

A bill for an act

relating to transportation; providing for date of authorization of certain trunk highway bonds; amending Laws 2008, chapter 152, article 2, section 3, subdivision 2.

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

Section 1. Laws 2008, chapter 152, article 2, section 3, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. State Road Construction	1,717,694,000
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(a) For the actual construction, reconstruction, and improvement of trunk highways, including design-build contracts and consultant usage to support these activities. This includes the cost of actual payments to landowners for lands acquired for highway rights-of-way, payments to lessees, interest subsidies, and relocation expenses. This appropriation is in the following amounts:

(1) \$417,694,000 in fiscal year 2009, and the commissioner may use up to \$71,008,000 of this amount for program delivery;

(2) \$500,000,000 in fiscal year 2010, and the commissioner may use up to \$85,000,000 of this amount for program delivery; and

(3) \$100,000,000 in each fiscal year for fiscal years 2011 through 2018, and the commissioner may use up to \$17,000,000 of the amount in each fiscal year for program delivery.

(b) Of the amount in fiscal year 2009, \$40,000,000 is for construction of interchanges involving a trunk highway, where the interchange will promote economic development, increase employment, relieve growing traffic congestion, and promote traffic safety. The amount under this paragraph must be allocated 50 percent to the department's metropolitan district, and 50 percent to districts in greater Minnesota.

(c) Of the amount in fiscal years 2009 and 2010, the commissioner shall use \$300,000,000 each year for predesign, design, preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of bridges in the trunk highway bridge improvement program under Minnesota Statutes, section 165.14.

(d) Of the total appropriation under this subdivision, the commissioner shall use at least \$50,000,000 for accelerating transit facility improvements on or adjacent to trunk highways.

(e) Of the total appropriation under this subdivision provided to the Department of Transportation's district 7, the commissioner

3.1 shall first expend funds as necessary to
3.2 accelerate all projects that (1) are on a trunk
3.3 highway classified as a medium priority
3.4 interregional corridor, (2) are included in the
3.5 district's long-range transportation plan, but
3.6 are not included in the state transportation
3.7 improvement program or the ten-year
3.8 highway work plan, and (3) expand capacity
3.9 from a two-lane highway to a freeway
3.10 or expressway, as defined in Minnesota
3.11 Statutes, section 160.02, subdivision 19. The
3.12 commissioner shall establish as the highest
3.13 priority under this paragraph any project that
3.14 currently has a final environmental impact
3.15 statement completed. The requirement
3.16 under this paragraph does not change the
3.17 department's funding allocation process
3.18 or the amount otherwise allocated to each
3.19 transportation district.

3.20 (f) The appropriation in this subdivision
3.21 cancels as specified under Minnesota
3.22 Statutes, section 16A.642, except that the
3.23 commissioner of management and budget
3.24 shall count the start of authorization for
3.25 issuance of state bonds as the first day of
3.26 the fiscal year during which the bonds are to
3.27 be issued, as specified under paragraph (a),
3.28 clause (1), (2), or (3), respectively, and not as
3.29 the date of enactment of this subdivision.

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