contract.** "Design-build contract" means a single contract between the Department of Transportation and a design-build company or firm to furnish the architectural or engineering and related design services as well as the labor, material, supplies, equipment, and construction services for the transportation project.

Subd. 4. **Design-build firm.** "Design-build firm" means a proprietorship, partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, corporation, any type of limited liability company, professional corporation, or any legal entity.

Subd. 5. **Design professional.** "Design professional" means a person who holds a license under chapter 326 that is required to be registered under Minnesota law.

Subd. 6. **Design-build transportation project.** "Design-build transportation project" means the procurement of both the design and construction of a transportation project in a single contract with a company or companies capable of providing the necessary engineering services and construction.

Subd. 7. **Design-builder.** "Design-builder" means the design-build firm that proposes to design and build a transportation project governed by the procedures of this section.

Subd. 8. **Request for proposals or RFP.** "Request for proposals" or "RFP" means the document by which the commissioner solicits proposals from prequalified design-build firms to design and construct the transportation project.

Subd. 9. **Request for qualifications or RFQ.** "Request for qualifications" or "RFQ" means a document to prequalify and short-list potential design-build firms.

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 3 s 1; 2014 c 227 art 2 s 3*

161.3412 DESIGN-BUILD AUTHORITY.

Subdivision 1. **Best-value selection for design-build contracts.** Notwithstanding sections 16C.25, 161.32, and 161.321, or any other law to the contrary, the commissioner may solicit and award a design-build contract for a project on the basis of a best-value selection process. Section 16C.08 does not apply to design-build contracts to which the commissioner is a party.

Subd. 2. **Competitive, open process.** Sections 161.3410 to 161.3426 apply only to transportation projects using the two-step competitive process utilizing public solicitation for design-build services.

Subd. 3. **Restriction; reports.** (a) The number of design-build contracts awarded by the commissioner in any fiscal year may not exceed ten percent of the total number of transportation construction contracts awarded by the commissioner in the previous fiscal year.

(b) The commissioner shall notify the chairs of the senate and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and transportation finance each time the commissioner decides to use the design-build method of procurement and explain why that method was chosen.

Subd. 4. **Municipal consent.** Use of the design-build method of state transportation project delivery is subject to state law concerning municipal consent to highways in municipalities.

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 3 s 2; 2007 c 148 art 3 s 18; 2014 c 227 art 2 s 4*

161.3414 DETERMINATION TO USE DESIGN-BUILD SELECTION METHOD.

Subdivision 1. **General criteria.** A design-build contracting procedure authorized under sections 161.3410 to 161.3426 may be used for a specific project only after the commissioner determines that awarding a design-build contract will serve the public interest.

Subd. 2. **Specific criteria.** The commissioner shall use the following criteria as the minimum basis for determining when to use the design-build method of project delivery:

(1) the extent to which it can adequately define the project requirements in a proposed scope of the design and construction desired;

(2) the time constraints for delivery of the project;

(3) the capability and experience of potential contractors with the design-build method of project delivery or similar experience;

(4) the suitability of the project for use of the design-build method of project delivery with respect to time, schedule, costs, and quality factors;

(5) the capability of the Department of Transportation to manage the project, including the employment of experienced personnel or outside consultants;

(6) the capability of the Department of Transportation to oversee the project with individuals or design-build firms who are familiar and experienced with the design-build method of project delivery or similar experience;

(7) the lack of ability and availability of any current state employee to perform the services called for by the contract;

(8) the original character of the product or the services;

(9) the work to be performed on the project is necessary to the agency's achievement of its statutory responsibilities and there is statutory authority to enter into the contract; and

(10) other criteria the commissioner deems relevant and states in writing in its determination to utilize the design-build method of project delivery.

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 3 s 3; 2014 c 227 art 2 s 5*

161.3416 DESIGN-BUILD NOTICE; REPORT.

Subdivision 1. **Summary report of reasons for determination.** The commissioner shall summarize in a written statement its reasons for using the design-build construction contracting procedure. This statement, along with other relevant information describing the project, must be made available upon request to interested parties.

Subd. 2. **Final determination authority.** Final determination to use a design-build construction contracting procedure may be made only by the commissioner.

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 3 s 4*

161.3418 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Licensed professional required.** Each design-builder shall employ, or have as a partner, member, officer, coventurer, or subcontractor, a person duly licensed and registered to provide the design services required to complete the project and do business in the state.

Subd. 2. **Contracting for licensed professional.** A design-builder may enter into a contract to provide professional or construction services for a project that the design-builder is not licensed, registered, or qualified to perform, so long as the design-builder provides those services through subcontractors with duly licensed, registered, or otherwise qualified individuals in accordance with sections 161.3410 to 161.3426.

Subd. 3. **Liability.** (a) Nothing in this section authorizing design-build contracts is intended to limit or eliminate the responsibility or liability owed by a professional on a design-build project to the state, county, or city, or other third parties under existing law.

(b) The design service portion of a design-build contract must be considered a service and not a product.

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 3 s 5; 2014 c 227 art 2 s 6*

161.3420 DESIGN-BUILD RFQ; SELECTION TEAM; EVALUATION.

Subdivision 1. **Two-phase procedure.** If the commissioner determines that the design-build best-value method of project delivery is appropriate for a project, the commissioner shall establish a two-phase procedure for awarding the design-build contract, as described in this subdivision and section 161.3422.

Subd. 2. **Technical Review Committee.** During the phase-one request for qualifications (RFQ) and before solicitation, the commissioner shall appoint a Technical Review Committee of at least five individuals. The Technical Review Committee must include an individual whose name and qualifications are submitted to the commissioner by the Minnesota chapter of the Associated General Contractors, after consultation with other commercial contractor associations in the state. Members of the Technical Review Committee who are not state employees are subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and section 16C.06 to the same extent that state agencies are subject to those provisions. A Technical Review Committee member may not participate in the review or discussion of responses to an RFQ or request for proposals (RFP) when the member has a financial interest in any of the design-build firms that respond to that RFQ or RFP. "Financial interest" includes, but is not limited to, being or serving as an owner, employee, partner, limited liability partner, shareholder, joint venturer, family member, officer, or director of a design-build firm responding to an RFQ or RFP for a specific project, or having any other economic interest in that design-build firm. The members of the Technical Review Committee must be treated as state employees in the event of litigation resulting from any action arising out of their service on the committee.

Subd. 3. **Contents.** The commissioner shall prepare or have prepared an RFQ. The RFQ must include the following:

- (1) the minimum qualifications of design-builders necessary to meet the requirements for acceptance;
- (2) a scope of work statement and schedule;
- (3) documents defining the project requirements;
- (4) the form of contract to be awarded;
- (5) the weighted selection criteria for compiling a short list and the number of firms to be included in the short list, which must be at least two but not more than five;
- (6) a description of the request for proposals (RFP) requirements;
- (7) the maximum time allowed for design and construction;
- (8) the commissioner's estimated cost of design and construction;
- (9) requirements for construction experience, design experience, financial, personnel, and equipment resources available from potential design-builders for the project and experience in other design-build transportation projects or similar projects, provided that these requirements may not unduly restrict competition; and
- (10) a statement that "past performance" or "experience" does not include the exercise or assertion of a person's legal rights.

Subd. 4. **Evaluation.** The selection team shall evaluate the design-build qualifications of responding firms and shall compile a short list of no more than five most highly qualified firms in accordance with qualifications criteria described in the request for qualifications (RFQ). If only one design-build firm responds

to the RFQ or remains on the short list, the commissioner may readvertise or cancel the project as the commissioner deems necessary.

