

CHAPTER 174

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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174.01 CREATION; POLICY.

Subdivision 1. Department created. In order to provide a balanced transportation system, including aeronautics, highways, motor carriers, ports, public transit, railroads and pipelines, a department of transportation is created. The department is the principal agency of the state for development, implementation, administration, consolidation, and coordination of state transportation policies, plans and programs.

Subd. 2. Transportation goals. The goals of the state transportation system are as follows:

- (1) to provide safe transportation for users throughout the state;
- (2) to provide multimodal and intermodal transportation that enhances mobility and economic development and provides access to all persons and businesses in Minnesota while ensuring that there is no undue burden placed on any community;
- (3) to provide a reasonable travel time for commuters;
- (4) to provide for the economical, efficient, and safe movement of goods to and from markets by rail, highway, and waterway;
- (5) to encourage tourism by providing appropriate transportation to Minnesota facilities designed to attract tourists;
- (6) to provide transit services throughout the state to meet the needs of transit users;
- (7) to promote productivity through system management and the utilization of technological advancements;
- (8) to maximize the benefits received for each state transportation investment;
- (9) to provide funding for transportation that, at a minimum, preserves the transportation infrastructure;
- (10) to ensure that the planning and implementation of all modes of transportation are consistent with the environmental and energy goals of the state;
- (11) to increase high occupancy vehicle use;
- (12) to provide an air transportation system sufficient to encourage economic growth and allow all regions of the state the ability to participate in the global economy;
- (13) to increase transit use in the urban areas by giving highest priority to the transportation modes with the greatest people moving capacity; and
- (14) to promote and increase bicycling as an energy-efficient, nonpolluting, and healthful transportation alternative.

History: 1991 c 298 art 1 s 1

174.03 DUTIES OF COMMISSIONER.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 1a. Revision of state transportation plan. The commissioner shall revise the state transportation plan by July 1, 1993, and by July 1 of each odd-numbered year thereafter. Before final adoption of a revised plan, the commissioner shall hold a hearing to receive public comment on the plan. The revised state transportation plan must:

- (1) incorporate the goals of the state transportation system in section 174.01; and
- (2) establish objectives, policies, and strategies for achieving those goals.

Subd. 2. Implementation of plan. After the adoption and each revision of the state-

wide transportation plan, the commissioner and the transportation regulation board shall take no action inconsistent with the revised plan.

[For text of subds 3 to 8, see M.S.1990]

History: 1991 c 298 art 1 s 2,3

174.24 PUBLIC TRANSIT SUBSIDY PROGRAM.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1990]

Subd. 2a. **Eligible activities.** Activities eligible for assistance under the program include but are not limited to:

- (1) planning and engineering design for transit services and facilities;
- (2) capital assistance to purchase or refurbish transit vehicles and other capital expenditures necessary to provide a transit service;
- (3) operating assistance as provided under subdivision 3; and
- (4) other assistance for public transit services that furthers the purposes of section 174.21.

[For text of subds 3 and 5, see M.S.1990]

History: 1991 c 233 s 62