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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. **3291**

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation finance; increasing appropriation for trunk highway
1.3 construction; amending Laws 2013, chapter 117, article 1, section 3, subdivision
1.4 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Laws 2013, chapter 117, article 1, section 3, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **State Roads**

1.8 (a) **Operations and Maintenance** 262,395,000 262,395,000

1.9 (b) **Program Planning and Delivery** 206,795,000 206,720,000

1.10 Appropriations by Fund

1.11	2014	2015
1.12 H.U.T.D.	75,000	0
1.13 Trunk Highway	206,720,000	206,720,000

1.14 \$250,000 in each year is for the department's
1.15 administrative costs for creation and
1.16 operation of the Joint Program Office for
1.17 Economic Development and Alternative
1.18 Finance, including costs of hiring a
1.19 consultant and preparing required reports.

1.20 \$130,000 in each year is available for
1.21 administrative costs of the targeted group
1.22 business program.

2.1 \$266,000 in each year is available for grants
2.2 to metropolitan planning organizations
2.3 outside the seven-county metropolitan area.

2.4 \$75,000 in each year is available for a
2.5 transportation research contingent account
2.6 to finance research projects that are
2.7 reimbursable from the federal government or
2.8 from other sources. If the appropriation for
2.9 either year is insufficient, the appropriation
2.10 for the other year is available for it.

2.11 \$900,000 in each year is available for
2.12 grants for transportation studies outside
2.13 the metropolitan area to identify critical
2.14 concerns, problems, and issues. These
2.15 grants are available: (1) to regional
2.16 development commissions; (2) in regions
2.17 where no regional development commission
2.18 is functioning, to joint powers boards
2.19 established under agreement of two or
2.20 more political subdivisions in the region to
2.21 exercise the planning functions of a regional
2.22 development commission; and (3) in regions
2.23 where no regional development commission
2.24 or joint powers board is functioning, to the
2.25 department's district office for that region.

2.26 \$75,000 in the first year is from the highway
2.27 user tax distribution fund to the commissioner
2.28 for a grant to the Humphrey School of Public
2.29 Affairs at the University of Minnesota for
2.30 WorkPlace Telework program congestion
2.31 relief efforts consisting of maintenance of
2.32 Web site tools and content. This is a onetime
2.33 appropriation and is available in the second
2.34 year.

2.35 **(c) State Road Construction Activity**

3.1 **(1) Economic Recovery Funds - Federal**
 3.2 **Highway Aid** 1,000,000 1,000,000

3.3 This appropriation is to complete projects
 3.4 using funds made available to the
 3.5 commissioner of transportation under
 3.6 title XII of the American Recovery and
 3.7 Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law
 3.8 111-5, and implemented under Minnesota
 3.9 Statutes, section 161.36, subdivision 7. The
 3.10 base appropriation is \$1,000,000 in fiscal
 3.11 year 2016 and \$0 in fiscal year 2017.

3.12 909,400,000
 3.13 **(2) State Road Construction** 934,400,000 815,600,000

3.14 It is estimated that these appropriations will
 3.15 be funded as follows:

3.16	Appropriations by Fund		
3.17	Federal Highway		
3.18	Aid	489,200,000	482,200,000
3.19		420,200,000	
3.20	Highway User Taxes	<u>445,200,000</u>	333,400,000

3.21 The commissioner of transportation shall
 3.22 notify the chairs and ranking minority
 3.23 members of the legislative committees with
 3.24 jurisdiction over transportation finance of
 3.25 any significant events that should cause these
 3.26 estimates to change.

3.27 This appropriation is for the actual
 3.28 construction, reconstruction, and
 3.29 improvement of trunk highways, including
 3.30 design-build contracts and consultant usage
 3.31 to support these activities. This includes the
 3.32 cost of actual payment to landowners for
 3.33 lands acquired for highway rights-of-way,
 3.34 payment to lessees, interest subsidies, and
 3.35 relocation expenses.

4.1 The base appropriation for state road
 4.2 construction for fiscal years 2016 and 2017
 4.3 is \$645,000,000 in each year.
 4.4 \$10,000,000 in each year is for the
 4.5 transportation economic development
 4.6 program under Minnesota Statutes, section
 4.7 174.12.

4.8 The commissioner may expend up to one-half
 4.9 of one percent of the federal appropriations
 4.10 under this clause as grants to opportunity
 4.11 industrialization centers and other nonprofit
 4.12 job training centers for job training programs
 4.13 related to highway construction.

4.14 The commissioner may transfer up to
 4.15 \$15,000,000 each year to the transportation
 4.16 revolving loan fund.

4.17 The commissioner may receive money
 4.18 covering other shares of the cost of
 4.19 partnership projects. These receipts are
 4.20 appropriated to the commissioner for these
 4.21 projects.

4.22 **(d) Highway Debt Service** 158,417,000 189,821,000

4.23 \$148,917,000 in the first year and
 4.24 \$180,321,000 in the second year are for
 4.25 transfer to the state bond fund. If an
 4.26 appropriation is insufficient to make all
 4.27 transfers required in the year for which it is
 4.28 made, the commissioner of management and
 4.29 budget shall notify the senate Committee
 4.30 on Finance and the house of representatives
 4.31 Committee on Ways and Means of the
 4.32 amount of the deficiency and shall then
 4.33 transfer that amount under the statutory open
 4.34 appropriation. Any excess appropriation
 4.35 cancels to the trunk highway fund.

5.1	(e) Electronic Communications		5,171,000	5,171,000
5.2	Appropriations by Fund			
5.3	General	3,000	3,000	
5.4	Trunk Highway	5,168,000	5,168,000	

5.5 The general fund appropriation is to equip
 5.6 and operate the Roosevelt signal tower for
 5.7 Lake of the Woods weather broadcasting.

5.8 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.