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 3 s 6*

161.3422 RFP FOR DESIGN-BUILD.

During phase two, the commissioner shall issue a request for proposals (RFP) to the design-builders on the short list. The request must include:

(1) the scope of work, including (i) performance and technical requirements, (ii) conceptual design, (iii) specifications, and (iv) functional and operational elements for the delivery of the completed project, which must be prepared by a registered or licensed professional engineer;

(2) a description of the qualifications required of the design-builder and the selection criteria, including the weight or relative order, or both, of each criterion;

(3) copies of the contract documents that the successful proposer will be expected to sign;

(4) the maximum time allowable for design and construction;

(5) the road authority's estimated cost of design and construction;

(6) the requirement that a submitted proposal be segmented into two parts, a technical proposal and a price proposal;

(7) the requirement that each proposal be in a separately sealed, clearly identified package and include the date and time of the submittal deadline;

(8) the requirement that the technical proposal include a critical path method; bar schedule of the work to be performed, or similar schematic; design plans and specifications; technical reports; calculations; permit requirements; applicable development fees; and other data requested in the RFP;

(9) the requirement that the price proposal contain all design, construction, engineering, inspection, and construction costs of the proposed project;

(10) the date, time, and location of the public opening of the sealed price proposals; and

(11) other information relevant to the project.

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 3 s 7*

161.3424 REPLACING TEAM MEMBERS.

An individual or a design-build firm identified in a response to a request for qualifications (RFQ) or a request for proposals (RFP) may not be replaced without the written approval of the commissioner. The commissioner may revoke an awarded contract if an individual or a design-build firm identified in a response to an RFQ or RFP is replaced without the commissioner's written approval. To qualify for the commissioner's approval, the written request must document that the proposed replacement individual or design-build firm will be equal to or better than that described in the response to the RFQ or RFP. The commissioner shall use the criteria specified in the RFQ or RFP to evaluate the request.

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 3 s 8*

161.3426 DESIGN-BUILD AWARD.

Subdivision 1. **Award; computation; announcement.** Except as provided in subdivision 2, a design-build contract shall be awarded as follows:

(a) The Technical Review Committee shall score the technical proposals using the selection criteria in the request for proposals (RFP). The Technical Review Committee shall then submit a technical proposal score for each design-builder to the commissioner. The Technical Review Committee shall reject any proposal it deems nonresponsive.

(b) The commissioner shall announce the technical proposal score for each design-builder and shall publicly open the sealed price proposals and shall divide each design-builder's price by the technical score that the Technical Review Committee has given to it to obtain an adjusted score. The design-builder selected must be that responsive and responsible design-builder whose adjusted score is the lowest.

(c) If a time factor is included with the selection criteria in the RFP package, the commissioner may also adjust the bids using a value of the time factor established by the commissioner. The value of the time factor must be expressed as a value per day. The adjustment must be based on the total time value. The total time value is the design-builder's total number of days to complete the project multiplied by the factor. The time-adjusted price is the total time value plus the bid amount. This adjustment must be used for selection purposes only, and must not affect the Department of Transportation's liquidated damages schedule or incentive or disincentive program. An adjusted score must then be obtained by dividing each design-builder's time-adjusted price by the score given by the technical review team. The commissioner shall select the responsive and responsible design-builder whose adjusted score is the lowest.

(d) Unless all proposals are rejected, the commissioner shall award the contract to the responsive and responsible design-builder with the lowest adjusted score. The commissioner shall reserve the right to reject all proposals.

Subd. 2. **Alternative process for certain contracts.** (a) The commissioner may elect to use the process in paragraph (b) for a design-build contract for a project with an estimated project cost of less than \$5,000,000.

(b) The commissioner shall give the lowest cost proposal the full number of price points defined in the request for proposals (RFP). The commissioner shall award each of the other proposals a percentage of the price points based on a ratio of the lowest price divided by the responder's price. The commissioner shall add the technical score and price score and award the contract to the responder with the highest total score.

Subd. 3. **Stipulated fee.** The commissioner shall award a stipulated fee not less than two-tenths of one percent of the department's estimated cost of design and construction to each short-listed, responsible proposer who provides a responsive but unsuccessful proposal. When the request for proposals specifies a maximum price, the stipend shall be awarded if the proposal is responsive in all other aspects but comes in above the maximum price. If the commissioner does not award a contract, all short-listed proposers must receive the stipulated fee. If the commissioner cancels the contract before reviewing the technical proposals, the commissioner shall award each design-builder on the short list a stipulated fee of not less than two-tenths of one percent of the commissioner's estimated cost of design and construction. The commissioner shall pay the stipulated fee to each proposer within 90 days after the award of the contract or the decision not to award a contract. In consideration for paying the stipulated fee, the commissioner may use any ideas or information contained in the proposals in connection with any contract awarded for the project or in connection with a subsequent procurement, without any obligation to pay any additional compensation to the unsuccessful proposers. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subdivision, an unsuccessful short-list proposer may elect to waive the stipulated fee. If an unsuccessful short-list proposer elects to waive the stipulated fee, the

commissioner may not use ideas and information contained in that proposer's proposal. Upon the request of the commissioner, a proposer who waived a stipulated fee may withdraw the waiver, in which case the commissioner shall pay the stipulated fee to the proposer and thereafter may use ideas and information in the proposer's proposal.

Subd. 4. **Low-bid design-build process.** (a) The commissioner may also use low-bid, design-build procedures to award a design-build contract where the scope of the work can be clearly defined.

(b) Low-bid design-build projects may require a request for qualifications (RFQ) and short-listing, and must require a request for proposals (RFP).

(c) Submitted proposals under this subdivision must include separately a technical proposal and a price proposal. The low-bid, design-build procedures must follow a two-step process for review of the responses to the RFP as follows:

(1) The first step is the review of the technical proposal by the Technical Review Committee as provided in section 161.3420, subdivision 2. The Technical Review Committee must open the technical proposal first and must determine if it complies with the requirements of the RFP and is responsive. The Technical Review Committee may not perform any ranking or scoring of the technical proposals.

(2) The second step is the determination of the low bidder based on the price proposal. The commissioner may not open the price proposal until the review of the technical proposal is complete.

(d) The contract award under low-bid, design-build procedures must be made to the proposer whose sealed bid is responsive to the technical requirements as determined by the Technical Review Committee and that is also the lowest bid.

(e) A stipulated fee may be paid for unsuccessful bids on low-bid, design-build projects only when the commissioner has required an RFQ and short-listed the most highly qualified responsive bidders.

Subd. 5. **Rejection of bids.** The commissioner may reject all bids under this section.

Subd. 6. **Reissue of request for proposals.** If the commissioner rejects all bids or does not execute the contract, the commissioner may reissue the request for proposals and allow only short-listed teams to resubmit proposals. The commissioner shall then pay a reasonable stipulated fee to each short-listed, responsible proposer who provides a responsive but unsuccessful proposal in response to the reissued request for proposals. When the reissued request for proposals specifies a maximum price, the stipend shall be awarded if the proposal is responsive in all other aspects but comes in above the maximum price.

History: *1Sp2001 c 8 art 3 s 9; 2010 c 351 s 9,10*

161.3428 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

161.35 MS 1976 [Repealed, 1978 c 480 s 3]

161.355 Subdivision 1. [Renumbered 161.095]

Subd. 2. MS 1974 [Repealed, 1975 c 435 s 22]

161.36 FEDERAL AID.

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner to cooperate with U.S. government.** The commissioner may cooperate with the government of the United States and any agency or department thereof in the construction, improvement, enhancement, and maintenance of transportation in the state of Minnesota and may comply

with the provisions of the laws of the United States and any regulations made thereunder for the expenditure of federal moneys.

