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SUBJECT: Reorganization Order No. 15

Attached is Reorganization Order No. 15 transferring functions, positions, and funds from the Department of Public Service to the Departments of Highways and Taxation.

The effect of the Order is to eliminate the present functions of the Engineering Division of the Department of Public Service and to reduce total state complement by seven positions.

The grade crossing control and related railroad engineering activities of the Department of Public Service, together with the responsibility for keeping the financial records of the Highway Safety Account, are transferred to the Department of Highways. Four positions are transferred from the Public Service Department for this activity, but only two have been added to the Highway complement, thus requiring the Department of Highways to utilize two existing vacant positions and reducing total state complement by two.

The Department of Highways will also be responsible for providing additional railroad engineering services to the Department of Public Service and the Public Service Commission as needed. These services include, but are not limited to, engineering investigations of railroad centralization, dualization, or removal proceedings involving stations, depot buildings, freight houses, platforms, stockyards, and applications for abandonment of trackage. Moreover, the Highway Department will be responsible for providing all engineering services necessary to the enforcement of statutes covering construction and operations of railroad devices and facilities.

The valuation of railroad property for the purpose of validating gross earnings tax distributions to school districts is transferred to the Department of Taxation. Three positions are transferred from the Department of Public Service to the Department of Taxation for this purpose. These positions will be canceled as they become vacant, thus reducing total state complement by an additional three positions.

Two additional positions are presently vacant in the division, a Graduate Engineer and an Administrative Engineer, and they will be used on a temporary basis for two employees funded 100% by federal funds for a federally financed project to study railroad grade crossing safety. Upon termination of this project, the positions will be canceled.

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Secretary of State

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 16.125, 16.13, and 16.135, the following administrative reorganization is hereby made effective August 18, 1972.

All railroad engineering functions of the Department of Public Service and the responsibility for making related investigations are transferred from the Department of Public Service to the Department of Highways.

The Department of Highways may hold hearings and present findings to the Public Service Commission at its own direction and shall hold hearings at the direction of the Commission regarding railroad grade crossings and such other railroad engineering matters as may be directed by the Commission; including, but not limited to, responsibility for investigating complaints and recommending safety devices at railroad grade crossings pursuant to M.S. 219.40.

The function of recommending the allocation of cost pursuant to M.S. 219.40 to the Commission is transferred from the Department of Public Service to the Department of Highways.

The function of maintaining the financial records of the Highway Safety Account is transferred from the Department of Public Service to the Department of Highways.

All other administrative functions and responsibilities of the Department of Public Service; Engineering Division continue to be functions and responsibilities of the Department of Public Service, Administrative Division.

All functions of the Department of Public Service related to the valuation of railroad property are hereby transferred to the Department of Taxation.

The following positions and their incumbents at their present salary and with all accrued benefits are hereby transferred from the Department of Public Service to the Department of Highways.

<u>Staffing Pattern Roster No.</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Employee</u>
221460	Graduate Engineer II	Nelson, Robert
221470	Graduate Engineer II	Mattson, Ronald
221410	Engineering Aide	Peterson, Donald
221450	Executive I	Koza, Doris

The complement of the Highway Department is hereby increased by two positions and two positions are to utilize existing vacancies in the Highway Department.

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The following positions and their incumbents at their present salary and with all accrued benefits are hereby transferred from the Department of Public Service to the Department of Taxation, such positions to be canceled upon becoming vacant.

<u>Staffing Pattern Roster No.</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Employee</u>
221420	Railroad Valuation Aide I	Conklin, Harry
221430	Railroad Valuation Aide I	Crampton, Hillard
221440	Railroad Valuation Aide I	Howard, Paul

The following positions presently being used to support a temporary federal project are to be canceled upon termination of the federal project.

<u>Staffing Pattern Roster No.</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Employee</u>
221490	Administrative Engineer	Vacant
221480	Graduate Engineer II	Vacant

The following funds are hereby transferred from the Department of Public Service, as shown:

<u>Amount</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
\$54,101	Public Service Salaries	Highway Salaries
11,237	Public Service Salaries	Taxation Salaries
5,860	Public Service Supplies and Expense	Highway Supplies and Expense
<u>1,140</u>	Public Service Supplies and Expense	Taxation Supplies and Expense

Date August 17, 1972

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APPROVED:

Date Aug. 18, 1972

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