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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Sustainable Infrastructure Policy

03/13/2023 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to sustainable infrastructure; appropriating money for small community
1.3 partnerships on infrastructure projects.

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

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION; SMALL COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.**

1.6 (a) \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2024 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2025 are appropriated
1.7 from the general fund to the commissioner of transportation to enter into an agreement with
1.8 the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota for small community partnerships on
1.9 infrastructure project analysis and development as provided in this section. This is a onetime
1.10 appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.

1.11 (b) The agreement must provide for:

1.12 (1) partnership activities in the Regional Sustainable Development Partnerships, the
1.13 Center for Transportation Studies, the Minnesota Design Center, the Humphrey School of
1.14 Public Affairs, the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, or other related entities;

1.15 (2) support and assistance to small communities that includes:

1.16 (i) methods to incorporate consideration of sustainability, resiliency, and adaptation to
1.17 the impacts of climate change; and

1.18 (ii) identification and cross-sector analysis of any potential associated projects and
1.19 efficiencies through coordinated investments in other infrastructure or assets; and

2.1 (3) prioritization of support and assistance to political subdivisions and federally
2.2 recognized Tribal governments based on insufficiency of capacity to undertake project
2.3 development and apply for state or federal infrastructure grants.

2.4 (c) The agreement may provide for project analysis and development activities that
2.5 include but are not limited to planning, scoping, analysis, predesign, design, pre-engineering,
2.6 and engineering.