Subd. 2. Federal aid, acceptance; commissioner as agent. The commissioner may accept federal moneys and other moneys, either public or private, for and in behalf of the state of Minnesota or any governmental subdivision thereof, or any nonpublic organization, for the construction, improvement, enhancement, or maintenance of transportation upon such terms and conditions as are or may be prescribed by the laws of the United States and any regulations made thereunder, and is authorized to act as an agent of that governmental subdivision or nonpublic organization upon its request in accepting the moneys in its behalf for transportation purposes, in acquiring right-of-way therefor, and in contracting for the construction, improvement, enhancement, or maintenance of transportation financed either in whole or in part by federal moneys. The governing body of any such subdivision or nonpublic organization is authorized to designate the commissioner as its agent for such purposes and to enter into an agreement with the commissioner prescribing the terms and conditions of the agency in accordance herewith and with federal laws and regulations.

Subd. 3. Commissioner as agent in certain cases. The commissioner may act as the agent of any political subdivision of the state, or any nonpublic organization, as provided herein, for the construction of transportation toward the construction of which no federal aid is available in the event that the construction adjoins, is connected, or in the judgment of the commissioner can be best and most economically performed in connection with construction upon which federal aid is available and upon which the commissioner is then acting as agent.

Subd. 4. State laws govern. All contracts for the construction, improvement, enhancement, or maintenance of transportation made by the commissioner as the agent of any governmental subdivision, or any nonpublic organization, shall be made pursuant to the laws of Minnesota governing the making of contracts for the construction, improvement, enhancement, and maintenance of transportation on the trunk highway system of the state; provided, where the construction, improvement, enhancement, or maintenance of any transportation is financed wholly with federal moneys, the commissioner as the agent of the governmental subdivision or nonpublic organization may let contracts in the manner prescribed by the federal authorities acting under the laws of the United States and any regulations made thereunder, notwithstanding any state law to the contrary.

Subd. 5. Funds deposited in state treasury. All funds accepted for disbursement by the commissioner pursuant to this section shall be deposited in the state treasury and, unless otherwise prescribed by the authority from which the funds are received, kept in separate accounts designated according to the purposes for which the funds were made available and held by the state in trust for those purposes. All funds are appropriated for the purposes for which the funds are made available to be expended in accordance with this section and with federal laws and regulations. The commissioner may, whether acting for the state of Minnesota or as the agent of any of its governmental subdivisions or when requested by the United States government or any agency or department of the United States government, disburse funds for the designated purposes, but this shall not preclude any other authorized method of disbursement. For the purpose of providing sufficient funds in the accounts established pursuant to this subdivision to meet expenditure requirements occurring before federal or other public or private reimbursements, the commissioner of management and budget, at the request of the commissioner, may borrow from available balances of the county state-aid highway fund or the municipal state-aid street fund. The terms and conditions of any loans shall be determined by the commissioner of management and budget. The amount borrowed shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount of federal aid allotted to the construction of roads and bridges under the jurisdiction of governmental subdivisions and under project appropriation by the federal government. When

there is sufficient money in the account that received the loan, the commissioner of management and budget shall transfer from that account to the other public fund the amount so loaned.

Subd. 6. **No personal liability created.** Nothing in this section shall be construed as creating any personal liability upon the commissioner or in any way authorizing the commissioner to create any liability on the part of the state of Minnesota when acting as the agent of any governmental subdivision thereof, or when acting at the request of the United States.

Subd. 7. MS 2018 [Repealed, 2019 c 50 art 1 s 130]

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 36; 1981 c 209 s 5; 1982 c 376 s 1; 1986 c 444; 1996 c 455 art 3 s 9-12; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50; 2009 c 9 s 1; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109; 2013 c 117 art 3 s 36; 2014 c 227 art 1 s 5

161.361 ADVANCE FUNDING FOR TRUNK HIGHWAY PROJECTS.

Subdivision 1. **Advance funding.** A road authority other than the commissioner may by agreement with the commissioner make advances from any available funds to the commissioner to expedite construction of all or part of a trunk highway. Money may be advanced under this section only for projects already included in the commissioner's ten-year highway work program. The total amount of annual repayment to road authorities under this subdivision must never exceed \$10,000,000.

Subd. 1a. **Interregional corridors.** By agreement with the commissioner, a road authority other than the commissioner or two or more road authorities that have entered into a joint powers agreement under section 471.59 may make advances from any available funds to the commissioner to expedite development of an interregional transportation corridor, including funds for design consultants, for right-of-way purchases, for construction, or for other related expenditures. The total amount of annual repayment to road authorities under this subdivision must never exceed \$10,000,000.

Subd. 1b. **Bottlenecks.** By agreement with the commissioner, a road authority other than the commissioner or two or more road authorities that have entered into a joint powers agreement under section 471.59 may make advances from any available funds to the commissioner to expedite bottleneck reduction, including funds for design consultants, for right-of-way purchases, for construction, or for other related expenditures. The total amount of annual repayment to road authorities under this subdivision must never exceed \$10,000,000.

Subd. 2. **Repayment.** Subject to the availability of state money, the commissioner shall repay the amounts advanced under this section, up to the state's share of project costs, under terms of the agreement. The agreement may provide for payment of interest for funds advanced under subdivisions 1a and 1b at a rate of interest agreed upon by the parties.

History: 1991 c 298 art 4 s 4; 2002 c 364 s 6; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 7

161.362 MS 2000 [Repealed, 2002 c 364 s 41]

161.365 HIGHWAY CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS; MINIMUM WAGE.

All contracts for the construction, improvement or repair of a road or highway financed in whole or in part with federal funds and with respect to which the commissioner of transportation acts as the agent for a political subdivision of the state and is required to approve plans and specifications with respect thereto and to award such contract, the commissioner of transportation shall incorporate into the specifications a provision requiring the same wage rates for labor as is currently used by the state of Minnesota on state trunk highway projects other than interstate projects, for work in the same wage rate area. The provisions of this section

shall not be applicable to contracts with any railroad or public utility for the alteration or relocation of any facilities of any such railroad or public utility when the work provided for in said contract is done by the regularly employed forces of said railroad or public utility.

History: *1965 c 368 s 1; 1976 c 166 s 7*

161.366 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT; TACONITE RELIEF AREA.

The commissioner of transportation, as a condition of awarding a transportation construction contract in the taconite tax relief area, may require the contractor to hire a certain percentage of workers for that contract whose principal place of residence is in the taconite tax relief area. Taconite tax relief area means the tax relief area defined in section 273.134.

History: *2001 c 213 s 7; 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 23*

161.368 HIGHWAY CONTRACTS WITH TRIBAL AUTHORITIES.

(a) On behalf of the state, the commissioner may enter into agreements with Indian tribal authorities for the purpose of providing maintenance, design, and construction to highways on tribal lands. These agreements may include (1) a provision for waiver of immunity from suit by a party to the contract on the part of the tribal authority with respect to any controversy arising out of the contract and (2) a provision conferring jurisdiction on state district courts to hear such a controversy.

(b) Notwithstanding section 161.32, for construction of highways on tribal lands in a reservation exempt from Public Law 83-280, the commissioner may: (1) award a preference for Indian-owned contractors to the same extent provided in the applicable Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance, but not to exceed ten percent; or (2) negotiate with the tribal authority and enter into an agreement for the tribal authority to award and administer the construction contract, with the commissioner providing funding for the state share of the project. If negotiating with the tribal authority, the commissioner must perform an independent cost estimate and determine that the cost proposed by the tribal authority is reasonable. An agreement negotiated with a tribal authority must include a clause requiring conformance with plans and specifications approved by the commissioner.

