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## Bill Summary =

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## Overview

This bill requires inclusion of bicycle and pedestrian facilities on certain bridges repaired or replaced under the trunk highway bridge improvement program established in 2008. The bridge improvement program requires MnDOT to identify certain fracture-critical and structurally deficient bridges and prioritizes them for repair or replacement.

## Section

Prioritization of bridge projects. Requires that certain bridge projects in the bridge improvement program must include accommodations for pedestrians and bicycles. The requirement applies to bridges located entirely within a city or that link to a pedestrian path or bikeway, but does not apply if (1) an assessment identifies no need for the facilities, or (2) there is a nearby alternative for bikes and pedestrians.

Calls for establishing connections to any nearby bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and mandates that the pedestrian facilities meet federal ADA accessibility requirements.

**Statewide transportation planning report.** Adds to the bridge improvement program's legislative report, so that it includes analysis of compliance with ADA accessibility requirements.