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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3302

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; establishing public hearing requirements for certain
1.3 trunk highway and transit projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section
1.4 473.399, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota
1.5 Statutes, chapter 161.

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

1.7 Section 1. 161.1613 PUBLIC HEARING.

1.8 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have
1.9 the meanings given.

1.10 (b) "Final layout" has the meaning given in section 161.162, subdivision 2.

1.11 (c) "Project lead" means the commissioner, project sponsor, or other entity designated
1.12 by the commissioner that manages or leads performance of a salient project.

1.13 (d) "Salient project" means a project for trunk highway construction or reconstruction
1.14 that is:

1.15 (1) subject to municipal approval under sections 161.162 to 161.167;

1.16 (2) subject to the requirements under section 160.165; or

1.17 (3) a major highway project, as defined in section 174.56, subdivision 1.

1.18 Subd. 2. Notice; hearing. (a) Prior to completion of the final layout for a salient project,
1.19 the project lead must solicit and consider public input. The project lead must hold at least
1.20 one public hearing and permit interested persons to present comments and views on the
1.21 project.

2.1 (b) At least 30 days before a hearing, the project lead must provide notice of the hearing
2.2 in a newspaper or other periodical of general circulation in the area of the project. The notice
2.3 must state the date, time, and place of the hearing and that individuals have an opportunity
2.4 to present their comments and views on the project.

2.5 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.399, is amended by adding a subdivision to
2.6 read:

2.7 Subd. 6. **Public hearing.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms have
2.8 the meanings given:

2.9 (1) "guideway" has the meaning given in section 473.4485, subdivision 1; and

2.10 (2) "project lead" means the Metropolitan Council or the responsible authority, as defined
2.11 in section 473.3993, subdivision 4.

2.12 (b) Prior to selection of a locally preferred alternative for a guideway project, the project
2.13 lead must solicit and consider public input. The project lead must hold at least one public
2.14 hearing and permit interested persons to present comments and views on the project.

2.15 (c) At least 30 days before a hearing, the project lead must provide notice of the hearing
2.16 in a newspaper or other periodical of general circulation in the area of the project. The notice
2.17 must state the date, time, and place of the hearing and that individuals have an opportunity
2.18 to present their comments and views on the project.

2.19 **APPLICATION.** This section applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota,
2.20 Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.