

**Subject** Federal TIFIA loan

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## Summary

This bill provides for a loan, agreements, and loan repayment involving federal transportation funding assistance. It fleshes out a finance mechanism for authority first granted in 2010 legislation to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to obtain financial assistance for one transportation project under the federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA), or other federal assistance programs.

Among its provisions, the bill:

- establishes that if a loan is obtained under the 2010 authorization, it is repaid through revenue from oversize and overweight vehicle permit fees collected by MnDOT;
- directs most vehicle permit fees into a new permit fee account being created, during the period when there is outstanding debt on the loan;
- directs an annual transfer of the necessary amount from the permit fee account to a new loan fund, with the remainder transferred to the trunk highway fund;
- appropriates money in the loan fund for loan payments and related costs;
- authorizes MnDOT and Minnesota Management and Budget to enter into agreements regarding the loan; and
- establishes that a loan under this authority is not backed by a tax of statewide application.