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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 4267

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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 transit; providing for expansion of the Metro Mobility service area to
1.3 Ramsey; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 473.386,
1.4 subdivision 3.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 473.386, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. Duties of council. In implementing the special transportation service, the council
1.8 must:

1.9 (1) encourage participation in the service by public, private, and private nonprofit
1.10 providers of special transportation currently receiving capital or operating assistance from
1.11 a public agency;

1.12 (2) when feasible and cost-efficient, contract with public, private, and private nonprofit
1.13 providers that have demonstrated their ability to effectively provide service at a reasonable
1.14 cost;

1.15 (3) encourage individuals using special transportation to use the type of service most
1.16 appropriate to their particular needs;

1.17 (4) encourage shared rides to the greatest extent practicable;

1.18 (5) encourage public agencies that provide transportation to eligible individuals as a
1.19 component of human services and educational programs to coordinate with this service and
1.20 to allow reimbursement for transportation provided through the service at rates that reflect
1.21 the public cost of providing that transportation;

2.1 (6) establish criteria to be used in determining individual eligibility for special
2.2 transportation services;

2.3 (7) consult with the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee in a timely manner
2.4 before changes are made in the provision of special transportation services;

2.5 (8) provide for effective administration and enforcement of council policies and standards;
2.6 and

2.7 (9) ensure that, taken as a whole including contracts with public, private, and private
2.8 nonprofit providers, the geographic coverage area of the special transportation service is
2.9 continuous within the boundaries of:

2.10 (i) the transit taxing district, as defined as of March 1, 2006, in section 473.446,
2.11 subdivision 2, ~~and~~;

2.12 (ii) any area added to the transit taxing district under section 473.4461 that received
2.13 capital improvements financed in part under the United States Department of Transportation
2.14 Urban Partnership Agreement program; and

2.15 (iii) the city of Ramsey.

2.16 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective January 1, 2023, and
2.17 applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

2.18 **Sec. 2. METRO MOBILITY EXPANSION; APPROPRIATION.**

2.19 (a) \$400,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the Metropolitan
2.20 Council for Metro Mobility service expansion under Minnesota Statutes, section 473.386,
2.21 subdivision 3, clause (9). This is a onetime appropriation.

2.22 (b) The base for the Metro Mobility program is increased by \$200,000 in each of fiscal
2.23 years 2024 and 2025.