History: *1Sp2003 c 19 art 2 s 10; 2004 c 295 art 1 s 1; 1Sp2005 c 6 art 3 s 8; 2016 c 189 art 13 s 53*

161.369 INDIAN EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE.

As authorized by United States Code, title 23, section 140, paragraph (d), the commissioner may implement an Indian employment preference for members of federally recognized Tribes on projects carried out under United States Code, title 23, on or near an Indian reservation. For purposes of this section, a project is near an Indian reservation if the project is within the distance a person seeking employment could reasonably be expected to commute to and from each workday. The commissioner, in consultation with federally recognized Minnesota Tribes, may determine when a project is near an Indian reservation.

History: *2023 c 68 art 5 s 8*

161.37 SURPLUS GOVERNMENT MATERIALS.

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner may accept.** The commissioner may accept from the federal government allotments to the state of excess materials suitable for road construction and maintenance purposes.

Subd. 2. **Costs incurred in obtaining materials.** Costs incurred in receiving, placing in use, delivering, or purchasing spare parts for excess materials shall be paid out of the trunk highway fund; provided that any

expense so incurred in receiving, delivering, or purchasing spare parts for the material in behalf of any county shall be paid by the county, and payment received therefor shall be credited to the trunk highway fund.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 37

161.38 SPECIAL AGREEMENTS FOR HIGHWAYS IN MUNICIPALITIES.

Subdivision 1. **Highway width or capacity.** Road authorities, including the road authorities of any city may enter into an agreement with the commissioner for the construction of a roadway or structure of greater width or capacity than would be necessary to accommodate the normal trunk highway traffic upon any trunk highway within its boundaries, and may appropriate from any funds available and pay into the trunk highway fund such sums of money as may be agreed upon. Nothing herein contained shall prevent any city from constructing the portions of the street not included in the trunk highway system independent of any contract with the commissioner; provided the construction conforms to the reasonable rules as the commissioner may prescribe as to grade and drainage.

Subd. 2. **Maintenance.** Where a trunk highway is located over or along a street in any city which street is or may be improved to a width greater than the normal width of such trunk highway, the road authority of the city may enter into an agreement with the commissioner for the maintenance of the additional width by the commissioner and shall in accordance with the agreement appropriate and pay into the trunk highway fund such sums of money as may be agreed upon. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent any city maintaining such additional width at its own expense independent of any contract with the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Frontage road.** The commissioner for and on behalf of the state may enter into agreements with municipalities for the construction, improvement, and maintenance of trunk highways within the limits of said municipalities, including but not limited to agreements for the construction and maintenance of frontage roads upon and along trunk highways within the limits of said municipalities. Such frontage roads may be constructed along the main-traveled lanes of the trunk highway, or they may be constructed a reasonable distance out from the limits of the right-of-way acquired for the main-traveled lanes if in the considered judgment of the commissioner such location is necessary to eliminate unreasonable circuitry of local travel or to provide access to properties otherwise denied access to public highways by the establishment and construction of the trunk highway. Such frontage roads shall connect, at least at one terminal, either with the main lanes of the trunk highway or with another public highway. The municipalities are authorized to enter into such agreement with the commissioner for the performance and responsibility of the work upon such terms as may be agreed upon.

Subd. 4. **Effects on other law of public contract with commissioner.** Whenever the road authority of any city enters into an agreement with the commissioner pursuant to this section, and a portion of the cost is to be assessed against benefited property, the letting of a public contract by the commissioner for the work shall be deemed to comply with statutory or charter provisions requiring the city (1) to advertise for bids before awarding a contract for a public improvement, (2) to let the contract to the lowest responsible bidder or to the vendor or contractor offering the best value, and (3) to require a performance bond to be filed by the contractor before undertaking the work. The contract so let by the commissioner and the performance bond required of the contractor by the commissioner shall be considered to be the contract and bond of the city for the purposes of complying with the requirements of any applicable law or charter provision, and the bond shall inure to the benefit of the city and operate for their protection to the same extent as though they were parties thereto.

Subd. 5. **Definition of municipalities.** For the purpose of this section the term "municipalities" shall include counties, cities, and towns.

Subd. 6. **Withholding state aid.** If any municipality fails to fulfill its obligations as provided in any mutual agreement entered into pursuant to this section, the commissioner may retain and withhold payment of any state aid money apportioned to such municipality under the provisions of sections 162.01 to 162.181 until such municipality fulfills its obligations under the agreement. If the obligation which the municipality has failed to fulfill is a monetary obligation, the amount of state aid money which the commissioner may withhold shall not exceed the amount of the monetary obligation in default. If the obligation is other than a monetary obligation, the commissioner may withhold a reasonable amount of such state aid money until the municipality fulfills the obligation.

Subd. 7. **Improvements outside limits of state construction project.** The commissioner may act as agent for any municipality, at its request and on its approval, for the construction of street or highway improvements outside the limits of a state construction project. Administration of a contract in this manner must be based on an estimated cost savings for both the state and the municipality. All costs of such work shall be paid by the municipality. Prior to the letting of the state construction contract, the provisions for payment and all details of the work to be done outside of the limits of the state construction project shall be set out in an agency agreement between the municipality and the state.

Subd. 8. **Spending on trunk highway system.** The commissioner must maintain information on expenditures by local road authorities from local funding sources for trunk highway system projects.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 38; 1961 c 40 s 1; 1961 c 577 s 2; 1965 c 155 s 1; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1Sp1981 c 4 art 1 s 83; 1982 c 376 s 2; 1985 c 248 s 70; 2007 c 148 art 3 s 19; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 27

161.39 AID TO OTHER ROAD AUTHORITIES AND STATE DEPARTMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Assistance allowed.** Upon the request of another road authority, any road authority including the commissioner and the road authority of any city, township, or county may provide technical and engineering advice, assistance and supervision to the requesting road authority; and may make surveys and prepare plans for the location, construction, and reconstruction of and perform maintenance on any highway, street, road, or bridge under the jurisdiction of the requesting road authority.

Subd. 2. **Additional work.** If so requested the assisting road authority may examine the whole or any part of the highway or street system under the jurisdiction of the road authority and recommend changes, alterations, or additions thereto that the assisting road authority deems to be in the public interest and in the interest of safety and convenient public travel. The commissioner may make surveys, studies, investigations, and perform work and services as are necessary in carrying out such requests.

Subd. 3. **Engineering or survey services for state departments.** The commissioner shall render engineering or surveying services as the governor may require for any of the state departments or agencies.

Subd. 4. **Pavement marking.** The commissioner may pavement mark highways and streets off the trunk highway system and furnish the necessary equipment and operators therefor when any road authority, including road authorities of cities and state department or agencies having jurisdiction over such highways or streets requests such pavement marking.

Subd. 5. **Payment for services.** The cost of the work or services performed under the provisions of this section shall be paid by the road authority, department or agency for which the work or services were performed. All money received or expended therefor shall be credited or debited to the trunk highway fund.

Subd. 5a. **Performing services for Public Utilities Commission, reimbursement.** The trunk highway fund shall be reimbursed for money expended by the Transportation Department in performing services for the Public Utilities Commission.

Subd. 5b. **Reimbursement for services.** The Office of Electronic Communication in the Department of Transportation may perform work for other state agencies and, to the extent that these services are performed beyond the level for which money was appropriated, may deposit revenue generated from this source as dedicated receipts to the account from which it was spent.

Subd. 6. **Agreements regarding services.** The road authorities, including road authorities of cities, townships, counties, state departments, or agencies may enter into agreements with the commissioner setting forth the work or services to be performed by the commissioner or the road authority under the provisions of this section and providing for the method of reimbursement to or from the trunk highway fund of the cost thereof.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 39; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1973 c 718 s 21; 1975 c 435 s 20; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1980 c 614 s 123; 1984 c 417 s 14-16; 1986 c 444; 1993 c 266 s 16

161.391 PAVEMENT STRIPING.

The commissioner of transportation may bill highway maintenance operating units of the department and local road authorities for the costs of a centrally managed, pavement marking program. These costs may include equipment acquisition and rental, labor, materials, and other costs as determined by the commissioner. Receipts must be credited to a special account, which is established in the trunk highway fund, and are appropriated to the commissioner to pay the costs for which the billings are made. Amounts credited to the account are exempt from statewide and agency indirect costs payments.

