

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to capital investment; adding utility relocation to the types of capital  
1.3 improvements that may be made under the hazardous materials rail safety program;  
1.4 amending Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 219.016, subdivision 4.

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

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2017 Supplement, section 219.016, subdivision 4, is amended  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 4. **Eligible project.** (a) A project is eligible for a grant from the account in the  
1.9 bond proceeds fund if the project is for the acquisition or betterment of public land, buildings,  
1.10 and other public improvements of a capital nature within the meaning of the Minnesota  
1.11 Constitution, article XI, section 5, clause (a) or (i), including capital costs associated with  
1.12 hazardous materials rail safety projects on public highway-rail grade crossings. Qualifying  
1.13 capital costs include but are not limited to upgrades to existing protection systems, the  
1.14 closing of crossings and necessary roadwork, ~~and~~ reconstruction of at-grade crossings to  
1.15 full grade separations, and associated relocation of publicly owned utilities.

1.16 (b) A project is eligible for a grant from the account in the special revenue fund if it is  
1.17 for purposes described in paragraph (a) or other capital facility improvement purposes that  
1.18 support the purposes for which this grant program is established, including capital costs  
1.19 associated with planning, engineering, administration, and construction of public highway-rail  
1.20 grade crossing improvements on rail corridors transporting crude oil and other hazardous  
1.21 materials. Improvements may include upgrades to existing protection systems, the closing  
1.22 of crossings and necessary roadwork, ~~and~~ reconstruction of at-grade crossings to full grade  
1.23 separations, and associated relocation of publicly owned utilities.

2.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.