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Overview

This bill makes various changes in the law governing toll highway facilities. It requires private operators to pay fair value for real estate. It allows counties to build toll projects under an agreement with MnDOT. It prohibits non-compete clauses in toll facility development agreements. It specifies that toll facilities are subject to the law that provides for submission of trunk highway project plans to cities for approval.

Section

- 1 Counties as developers of toll facilities.** Allows the Department of Transportation to enter into an agreement with a county for development of a toll facility. Allows the department to solicit proposals for toll facilities from private operators only if the county where the facility is located has refused to submit a proposal.
- 2 Approval of development agreement.** Deletes language that is recodified in section 0
- 3 Availability of development agreements.** Requires MnDOT to make proposed development agreements for toll facilities available for public review for a reasonable time before the public hearing.
- 4 Right-of-way.** Allows a road authority to sell right-of-way to a private toll facilities operator only for fair value.
- 5 Prohibitions.** Prohibits non-compete clauses in toll facility development agreements. Prohibits a road authority from allowing a private operator to acquire or use right-of-way unless the operator gives fair value for the interest in the property.
- 6 Application.** Specifies that toll facilities are subject to the law that requires Metropolitan

Section

- Council approval for controlled-access highway projects in the metropolitan area.
- 7** **Final layout.** Amends the definition of "final layout" in the municipal approval law for trunk highways, to include location of toll facilities.
- 8** **Toll facilities subject to law.** Specifies that toll facilities are subject to municipal approval law for trunk highways.
- 9-14** **Municipal consent procedures.** Amends the law that governs submission of final layout plans for a trunk highway project to a city for approval when they contain changes from the original layout plans, to specify that the laws include changes in toll facilities.
- 15 15** **Effective date.** Makes all sections effective immediately.