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State of Minnesota
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 186

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

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; sales and use tax; amending allocation requirements
1.3 for the metropolitan area transportation sales tax; amending Minnesota Statutes
1.4 2014, section 297A.992, subdivision 6.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297A.992, subdivision 6, is amended to
1.7 read:

1.8 Subd. 6. **Allocation and use of grant awards.** (a) The board must allocate grant
1.9 awards only for the following transit purposes:

1.10 (i) capital improvements to transitways, including, but not limited to, commuter rail
1.11 rolling stock, light rail vehicles, and transitway buses;

1.12 (ii) capital costs for park-and-ride facilities, as defined in section 174.256,
1.13 subdivision 2;

1.14 (iii) feasibility studies, planning, alternatives analyses, environmental studies,
1.15 engineering, property acquisition for transitway purposes, and construction of transitways;
1.16 and

1.17 (iv) operating assistance for transitways.

1.18 (b) The joint powers board must annually award grants to each minimum guarantee
1.19 county in an amount no less than the amount of sales tax revenue collected within that
1.20 county.

1.21 (c) The joint powers board must annually award grants in an amount totaling no
1.22 less than 40 percent of sales tax revenue collected for the year for projects in Dakota,
1.23 Ramsey, or Washington County.

2.1 ~~(e)~~ (d) No more than 1.25 percent of the total awards may be annually allocated
2.2 for planning, studies, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of pedestrian
2.3 programs and bicycle programs and pathways.

2.4 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment
2.5 and applies to grant awards for calendar year 2016 and after.