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Directs MnDOT to develop a plan for a statewide system of ten-ton (capable of carrying axle weights of 20,000 pounds) county highways, with the following objectives in order of priority:

- support MnDOT's interregional corridor system
- provide greater efficiencies for agriculture, forestry, and other industries in transporting products to market
- provide new and existing industries with new growth opportunities

Directs MnDOT to make grants to counties for improvements to county and county state-aid highways to allow them to carry ten tons per axle. Directs the department to establish, in consultation with the Association of Minnesota Counties, grant application procedures and criteria to be used, reflecting the above priorities.

Authorizes \$830 million in state general obligation bonds and appropriates the proceeds at the rate of \$83 million each year for ten years to MnDOT, to be spent as grants for the program.