History: 1Sp2001 c 8 art 2 s 50

DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

161.40 JOINT FACILITIES WITH DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

The commissioner may enter into agreements with the state Division of Emergency Management to build, operate and maintain joint facilities in cases where the Division of Emergency Management contributes its proportionate financial share.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 40; 1974 c 428 s 5; 1987 c 71 s 2

PROPERTY INTERESTS, TRANSACTIONS, AND USES

161.41 SURPLUS PROPERTY NOT NEEDED FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

Subdivision 1. **Commissioner may declare surplus.** The commissioner is authorized to declare as surplus any property acquired by the state for highway purposes, excluding land, which the commissioner determines to be no longer needed or necessary for state highway purposes.

Subd. 2. **Determination of value; disposition.** The commissioner shall administer all aspects of the disposition of property declared to be surplus under this section, including buildings used for trunk highway purposes. The commissioner shall first determine the value of the surplus property. The commissioner may then transfer the possession of the surplus property to any state agency or political subdivision of this state

or to the United States government upon receipt of payment in an amount equal to the value of the surplus property.

The commissioner may also sell the surplus property under the competitive bidding provisions of chapter 16C if no state agency or political subdivision of this state offers to purchase the surplus property for its determined value.

Subd. 3. Money credited to trunk highway fund. The commissioner shall deposit all money received under this section with the commissioner of management and budget to be credited to the trunk highway fund.

Subd. 4. Disposal of obsolete or unsafe buildings. If the commissioner determines that the department is no longer using a building for trunk highway purposes or that the building is a safety or fire hazard, the commissioner may demolish the building.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 41; 1982 c 617 s 4; 1989 c 209 art 2 s 1; 1998 c 386 art 2 s 64; 2003 c 112 art 2 s 50; 2009 c 101 art 2 s 109; 2023 c 68 art 5 s 9

161.411 SALE OF SURPLUS EARTH MATERIAL.

Whenever the plans for the construction of a trunk highway indicate that there will be a surplus of earth materials from the roadway excavation of such trunk highway, and a political subdivision or public agency of the state indicates that it has use for all or part of such surplus earth materials, the commissioner of transportation may enter into an agreement for the sale of such surplus materials on an equitable basis to such political subdivision or agency. Prior to such agreement the state in its proposal shall require a bid item reflecting either an increased or decreased cost to the state by reason of the proposed sale of such material. If such bid item indicates an increased cost to the state, the materials shall not be sold for less than such increased cost.

History: 1965 c 301 s 1; 1976 c 166 s 7

161.42 LEASING OR SALE OF SOUNDING AND TESTING EQUIPMENT.

The commissioner may sell or lease to other road authorities sounding and testing equipment made by the Transportation Department. Such equipment shall be sold for not less than the cost to the department. All money received from the sale or leasing of the equipment shall be paid into the trunk highway fund.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 42; 1976 c 166 s 7

161.43 RELINQUISHMENT OF HIGHWAY EASEMENT.

The commissioner of transportation may relinquish and quitclaim to the fee owner an easement or portion of an easement owned but no longer needed by the Transportation Department for trunk highway purposes, upon payment to the Transportation Department of an amount of money equal to the appraised current market value of the easement. If the fee owner refuses to pay the required amount, or if after diligent search the fee owner cannot be found, the commissioner may convey the easement to an agency or to a political subdivision of the state upon terms and conditions agreed upon, or the commissioner may acquire the fee title to the land underlying the easement in the manner provided in section 161.20, subdivision 2. After acquisition of the fee title, the lands may be sold to the highest responsible bidder upon three weeks' published notice of the sale in a newspaper or other periodical of general circulation in the county where the land is located. All bids may be rejected and new bids received upon like publication. If the lands remain unsold after being offered for sale to the highest bidder, the commissioner may retain the services of a licensed real

estate broker to find a buyer. The sale price may be negotiated by the broker, but must not be less than 90 percent of the appraised market value as determined by the commissioner. The broker's fee must be established by prior agreement between the commissioner and the broker, and must not exceed ten percent of the sale price for sales of \$10,000 or more. The broker's fee must be paid to the broker from the proceeds of the sale.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 43; 1971 c 276 s 1; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1980 c 533 s 8; 1983 c 143 s 6; 1984 c 654 art 3 s 57

161.431 LEASING OF HIGHWAY EASEMENT.

The commissioner may lease to the fee owner for a fair rental rate and upon terms and conditions that the commissioner deems proper, an easement in real estate acquired for trunk highway purposes and not then needed for trunk highway purposes. If the fee owner refuses to lease or if after diligent search the fee owner cannot be found, the commissioner may lease the easement to an agency or to a political subdivision of the state on terms and conditions agreed upon, or the commissioner may lease the easement to the highest responsible bidder upon three weeks' published notice of the lease offering in a newspaper or other periodical of general circulation in the county where the easement is located. All bids may be rejected and new bids received upon like publication. All rents received from the lease must be paid into the state treasury. Seventy percent of any rent received is to be credited to the trunk highway fund. The remaining 30 percent is to be paid to the county treasurer of the county where the easement is located for distribution in the same manner as real estate taxes.

History: 1983 c 143 s 7

161.433 USE OF HIGHWAY AIRSPACE AND SUBSURFACE.

Subdivision 1. **Lease or permit, conditions and restrictions.** The commissioner of transportation may lease or otherwise permit the use of the airspace above and subsurface area below the surface of the right-of-way of any trunk highway, including the surface of the right-of-way above and below the airspace or subsurface areas, where the land is owned in fee by the state for trunk highway purposes when the use will not impair or interfere with the use and safety of the highway. The lease, permit, or other agreement may contain such restrictive clauses as the commissioner deems necessary in the interest of safety and convenience of public travel and other highway purposes. No lease, permit, or other agreement shall be for a period in excess of 99 years. Vehicular access to such airspace, subsurface, or surface areas shall not be allowed directly from the highway where such access would violate the provisions of United States Code, title 23, or would interfere in any way with the free flow of traffic on the highway. Any lease, permit, or other agreement shall have the approval of the appropriate federal agency when required.

Subd. 2. **Consideration for use.** The consideration paid for the use of airspace or subsurface areas shall be determined by the commissioner, but in no event shall it be less than a fair rental rate, and shall include costs for the erection and maintenance of any facilities or other costs occasioned by that use. All moneys received shall be paid into the trunk highway fund. This subdivision does not apply to real estate leased for the purpose of providing commercial and public service advertising pursuant to agreements as provided in sections 160.272 to 160.276.

Subd. 3. **Application to certain provisions.** Laws 1967, chapter 214 shall not apply to or affect the rights and privileges referred to in sections 161.45 and 222.37.

History: 1967 c 214 s 1,2,5; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1980 c 494 s 7; 1980 c 533 s 9; 2004 c 295 art 2 s 12,15; 2005 c 69 art 3 s 17

161.434 INTERSTATE AND TRUNK HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY; LIMITED USE.

The commissioner may also make such arrangements and agreements as the commissioner deems necessary in the public interest for the limited use of land owned as interstate or trunk highway right-of-way, which use shall be for highway purposes, including aesthetic purposes, but not including the erection of permanent buildings, except buildings or structures erected for the purpose of providing information to travelers through commercial and public service advertising pursuant to agreements as provided in sections 160.272 to 160.276. The commissioner shall secure the approval of the appropriate federal agency where such approval is required.

