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Introduction and first reading
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; authorizing alternative fuel vehicles to use
1.3 high-occupancy vehicle lanes and dynamic shoulder lanes without a fee; amending
1.4 Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 160.93, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 160.93, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Deposit of revenues; appropriation.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision
1.8 2a, money collected from fees authorized under ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 1 and 6 must be
1.9 deposited in a high-occupancy vehicle lane user fee account in the special revenue fund. A
1.10 separate account must be established for each trunk highway corridor. Money in the account
1.11 is appropriated to the commissioner.

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

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

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

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

2.1 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 160.93, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.2 read:

2.3 Subd. 6. **Alternative fuel vehicles.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 1, 4, or 5, the driver
2.4 of a single-occupant alternative fuel vehicle that displays the decal described in paragraph
2.5 (b) may use a dynamic shoulder lane or designated high-occupancy vehicle lanes without
2.6 a fee or charge.

2.7 (b) The commissioner must create a decal for alternative fuel vehicles that may be affixed
2.8 to the vehicle and is easily visible to law enforcement officials. The commissioner may
2.9 regulate the number of decals required to be displayed on a vehicle and the location where
2.10 the decals must be displayed.

2.11 (c) The owner of an alternative fuel vehicle must submit an application for the decals
2.12 to the commissioner, along with a fee of \$22. If the commissioner is satisfied that the vehicle
2.13 is an alternative fuel vehicle, the commissioner must issue the decal to the owner of the
2.14 vehicle. The decal expires four years from the month of issuance. Decals issued to a vehicle
2.15 are nontransferable to another vehicle.

2.16 (d) For purposes of this subdivision, an alternative fuel vehicle means a vehicle as defined
2.17 in United States Code, title 23, section 166, paragraph (f), clause (1).