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## Bill Summary

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As part of the 2005 special session, the city of Winona was authorized to impose a one-half cent local sales tax and a \$20 motor vehicle excise tax. Revenues from these taxes were to fund specified transportation projects. The city was allowed to issue up to \$20 million in bonds to fund these projects.

This bill would expand the allowed uses of the local sales and excise tax revenues to include funding all or part of certain flood control projects approved by the city council February 6, 2006. No dollar limit is placed on the amount that can be spent for this additional purpose.

The taxes currently expire at the later of 15 years, or when sufficient revenues have been raised to fund the authorized projects.