

FIRST ENGROSSMENT

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2254

Introduced by

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1 A BILL for an Act to provide an appropriation to the department of transportation for fixed route
2 city and paratransit transportation services grants; and to provide for a legislative management
3 study.

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

5 **SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION - FIXED ROUTE**
6 **CITY AND PARATRANSIT TRANSPORTATION GRANTS - ONE-TIME FUNDING.** There is
7 appropriated out of any moneys in the general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise
8 appropriated, the sum of \$5,000,000, or so much of the sum as may be necessary, to the
9 department of transportation for the purpose of providing grants to fixed route city transportation
10 providers and their associated paratransit services, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025,
11 and ending June 30, 2027. The funding appropriated in this section is one-time funding item.

12 **SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT STUDY - FIXED ROUTE CITY**
13 **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FUNDING.** During the 2025-26 interim, the legislative
14 management shall study the funding needs of fixed route city transportation networks. The
15 study must include a review of how the fixed route transportation networks can address
16 population growth, economic development, workforce needs, and health care needs. As part of
17 the study, the legislative management shall develop a proposed funding formula within the
18 department of transportation budget for fixed route city transportation systems. The legislative
19 management shall report its recommendations, along with any legislation necessary to
20 implement the recommendations, to the seventieth legislative assembly.