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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 1482

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing a Metro Mobility partnership pilot program;
1.3 requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. METRO MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM.

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

1.8 (b) "Pilot program" means the Metro Mobility partnership pilot program established in
1.9 this section.

1.10 (c) "Transportation network company" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes,
1.11 section 65B.472, subdivision 1.

1.12 Subd. 2. Establishment. Subject to available funds, the Metropolitan Council must
1.13 implement a pilot program to provide expanded service through public-private partnerships
1.14 as a complement to the existing service levels of Metro Mobility under Minnesota Statutes,
1.15 section 473.386.

1.16 Subd. 3. Requirements. The pilot program must:

1.17 (1) provide transportation options in partnership with one or more transportation network
1.18 companies;

1.19 (2) provide service hours for the periods as follows, but only outside of the hours of
1.20 service under Metro Mobility:

1.21 (i) on weekdays from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.;

2.1 (ii) on Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.; and

2.2 (iii) on Sundays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.;

2.3 (3) cover the entirety of the geographic area specified in Minnesota Statutes, section  
2.4 473.386, subdivision 3, clause (9); and

2.5 (4) establish rider eligibility that is substantially comparable to eligibility requirements  
2.6 under Metro Mobility.

2.7 Subd. 4. **Legislative report.** By February 1, 2026, the Metropolitan Council must submit  
2.8 a report to the chairs, ranking minority members, and staff of the legislative committees  
2.9 with jurisdiction over transportation policy and finance concerning the pilot program. At a  
2.10 minimum, the report must:

2.11 (1) summarize pilot program implementation;

2.12 (2) provide a fiscal review that identifies uses of funds;

2.13 (3) analyze results under the pilot program, including improvements to service and  
2.14 customer experience;

2.15 (4) evaluate accessibility impacts and constraints for riders who use a wheelchair or  
2.16 otherwise require specialized equipment or service;

2.17 (5) consider service models, technologies, partnership models, and anticipated industry  
2.18 changes;

2.19 (6) identify findings, practices, and considerations for replication in communities  
2.20 throughout the state;

2.21 (7) review any modifications under consideration, planned, or implemented for the Metro  
2.22 Mobility program; and

2.23 (8) make any recommendations on partnerships for service improvements related to  
2.24 Metro Mobility, including fiscal implications.

2.25 For purposes of the report under this subdivision, "staff" means those employees who are  
2.26 identified in any of the following roles for the legislative committees: committee  
2.27 administrator, committee legislative assistant, caucus research, fiscal analysis, counsel, or  
2.28 nonpartisan research.

3.1 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; METRO MOBILITY PILOT PROGRAM.**

3.2 \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the general  
3.3 fund to the Metropolitan Council for a Metro Mobility partnership pilot program under  
3.4 section 1. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until December 31, 2025.