History: 1967 c 659 s 1; 1969 c 482 s 1; 1980 c 494 s 8; 1986 c 444; 2004 c 295 art 2 s 13,15

161.435 MS 1965 [Repealed, 1967 c 214 s 6]

161.44 RELINQUISHMENT OF LAND NO LONGER NEEDED.

Subdivision 1. **Conveyance.** The commissioner may convey and quitclaim any lands, including any improvements thereon, owned in fee by the state for trunk highway purposes but no longer needed therefor. Notwithstanding any provisions in this section or in section 161.23 to the contrary, fee title to or an easement in all or part of the lands and lands previously acquired in fee for trunk highways or acquired pursuant to section 161.23, in excess of what is needed for highway purposes may be conveyed and quitclaimed for public purposes to any political subdivision, Indian tribal government, or agency of the state upon the terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the commissioner and the political subdivision, Indian tribal government, or agency.

Subd. 1a. **Periodic review.** (a) The commissioner is encouraged to examine all real property owned by the state and under the custodial control of the department to decide whether any real property may be suitable for sale or some other means of disposal.

(b) The commissioner may not sell or otherwise dispose of property under this subdivision unless: (1) an analysis, which must consider any relevant nonmotorized transportation plans or in the absence of such plans, demographic and development factors affecting the region, demonstrates that (i) the property or a portion of it is not reasonably suitable for bicycle or pedestrian facilities, and (ii) there is not a likelihood of bicycle or pedestrian facility development involving the property; or (2) the use of the property for bicycle or pedestrian facilities is protected by deed restriction, easement, agreement, or other means.

(c) The commissioner shall report the findings under paragraph (a) to the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance by March 1 of each odd-numbered year. The report may be submitted electronically.

Subd. 2. **Reconveyance; remainder owned by vendor or surviving spouse.** If the lands were part of a larger tract and the remainder of the tract is still owned by the person or the person's surviving spouse from whom the lands were acquired, or if the lands constituted an entire tract, the lands must first be offered for reconveyance to the previous owner or the owner's surviving spouse. When lands are offered for reconveyance, the amount of money to be repaid for those lands must be the appraised current market value of the lands to be reconveyed. The offer must be made by certified mail addressed to the person at the person's last known address. The person or the person's surviving spouse shall have 60 days from the date of mailing the offer to accept and to tender to the commissioner the required sum of money.

Subd. 3. **Conveyance; remainder not owned by vendor or surviving spouse.** If the lands were part of a larger tract and the remainder of the tract is no longer owned by the person or the person's surviving

spouse from whom the lands were acquired, the lands shall be offered for conveyance to the person owning the remaining tract in the same manner and on the same terms as provided in subdivision 2.

Subd. 4. **Conveyance; remainder divided into smaller tracts.** If the lands were part of a larger tract and if the tract has been platted or divided into smaller tracts and sold, the commissioner may offer the lands to the owners of the smaller tracts or lots abutting upon the lands in the same manner and on the same terms as provided in subdivision 2, or the commissioner may proceed to sell the lands to the highest responsible bidder as provided in subdivisions 5 and 6.

Subd. 5. **Conveyance to highest bidder in certain cases.** If the larger tract has been platted into lots or divided into smaller tracts and the commissioner elects to proceed under this subdivision, the lands constituted an entire tract and the person from whom the lands were acquired and the person's spouse are deceased, or the offers as provided for are not accepted and the amount of money not tendered within the time prescribed, the lands may be sold and conveyed to the owner of the land abutting upon the lands in the same manner and under the same terms provided under subdivision 2, or the commissioner may sell the lands to the highest responsible bidder upon three weeks' published notice of such sale in a newspaper or other periodical of general circulation in the general area where the lands are located. All bids may be rejected and new bids received upon like advertisement.

Subd. 6. **Public auction.** In lieu of the advertisement for sale and conveyance to the highest responsible bidder, such lands may be offered for sale and sold at public auction to the highest responsible bidder. Such sale shall be made after publication of notice thereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the property is located for at least two successive weeks and such other advertising as the commissioner may direct. If the sale is made at public auction a duly licensed auctioneer may be retained to conduct such sale, the auctioneer's fees for such service to be paid from the proceeds, and there is appropriated from such proceeds an amount sufficient to pay such fees.

Subd. 6a. **Services of licensed real estate broker.** If the lands are withdrawn from sale under subdivision 6b, the commissioner may retain the services of a licensed real estate broker to find a buyer. The sale price may be negotiated by the broker, but must not be less than 80 percent of the appraised market value as determined by the commissioner. The broker's fee must be established by prior agreement between the commissioner and the broker, and must not exceed ten percent of the sale price for sales of \$10,000 or more. The broker's fee must be paid to the broker from the proceeds of the sale.

Subd. 6b. **Unsold lands.** If lands remain unsold after being offered for sale to the highest bidder, the commissioner may offer the remaining lands to any person who agrees to pay at least 80 percent of the minimum bid established for the public sale. Any offers less than 100 percent of the minimum bid must be approved by the commissioner prior to a sale. The sale must continue until all eligible lands have been sold or the commissioner withdraws the remaining lands from sale. The lands to be sold must be listed on the department's Unsold Property Inventory list.

Subd. 7. **Gravel or borrow pit; amount of repayment.** In all cases as hereinbefore specified, if the lands to be reconveyed were acquired for gravel or borrow pit purposes and the commissioner has determined that all materials suitable or needed for trunk highway purposes have been removed from such pit, the amount to be repaid therefor need not be at least the amount paid for such pit by the state, but in no event shall the amount to be so repaid to the state therefor be less than the estimated market value thereof. In all other respects the procedures for the reconveyance of gravel or borrow pits shall be the same as the procedures for the reconveyance of other lands as provided in this section.

Subd. 8. **Restrictive clauses in deed.** The deed may contain restrictive clauses limiting the use of the lands or the estate conveyed when the commissioner determines that such restrictions are reasonably necessary in the interest of safety and convenient public travel.

Subd. 9. **Receipts paid into trunk highway fund.** Moneys received from the sale of such lands and properties less any fees paid under subdivision 6a, must be paid into the trunk highway fund.

Subd. 10. MS 1965 [Repealed, 1967 c 214 s 6]

Subd. 11. **Airspace and subsurface areas.** Nothing contained in this section shall apply to the lease or other agreement for the use of air space above and the subsurface area below the right-of-way of any trunk highway or the surface of any trunk highway right-of-way as provided in section 161.433, subdivision 1.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 44; 1961 c 263 s 1; 1961 c 567 s 3 subd 1; 1963 c 467 s 2; 1967 c 214 s 3; 1967 c 790 s 1-3; 1978 c 674 s 60; 1980 c 533 s 10; 1983 c 143 s 8-10; 1984 c 654 art 3 s 58; 1986 c 444; 2010 c 226 s 1; 2013 c 127 s 9; 2014 c 287 s 4; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 28-30; 1Sp2021 c 5 art 4 s 23,24

161.441 LAND ACQUISITION AGREEMENT WITH OTHERS.

Subdivision 1. **Authority.** Whenever the commissioner of transportation has knowledge that lands are being acquired, or are about to be acquired, by a political subdivision of the state, another state agency, or other governmental authority including but not limited to bodies corporate such as public housing authorities created by statute, and determines that a portion of such lands to be acquired, or lands contiguous thereto, are needed presently or in the future for trunk highway purposes, the commissioner may, on deeming it to be in the best interests of the state, enter into land acquisition agreements, as hereinafter provided, with such political subdivision, state agency, or governmental authority. Power is hereby conferred upon the commissioner of transportation, and upon political subdivisions, state agencies, and governmental authorities to enter into, and carry out to final conclusion in accordance with the terms thereof, such land acquisition agreements, each with the other, for the purpose of acquiring lands for their particular public purpose.

