A bill for an act

relating to transportation; authorizing the sale of state bonds; appropriating money for final design of extension of commuter rail service.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. **NORTHSTAR COMMUTER RAIL.**

Subdivision 1. **Appropriation.** $....... is appropriated from the bond proceeds fund to the commissioner of transportation for advanced preliminary engineering, final design, and project management of the extension of commuter rail service on the Northstar Corridor from Big Lake to Rice, and to acquire railroad easements and land for stations, layover facilities, and park and ride lots. After the extension of the commuter rail corridor, regional rail authority members of the Northstar Corridor Development Authority who did not fund a portion of the share of capital costs from Minneapolis to Big Lake shall contribute an amount they would have contributed for their proportional share of the entire line from Minneapolis to Rice.

Subd. 2. **Bond sale.** To provide the money appropriated in this section from the bond proceeds fund, the commissioner of finance shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an amount up to $....... in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, sections 4 to 7.

Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective July 1, 2008.