Appendix A—2008 Legislation

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1. State of Minnesota legislation requiring development of the Report on Mitigation of Transportation Construction Impacts
CHAPTER 308--S.F.No. 3669

An act
relating to transportation; requiring report on mitigating effects of
transportation construction projects on small businesses.
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. REPORT ON MITIGATION OF TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS.
   (a) The commissioner of transportation shall submit a report to the chairs and
   ranking
   minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees with
   jurisdiction
   over transportation policy and finance and over economic development policy and
   finance
   that proposes a plan targeted at small businesses as defined in Minnesota Statutes,
   section
   645.445, subdivision 2, that are impacted by transportation construction projects.
   (b) The report must include, but not be limited to:
      (1) identification of methods and techniques for informing small businesses about
      upcoming transportation construction projects;
      (2) a description of components of an information packet for businesses, which
      includes:
         (i) the nature, extent, and timing of planned construction, including anticipated
         changes in parking, traffic, and public access in the area;
         (ii) identification of a contact within the appropriate road authority that can
         provide
         information about construction progress and timing; and
         (iii) a listing of area business development organizations that can assist businesses
         with financing, marketing, and technical counseling during the construction period;
      (3) recommendations for opportunities and possible legislation to further assist
      small businesses impacted by transportation construction projects, including a
      process
      for consultation, before a transportation construction project begins, between the
      commissioner and local units of government to deal with parking, traffic, and access
      concerns of small businesses that will be impacted by the project; and
      (4) the cost of implementing the program described in the report.
   (c) In preparing the report, the commissioner shall consult with the commissioner
   of
   employment and economic development, the Metropolitan Council, counties, cities,
   and
   community organizations, including a metropolitan consortium of community
   developers
   and local chambers of commerce.
   (d) The commissioner of transportation shall submit the report no later than
   February
Presented to the governor May 12, 2008
Signed by the governor May 15, 2008, 2:46 p.m.