Subd. 2. **Contents.** The agreement shall set forth, among other matters, the purposes for which the lands are acquired and the portions to be used for each particular public purpose; the method of acquisition, whether by purchase, eminent domain proceedings, or a combination thereof; the agency, political subdivision, or governmental authority, or combination thereof, charged with the responsibility of carrying out the acquisition; and the division of the costs of such lands, including acquisition costs, building clearance costs, and all other costs that may be incurred in acquiring such lands.

Subd. 3. **Costs.** The costs to be borne by the trunk highway fund shall be as provided in such agreements.

History: 1965 c 529 s 1-3; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1986 c 444

161.442 RECONVEYANCE TO FORMER OWNER.

Notwithstanding sections 161.23, 161.41, 161.411, 161.43, 161.44, or any other statute, the commissioner of transportation, with the consent of the owner, may transfer, sell, or convey real property including fixtures, and interests in real property including easements, to the owner from whom the property was acquired by the state for trunk highway purposes through a pending eminent domain action. The transfer of title may be by stipulation, partial dismissal, bill of sale, or conveyance. Any resulting change in the state's acquisition must be explained in the final certificate for that action. This provision does not confer on a landowner the right to compel a reconveyance without the consent of the commissioner.

History: 1994 c 635 art 2 s 4; 2001 c 213 s 8

PUBLIC SERVICES, SAFETY, AND RESEARCH**161.45 UTILITY ON HIGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY; RELOCATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Rules.** (a) Electric transmission, telephone, or telegraph lines; pole lines; community antenna television lines; railways; ditches; sewers; water, heat, or gas mains; gas and other pipelines; flumes; or other structures which, under the laws of this state or the ordinance of any city, may be constructed, placed, or maintained across or along any trunk highway, or the roadway thereof, by any person, persons, corporation, or any subdivision of the state, may be so maintained or hereafter constructed only in accordance with such rules as may be prescribed by the commissioner who shall have power to prescribe and enforce reasonable rules with reference to the placing and maintaining along, across, or in any such trunk highway of any of the utilities hereinbefore set forth.

(b) Except as necessary to protect public safety or ensure the proper function of the trunk highway, including future expansions, the rules prescribed by the commissioner under paragraph (a) must not prohibit an entity from placing and maintaining electric transmission lines along, across, or in any trunk highway if the entity:

(1) has a right to use the public road right-of-way pursuant to section 222.37, subdivision 1;

(2) has a power purchase agreement or an agreement to transfer ownership with a Minnesota utility that directly, or through its members and agents, provides retail electric service in the state; and

(3) obtains a permit from the commissioner.

(c) The commissioner must decide whether to issue a permit to an entity within 60 days of receiving the entity's request.

(d) Nothing herein shall restrict the actions of public authorities in extraordinary emergencies nor restrict the power and authority of the commissioner of commerce as provided for in other provisions of law. Provided, however, that in the event any local subdivision of government has enacted ordinances relating to the method of installation or requiring underground installation of such community antenna television lines, the permit granted by the commissioner of transportation shall require compliance with such local ordinance.

Subd. 2. **Relocation of utility.** Whenever the relocation of any utility facility is necessitated by the construction of a project on a trunk highway route, the relocation work may be made a part of the state highway construction contract or let as a separate contract as provided by law if the owner or operator of the facility requests the commissioner to act as its agent for the purpose of relocating the facilities and if the commissioner determines that such action is in the best interests of the state. Payment by the utility owner or operator to the state shall be in accordance with applicable statutes and the rules for utilities on trunk highways.

Subd. 3. **Utility interests when real property conveyed.** In proceedings to vacate, transfer, turn back, or otherwise convey an interest in real property owned or controlled by the department, when the property is owned in fee by the state, the commissioner may specify that the conveyance of the department's interest does not affect a prior, existing utility easement in the property or use of the property granted to a utility under permit issued by the department. In addition, the commissioner may convey interests in real property, including an easement, subject to the right of a utility to enter upon the right-of-way to maintain, repair, replace, reconstruct, improve, remove, or otherwise attend to its equipment. Where the utility had no preexisting easement over the real property, this subdivision does not prohibit a political subdivision,

government agency, or private entity from negotiating or contracting with a utility with regard to the utility's easement or other interest in the property, but the utility shall continue to hold the interest in the property and the right of reasonable entry unless and until the utility agrees in writing to relinquish its interests.

Subd. 4. High voltage transmission; placement in right-of-way. (a) For purposes of this subdivision and subdivisions 5 to 7, "high voltage transmission line" has the meaning given in section 216E.01, subdivision 4.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision 1, paragraph (a), high voltage transmission lines under the laws of this state or the ordinance of any city or county may be constructed, placed, or maintained across or along any trunk highway, including an interstate highway and a trunk highway that is an expressway or a freeway, except as deemed necessary by the commissioner of transportation to protect public safety or ensure the proper function of the trunk highway system.

(c) If the commissioner denies a high voltage electric line colocation request, the reasons for the denial must be submitted for review within 90 days of the commissioner's denial to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over energy and transportation, the Public Utilities Commission executive secretary, and the commissioner of commerce.

Subd. 5. High voltage transmission; coordination required. Upon written request, the commissioner must engage in coordination activities with a utility or transmission line developer to review requested highway corridors for potential permitted locations for transmission lines. The commissioner must assign a project coordinator within 30 days of receiving the written request. The commissioner must share all known plans with affected utilities or transmission line developers on potential future projects in the highway corridor if the potential highway project impacts the placement or siting of high voltage transmission lines.

Subd. 6. High voltage transmission; constructability report; advance notice. (a) If the commissioner and a utility or transmission line developer identify a permissible route along a trunk highway corridor for possible colocation of transmission lines, a constructability report must be prepared by the utility or transmission line developer in consultation with the commissioner. A constructability report developed under this subdivision must be used by both parties to plan and approve colocation projects.

(b) A constructability report developed under this section between the commissioner and the parties seeking colocation must include terms and conditions for building the colocation project. Notwithstanding the requirements in subdivision 1, the report must be approved by the commissioner and the party or parties seeking colocation prior to the commissioner approving and issuing a permit for use of the trunk highway right-of-way.

(c) A constructability report must include an agreed upon time frame for which there may not be a request from the commissioner for relocation of the transmission line. If the commissioner determines that relocation of a transmission line in the trunk highway right-of-way is necessary, the commissioner, as much as practicable, must give a four-year advance notice.

(d) Notwithstanding the requirements of subdivision 7 and section 161.46, subdivision 2, if the commissioner requires the relocation of a transmission line in the interstate highway right-of-way earlier than the agreed upon time frame in paragraph (c) in the constructability report or provides less than a four-year notice of relocation in the agreed upon constructability report, the commissioner is responsible for 75 percent of the relocation costs.

Subd. 7. **High voltage transmission; relocation reimbursement prohibited.** (a) A high voltage transmission line that receives a route permit under chapter 216E on or after July 1, 2024, is not eligible for relocation reimbursement under section 161.46, subdivision 2.

(b) If the commissioner orders relocation of a high voltage transmission line that is subject to paragraph (a):

(1) a public utility, as defined in section 216B.02, subdivision 4, may recover its portion of costs of relocating the line that the Public Utilities Commission deems prudently incurred as a transmission cost adjustment pursuant to section 216B.16, subdivision 7b; and

(2) a consumer-owned utility, as defined in section 216B.2402, subdivision 2, may recover its portion of costs of relocating the line in any manner approved by its governing board.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 45; 1967 c 231 s 2; 1971 c 25 s 67; 1973 c 123 art 5 s 7; 1973 c 568 s 19; 1976 c 166 s 7; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1997 c 231 art 16 s 5; 1Sp2001 c 4 art 6 s 22; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 29,30; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 17-20

161.46 REIMBURSEMENT OF UTILITY.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Utility" means all publicly, privately, and cooperatively owned systems for supplying power, light, gas, telegraph, telephone, water, pipeline, or sewer service if such systems be authorized by law to use public highways for the location of its facilities.

