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Subject	Local road and bridge bonding
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Overview

This bill authorizes and appropriates a total of $100 million in general obligation bonds for local road and bridge programs, and establishes a new account for assistance to local units of government on the local cost participation for trunk highway projects.

Summary

Section	Description
1	**Local cost-share assistance account.**
	Creates a new local cost-share assistance account, replacing a trunk highway corridor projects account. The account is for grants to local units of government to assist in covering non-trunk highway costs of a trunk highway project (i.e., where the project has both trunk highway and local road work involved). The local cost-share is determined based on a Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) cost participation policy. The changes also eliminate MnDOT authority to set a limit on the amount of account funds used to cover the local share of project costs.
2	**Local bridge replacement and rehabilitation; appropriation.**
	Appropriates $50 million in general obligation bond proceeds for the local bridge program administered by MnDOT.
3	**Local road improvement fund grants; appropriation.**
	Appropriates $50 million in general obligation bond proceeds for the local road improvement program administered by MnDOT, including funding for routes of regional significance, rural road safety, and grants under the new local cost-share assistance account being established in the bill.
4	**Bond authorization.**
	Authorizes the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds.
5	**Effective date.**
	Makes the bill effective the day after enactment.