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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation and Transit Policy and Oversight Division

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to transportation; requiring commissioner to analyze Rochester to Twin  
1.3 Cities high-speed rail corridor in statewide rail plan; amending Minnesota  
1.4 Statutes 2008, section 174.03, subdivision 1b.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 174.03, subdivision 1b, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 1b. **Statewide freight and passenger rail plan.** (a) The commissioner  
1.8 shall develop a comprehensive statewide freight and passenger rail plan to be included  
1.9 and revised as a part of the statewide transportation plan.

1.10 (b) The plan must include an analysis of a Rochester corridor for a high-speed rail  
1.11 line from Chicago to Minneapolis-St. Paul, including an evaluation of all factors that  
1.12 would be required for a complete alternatives analysis comparing a Rochester corridor  
1.13 with other proposed routes.

1.14 (c) Before the initial version of the plan is adopted, the commissioner shall provide a  
1.15 copy for review and comment to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate  
1.16 and house of representatives committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and  
1.17 finance. Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the commissioner may adopt the next revision  
1.18 of the statewide transportation plan, scheduled to be completed in calendar year 2009,  
1.19 prior to completion of the initial version of the comprehensive statewide freight and  
1.20 passenger rail plan.