(c) "Cost of relocation" means the entire amount paid by such utility properly attributable to such relocation after deducting therefrom any increase in the value of the new facility and any salvage value derived from the old facility.

(d) "High voltage transmission line" has the meaning given in section 216E.01, subdivision 4.

Subd. 2. **Relocation of facilities; reimbursement.** Whenever the commissioner determines that the relocation of any utility facility is necessitated by the construction of a project on the routes of federally aided trunk highways, including urban extensions thereof, that are included within the National System of Interstate Highways, the owner or operator of the utility facility must relocate the utility facility in accordance with the order of the commissioner. Except as provided in section 161.45, subdivision 6, paragraph (d), or 7, upon the completion of relocation of a utility facility, the cost of relocation must be ascertained and paid out of the trunk highway fund by the commissioner, provided the amount paid by the commissioner for reimbursement to a utility does not exceed the amount on which the federal government bases its reimbursement for the interstate highway system.

Subd. 3. **Lump-sum settlement.** The commissioner may enter into agreements with a utility for the relocation of utility facilities providing for the payment by the state of a lump sum based on the estimated cost of relocation when the lump sum so agreed upon does not exceed \$100,000.

Subd. 4. **Acquisition of relocated facility for utility.** When the project requires a utility to relinquish lands or interests in lands owned by the utility and the utility is unable to acquire lands or interests in lands necessary to enable it to relocate its facilities, or if the acquisition of the lands or interests in lands by the utility would result in undue delay thereby delaying the interstate highway project, the commissioner, by purchase, gift, or eminent domain proceedings, may acquire the lands or interests in lands necessary for the

relocation if the commissioner deems that the acquisition would reduce the cost to the state of the project. The lands necessary for the relocation to be acquired by the commissioner must be designated in an agreement between the utility and the commissioner. The agreement must also provide that without cost to either party to the agreement, the utility will relinquish to the state its interests in the lands required for the interstate project in consideration of the conveyance by the state to the utility of the substitute lands designated in the agreement to be acquired by the state. The interest or estate acquired by the commissioner must be substantially similar to the interest or estate that the utility owned in the lands to be relinquished by it to the state. The commissioner may convey the lands or interests in lands to the utility.

Subd. 5. **Relocation work by state.** The relocation work may be made a part of a state highway construction contract or let as a separate contract by the state under applicable federal laws, rules and regulations if the owner or operator of the utility facility requests the commissioner to act as its agent for the purpose of relocating such facilities and if such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the state. When relocation work is made a part of a state highway construction contract or when let as a separate contract by the state as authorized herein, the cost of such relocation may be paid by the commissioner directly to the contractor out of the trunk highway fund without requiring the utility to first make payment for such relocation work and thereafter request reimbursement therefor; provided that, the agreement entered into between the state and the utility shall contain a stipulation that the utility shall reimburse the state for any costs of such relocation in which the federal government will not participate.

History: 1959 c 500 art 2 s 46; 1963 c 57 s 1; 1965 c 14 s 1; 1967 c 231 s 1; 1973 c 42 s 1; 1981 c 209 s 6; 1983 c 143 s 11; 1996 c 455 art 3 s 13; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 31; 2024 c 127 art 3 s 21,22

161.462 FIBER COLLABORATION DATABASE.

Subdivision 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of the fiber collaboration database is to provide broadband providers with advance notice of upcoming Department of Transportation construction projects so that they may notify the department of their interest in installing broadband infrastructure within the right-of-way during construction in order to minimize installation costs.

Subd. 2. **Database.** (a) The Department of Transportation shall post on its website, and update annually, the list of upcoming construction projects contained in its statewide transportation improvement program, including, for each project:

- (1) the geographical location where construction will occur;
- (2) the estimated start and end dates of construction; and
- (3) a description of the nature of the construction project.

(b) The commissioner shall post the information required in paragraph (a) as far in advance of the beginning of construction as is feasible.

(c) The department's website must allow a provider of broadband service to register to receive from the department electronic information on proposed construction projects added to the database in specific geographical areas of the state as soon as it is updated.

History: 2013 c 85 art 3 s 18

161.465 REIMBURSEMENT FOR FIRE SERVICES.

(a) Ordinary expenses incurred by a municipal or volunteer fire department in extinguishing a grass fire within the right-of-way of a trunk highway must be reimbursed upon certification to the commissioner of

transportation from the trunk highway fund. In addition, ordinary expenses incurred by a municipal or volunteer fire department in extinguishing a fire outside the right-of-way of any trunk highway if the fire originated within the right-of-way, upon approval of a police officer or an officer or employee of the Department of Public Safety must, upon certification to the commissioner of transportation by the proper official of the municipality or fire department within 60 days after the completion of the service, be reimbursed to the municipality or fire department from funds in the trunk highway fund. The commissioner of transportation shall take action practicable to secure reimbursement to the trunk highway fund of money expended under this section from the person, firm, or corporation responsible for the fire or danger of fire.

(b) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to admit state liability for damage or destruction to private property or for injury to persons resulting from a fire originating within a trunk highway right-of-way.

History: 1977 c 43 s 1; 1979 c 108 s 1; 1981 c 32 s 1; 1982 c 617 s 5; 1983 c 301 s 140; 1984 c 558 art 3 s 1

161.47 [Renumbered 299D.03]

161.475 SNOW AND ICE CONTROL MATERIALS.

Subdivision 1. **Use of agriculture-based deicing solution.** The commissioner of transportation shall use a deicing solution derived from agricultural products for snow and ice control on trunk highways to the extent that the commissioner determines is economically feasible, environmentally beneficial, and consistent with public safety.

Subd. 2. **Effect on environment.** The commissioner, in determining which snow and ice control materials to use on trunk highways, shall consider the effect of each type of material on the environment and on the deterioration of bridges and other structures.

History: 2002 c 364 s 4

161.48 [Renumbered 299D.04]

161.49 [Renumbered 299D.05]

161.50 MS 1976 [Repealed, 1977 c 454 s 49]

161.51 MS 2012 [Repealed, 2014 c 227 art 1 s 23]

161.52 MS 1988 [Repealed, 1989 c 335 art 1 s 270]

161.53 RESEARCH ACTIVITIES.

(a) The commissioner may set aside in each fiscal year up to two percent of the total amount of all funds appropriated to the commissioner other than county state-aid and municipal state-aid highway funds for transportation research including public and private research partnerships. The commissioner shall spend this money for (1) research to improve the design, construction, maintenance, management, and environmental compatibility of transportation systems, including research into and implementation of innovations in bridge-monitoring technology and bridge inspection technology; bridge inspection techniques and best practices; and the cost-effectiveness of deferred or lower cost highway and bridge design and maintenance activities and their impacts on long-term trunk highway costs and maintenance needs; (2) research on transportation policies that enhance energy efficiency and economic development; (3) programs for

implementing and monitoring research results; and (4) development of transportation education and outreach activities.

(b) Of all funds appropriated to the commissioner other than state-aid funds, the commissioner shall spend at least 0.1 percent for research and related activities performed by the Center for Transportation Studies of the University of Minnesota. The center shall establish a technology transfer and training center for Minnesota transportation professionals.

History: 1991 c 298 art 8 s 1; 1996 c 455 art 3 s 14; 2008 c 287 art 1 s 17; 2010 c 350 s 1; 2013 c 117 art 3 s 3; 2020 c 83 art 1 s 52; 2023 c 68 art 4 s 32