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Introduction and first reading
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OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to transportation; terminating operations of the Northstar Commuter Rail
1.3 service; requiring termination of all agreements and selling of all remaining assets
1.4 related to Northstar Commuter Rail.

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

1.6 Section 1. TERMINATION OF NORTHSTAR COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE.

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

1.9 (b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of transportation.

1.10 (c) "Council" means the Metropolitan Council.

1.11 (d) "Northstar" means the Northstar Commuter Rail line that provides rail passenger
1.12 service between downtown Minneapolis and Big Lake, including stops in Fridley, Coon
1.13 Rapids, Anoka, Ramsey, and Elk River.

1.14 Subd. 2. Service terminated. The council shall immediately terminate all services related
1.15 to Northstar, including stopping all passenger service, closing all stations, and ending law
1.16 enforcement services provided by the Metropolitan Transit Police along the route.

1.17 Subd. 3. Agreements terminated. (a) The commissioner and the council shall
1.18 immediately terminate all memorandums of understanding, joint powers agreements,
1.19 contracts, or any other agreement entered into with any public or private entity pursuant to
1.20 Minnesota Statutes, sections 174.82 and 473.4057, for the planning, development,
1.21 construction, operation, or maintenance of Northstar.

2.1 (b) Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 473.4057, subdivision 5, the commissioner
2.2 shall immediately terminate any lease, license, assignment, right of access, or other agreement
2.3 provided to the council to develop, operate, and maintain Northstar.

2.4 Subd. 4. **Assets sold; disposition of proceeds.** (a) The council shall immediately convey
2.5 ownership in any real or personal property related to Northstar that was previously owned
2.6 and conveyed by the commissioner or Department of Transportation under Minnesota
2.7 Statutes, section 473.4075, subdivision 5, back to the commissioner.

2.8 (b) The council and the commissioner shall immediately sell or otherwise dispose of all
2.9 assets related to Northstar, including but not limited to equipment, supplies, materials,
2.10 rolling stock, facilities, improvements, personal property, and real property.

2.11 (c) All sales and disposition of real and personal property under this subdivision shall
2.12 be conducted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 16B.2975.

2.13 Subd. 5. **Appropriation cancellation.** Any unspent funds remaining from the
2.14 appropriation under Laws 2019, First Special Session chapter 3, article 1, section 2,
2.15 subdivision 2, paragraph (b), shall immediately cancel to the general fund.

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