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Introduction and first reading
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1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transit; providing for certain expansion of the Metro Mobility service
1.3 area; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, 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 2022, section 473.386, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Duties of council.** (a) In implementing the special transportation service, the
1.8 council 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) Jackson Township in Scott County.

2.16 (b) Nothing in this subdivision prevents special transportation service beyond the
2.17 geographic area specified in paragraph (a), clause (9).

2.18 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective January 1, 2024, and
2.19 applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

2.20 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; METRO MOBILITY SERVICE AREA EXPANSION.**

2.21 \$..... in fiscal year 2024 and \$..... in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated from the general
2.22 fund to the Metropolitan Council for Metro Mobility service expansion under Minnesota
2.23 Statutes, section 473.386, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (9), item (iii). This is a onetime
2.24 appropriation.