

**SENATE  
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**S.F. No. 9**

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A bill for an act

1.1 relating to capital investment; transportation; railroads; authorizing spending to  
1.2 acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital  
1.3 nature with certain conditions; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds;  
1.4 appropriating money; providing for highway-rail grade crossing improvements;  
1.5 providing for a railroad assessment; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota  
1.6 Statutes, chapter 219.  
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1.8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.9 Section 1. **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATIONS.**

1.10 The sums shown in the column under "Appropriations" are appropriated from the  
1.11 bond proceeds fund, or another named fund, to the state agencies or officials indicated,  
1.12 to be spent for public purposes. Appropriations of bond proceeds must be spent as  
1.13 authorized by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 5, paragraph (a), to acquire  
1.14 and better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature, or  
1.15 as authorized by the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 5, paragraphs (b) to (j),  
1.16 or article XIV. Unless otherwise specified, money appropriated in this act for a capital  
1.17 program or project may be used to pay state agency staff costs that are attributed directly  
1.18 to the capital program or project in accordance with accounting policies adopted by the  
1.19 commissioner of management and budget. Unless otherwise specified, the appropriations  
1.20 in this act are available until the project is completed or abandoned subject to Minnesota  
1.21 Statutes, section 16A.642. Unless otherwise specified in this act, money appropriated in  
1.22 this act for activities under Minnesota Statutes, sections 16B.307, 84.946, and 135A.046,  
1.23 should not be used for projects that can be financed within a reasonable time frame under  
1.24 Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.322 or 16C.144.

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**APPROPRIATIONS**

2.1 **Sec. 2. TRANSPORTATION** **\$ 64,617,000**

2.2 To the commissioner of transportation  
2.3 to construct rail grade separations at  
2.4 high-priority sites to improve safety at rail  
2.5 crossings on active crude oil routes. Of this  
2.6 appropriation:

2.7 (1) \$34,500,000 is for a grant to the city  
2.8 of Moorhead to construct and complete the  
2.9 grade-separated rail crossing project in the  
2.10 vicinity of 21st Street South in the city of  
2.11 Moorhead;

2.12 (2) \$3,770,000 is for a grant to the city of  
2.13 Willmar to construct grade separations at  
2.14 U.S. Highway 12 and Minnesota Highway  
2.15 40 as part of the Willmar Wye project;

2.16 (3) \$14,762,000 is for a grant to the city  
2.17 of Red Wing to construct and complete  
2.18 the grade-separated rail crossing project at  
2.19 Sturgeon Lake Road; and

2.20 (4) \$11,585,000 is for a grant to Anoka  
2.21 County for environmental analysis, design,  
2.22 engineering, and construction of a rail  
2.23 grade crossing separation at Anoka County  
2.24 State-Aid Highway 78, known as Hanson  
2.25 Boulevard, in Coon Rapids.

2.26 The appropriations in this section are  
2.27 not available until the commissioner of  
2.28 management and budget determines that an  
2.29 amount sufficient to complete the project is  
2.30 committed from nonstate sources.

2.31 **Sec. 3. BOND SALE EXPENSES** **\$ 65,000**

2.32 To the commissioner of management  
2.33 and budget for bond sale expenses under

3.1 Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.641,  
3.2 subdivision 8.

3.3 **Sec. 4. BOND SALE AUTHORIZATION.**

3.4 To provide the money appropriated in this act from the bond proceeds fund, the  
3.5 commissioner of management and budget shall sell and issue bonds of the state in an  
3.6 amount up to \$64,682,000 in the manner, upon the terms, and with the effect prescribed by  
3.7 Minnesota Statutes, sections 16A.631 to 16A.675, and by the Minnesota Constitution,  
3.8 article XI, sections 4 to 7.

3.9 **Sec. 5. [219.016] RAILROAD COMPANY ASSESSMENT; ACCOUNT;**  
3.10 **APPROPRIATION.**

3.11 (a) As provided in this section, the commissioner shall annually assess railroad  
3.12 companies that are (1) defined as common carriers under section 218.011; (2) classified by  
3.13 federal law or regulation as Class I Railroads or Class I Rail Carriers; and (3) operating in  
3.14 this state. The total assessment amount may not exceed \$32,500,000 annually.

3.15 (b) The assessment must be by a division of the annual appropriation to the grade  
3.16 crossing safety improvement account in equal proportion between carriers based on route  
3.17 miles operated in Minnesota, assessed in equal amounts for 365 days of the calendar year.

3.18 (c) The assessments must be deposited in the rail grade crossing safety improvement  
3.19 account, which is created in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is  
3.20 appropriated to the commissioner for the development, administration, and construction of  
3.21 highway-rail grade crossing improvements on rail corridors transporting crude oil, and  
3.22 other selected routes, including those carrying hazardous materials. Improvements may  
3.23 include upgrades to existing protection systems, the closing of crossings and necessary  
3.24 roadwork, and reconstruction of at-grade crossings to full grade separations. Funds in  
3.25 the account are available until expended.

3.26 **Sec. 6. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

3.27 This act is effective the day following final enactment.