Transportation Finance Omnibus

ARTICLE I

General Fund Change Items: $62.158 in Spending ($118 Million in Reductions)

Department of Transportation
  • $7.6 million reduction to Greater Minnesota Transit
  • $1 million reduction to Commuter and Passenger Rail (Office Elimination)
  • $98,000 reduction to the Freight Office

Metropolitan Council
  • $109.3 million reduction to Metropolitan Council
    o Opt Outs continue at 2011 appropriation levels

Department of Public Safety
  • Department of Public Safety – no general fund change

Other Change Items in Article I
  • $1.8 million increase to airports in FY 2013 (State Airports Fund)
  • Governor’s recommendations for State Road Construction (Trunk Highway Fund), excluding the Better Roads for a Better Minnesota program
  • $20 million transfer to the Economic Development Account (Trunk Highway Fund)

ARTICLE II

Optional Transfers to Metropolitan Council Transit Operations
  • 100 percent of Livable Communities Funds and Right-of-Way Acquisition Loan Fund levies
  • Counties Transit Improvement Board funds
  • Metropolitan Council’s operating levy

ARTICLE III

Policy
  • Creation of a trunk highway economic development account
  • Fixed guideway investment reporting
  • Annual permit for transporting waterfront structures
  • Gold Star plate eligibility expansion
  • Driver education on carbon monoxide poisoning
  • Anatomical gift donation provisions ($2 optional donation)