

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETIETH SESSION**

**S.F. No. 150**

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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
01/17/2017	346	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Local Government
03/08/2017	1152a	Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Transportation Finance and Policy
03/09/2017		Comm report: To pass as amended and re-refer to Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transit; prohibiting the Metropolitan Council from undertaking a light

1.3 rail project without explicit legislative authority; appropriating money; proposing

1.4 coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 398A; 471; 473.

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

1.6 Section 1. **[398A.095] LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF LIGHT RAIL PROJECTS.**

1.7 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a regional railroad authority is prohibited from

1.8 spending any money to study, plan, design, or construct a light rail line, or expand an existing

1.9 light rail line, unless the legislature has explicitly authorized the particular project.

1.10 Sec. 2. **[471.987] LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF LIGHT RAIL PROJECTS.**

1.11 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a metropolitan county as defined in section

1.12 473.121, subdivision 4, or a home rule charter or statutory city located within the metropolitan

1.13 area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2, is prohibited from spending any money

1.14 to study, plan, design, or construct a light rail line, or expand an existing light rail line,

1.15 unless the legislature has explicitly authorized the particular project.

1.16 Sec. 3. **[473.3985] LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL OF LIGHT RAIL PROJECTS.**

1.17 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the council is prohibited from spending any

1.18 money to study, plan, design, or construct a light rail line, or expand an existing light rail

1.19 line, unless the legislature has explicitly authorized the particular project.

2.1 Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

2.2 (a) \$5,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2018 from the general fund to the  
2.3 Metropolitan Council for financial assistance to replacement service providers under  
2.4 Minnesota Statutes, section 473.388. The Metropolitan Council must distribute the funds  
2.5 equally among the replacement service providers.

2.6 (b) \$5,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2018 from the general fund to the  
2.7 Metropolitan Council for planning and development of bus rapid transit corridors.

2.8 Sec. 5. **APPLICATION.**

2.9 Sections 1 and 3 apply in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,  
2.10 Scott, and Washington.

2.11 Sec. 6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2.12 Sections 1 to 4 are effective the day following final enactment.