

473.4051 LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION.

Subdivision 1. **Operator.** The council shall operate all light rail transit facilities and services located in the metropolitan area upon completion of construction of the facilities and the commencement of revenue service using the facilities. The council may not allow the commencement of revenue service until after an appropriate period of acceptance testing to ensure safe and satisfactory performance. In assuming the operation of the system, the council must comply with section 473.415. The council shall coordinate operation of the light rail transit system with bus service to avoid duplication of service on a route served by light rail transit and to ensure the widest possible access to light rail transit lines in both suburban and urban areas by means of a feeder bus system.

Subd. 2. **Operating costs.** (a) After operating revenue and federal money have been used to pay for light rail transit operations, 50 percent of the remaining operating costs must be paid by the state.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), all operating and ongoing capital maintenance costs must be paid from nonstate sources for a segment of a light rail transit line or line extension project that formally entered the engineering phase of the Federal Transit Administration's "New Starts" capital investment grant program between August 1, 2016, and December 31, 2016.

Subd. 3. **Capital costs.** State money may not be used to pay more than ten percent of the total capital cost of a light rail transit project.

History: 1988 c 684 art 2 s 6; 1989 c 339 s 19; 1993 c 353 s 19; 1994 c 628 art 3 s 109; 2008 c 287 art 1 s 108; 2008 c 365 s 12; 1Sp2017 c 3 art 3 s 120