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Appropriates an unspecified amount from the general fund to the commissioner of transportation in fiscal 2000 for a study of personal rapid transit (PRT), defined as a system of small automated vehicles running on demand on elevated guideways that offer passengers direct nonstop trips.

Requires the commissioner to:

- (1) solicit municipalities to determine the most promising first application of PRT,
- (2) determine line and station locations, ridership, costs, and cost-benefit ratio,
- (3) evaluate public opinion on PRT,
- (4) investigate all issues surrounding PRT deployment, and
- (5) develop an implementation plan, including financing.