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Overview

This bill reduces general fund appropriations to the departments of transportation and public safety and the metropolitan council by \$10.5 million in fiscal 2003 and \$11 million per year in subsequent years. It also rescinds all but \$4 million of the \$44 million appropriation in 2000 to the metropolitan council for a dedicated busway.

The largest reduction, \$7 million, is to the metropolitan council for metro transit operations, to be made up by increases in operating revenue or reductions in service. The bill also reduces state operating assistance for regular-route transit in Duluth. It repeals a law allowing local governments to be reimbursed by the state for costs of extending health insurance benefits of peace officers and firefighters killed or disabled in the line of duty.

Section

FY02

FY03

(Dollars in
thousands)

1	Budget reductions. Provides that appropriation reductions are from general fund appropriations in the transportation appropriation bill for the 2002-2003 biennium. Specifies that budget base reductions are annual amounts from the general fund beginning in FY 2004.		
2	Transportation.	(50)	(382)
	Subd. 1. Aeronautics. From air transportation services. Reduces the annual base by \$50,000.	(15)	(50)
	Subd. 2. Transit.	(14)	(234)
	(1) Reduction in greater Minnesota transit assistance from statutory change in sections 6 and 7 relating to Duluth transit authority. Reduces the annual		(183)

base by \$366,000.

(2) Transit administration. Reduces the annual base by \$51,000. (14) (51)

Subd. 3. Railroads and waterways. Reduces the annual base by 28,000. (6) (28)

Subd. 4. Motor carrier regulation. Reduces the annual base by \$13,000. (2) (13)

Subd. 5. State road operations. From electronic communications. (1)
Reduces the annual base by \$1,000.

Subd. 6. General support. Reduces the annual base by \$56,000. (13) (56)

3 **Metropolitan council.** (400) (8,700)

(1) Metro transit operations, to be achieved by (i) increasing operating revenue, or (ii) reducing expenditures by reducing or eliminating service on routes with less than a 10 percent farebox recovery or by reducing off-peak service. Reduces the annual base by \$7,000,000. (7,000)

(2) Metro transit administration. Specifies that for the second year (300) (1,450)
\$500,000 is from advertising and \$950,000 is from other administration.
Reduces the annual base by \$1,450,000.

(3) Administration for metropolitan transit systems other than metro transit (100) (250)
and metro mobility. Reduces the annual base by \$250,000.

4 **Public safety.** (9) (1,459)

Subd. 1. Administration. 0 (1,022)

(1) Transfer from general fund to trunk highway fund to reimburse THF (557)
for nonhighway expenditures. Reduces the annual base by \$833,000.

(2) Elimination of reimbursements to local units of government for costs of (315)
extending insurance coverage to peace officers and firefighters disabled in
the line of duty and their dependents, and to dependents including spouses
of peace officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty. Reduces the
annual base by \$315,000.

(3) From the general fund amount transferred from the technical support (150)
services appropriation to the bureau of criminal apprehension. Reduces the
annual base by \$150,000.

Subd. 2. State patrol. (9) (37)

From patrolling highways. Reduces the annual base by \$37,000.

Subd. 3. Driver and vehicle services. (400)

Prohibits achieving this reduction by closing greater Minnesota driver
exam stations. Reduces the annual base by \$400,000.

5 **Busway appropriation.** Reduces the FY 2001 appropriation in the 2000 bonding bill to the
metropolitan council for a busway from \$25 million to \$4 million, and rescinds the \$19 million
appropriation for this purpose for FY 2002.

6 **Large urbanized area service.** Defines "large urbanized area service" for purposes of the department
of transportation's greater Minnesota transit assistance program as service, other than elderly and
handicapped service, provided by the Duluth transit authority.

7 **Transit assistance funding formulas.** Provides that the share of total operation costs for large
urbanized area service that must come from local sources is 45 percent. Under present law this service
is in the same 40 percent category as other urbanized area service.

8 **Repealer.** Repeals the law that provides for state reimbursements to local units of government for
costs of extending insurance coverage to peace officers and firefighters disabled in the line of duty and

their dependents, and to dependents including spouses of peace officers and firefighters killed in the line of duty.

9 **Effective date.** Makes all sections effective April 1, 2002, except that sections 6 to 8 are effective July 1, 2002.