

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; governing light rail transit operating costs; amending  
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 398A.10, subdivision 2; 473.4051, subdivision  
1.4 2.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 398A.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. **Operating and maintenance costs.** A county regional railroad authority is  
1.8 subject to the requirements under section 473.4051, subdivision 2, and may not contribute  
1.9 any funds to pay the operating and maintenance costs for a light rail transit or commuter  
1.10 rail project. If a county regional railroad authority is contributing funds for operating and  
1.11 maintenance costs on a light rail transit or commuter rail project on February 25, 2008, the  
1.12 authority may continue to contribute funds for these purposes until January 1, 2009.

1.13 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 473.4051, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

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

1.17 (1) 25 percent from state sources;

1.18 (2) 25 percent from one or more regional railroad authorities; and

1.19 (3) 50 percent as determined by the council, from sources other than as specified in  
1.20 clauses (1) and (2).

1.21 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, state sources include but are not limited to  
1.22 general fund appropriations and revenue from the metropolitan area transit account under  
1.23 section 16A.88.

2.1       Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.2               Sections 1 and 2 are effective January 1, 2017, and apply to light rail transit  
2.3 expenditures on or after that date.