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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill provides authority and makes conforming changes related to the Urban Partnership Agreement to allow user fees on high-occupancy vehicle lanes and dynamic shoulder lanes, define terms, modify a provision on use of shoulders by buses, and require an annual report to the legislature.

#### Section

- 1**     **Dynamic shoulder lane.** Defines “dynamic shoulder lane” to be the shoulder of a freeway where vehicle operation is allowed at certain times.
- 2**     **User fees; high occupancy and dynamic shoulder lanes.** Expands authority for the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to charge user fees to include single-occupant vehicles traveling on dynamic shoulder lanes. Specifies requirements governing the program.

**Subd. 1. Fees authorized.** Modifies requirements governing user fees for high-occupancy vehicle lanes to also apply to dynamic shoulder lanes.

**Subd. 2. Deposit of revenues; appropriation.** Makes conforming changes.

**Subd. 2a. I35W high-occupancy vehicle and dynamic shoulder lane account.** Establishes an account for collection of user fees, appropriates funds to MnDOT, and specifies allocation of revenue.

**Section**

**Subd. 3. Rules exemption.** No change made.

**Subd. 4. Prohibition.** Prohibits single-occupant vehicle drivers from using the dynamic shoulder lane unless following MnDOT's rules. Violation is a petty misdemeanor.

**Subd. 5. Dynamic shoulder lanes.** Authorizes MnDOT to designate dynamic shoulder lanes on a freeway and to operate these as priced lanes, general purpose lanes, or as shoulders. Specifies shoulder lane vehicle restrictions on part of Interstate 35W.

**3 Roadway.** Expands the definition of a "roadway" to include dynamic shoulder lanes during times when travel is allowed on that part of the road.

**4 Dynamic shoulder lane.** Defines "dynamic shoulder lane" for the traffic regulations chapter.

**5 Use of shoulders by buses.** Modifies a provision on use of road shoulders by buses to exempt dynamic shoulder lanes from the restrictions.

**6 Report on urban partnership agreement.** Requires MnDOT and the Met Council to report annually, by January 15 of 2009 through 2014, on the status of participation in the Urban Partnership Agreement. Specifies content requirements for the report.

**7 Effective date.** Makes all of the provisions in the bill effective the day after enactment.