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Subject:

Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary or Duplicative Rules as Required by Minnesota Statutes, Section 14.05, Subdivision 5

Dear Governor Pawlenty, Senators, Representatives, Revisor Timmons and Legislative Coordinating Commission Director:

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, directs the agency to report to you by December 1 of each year whether any of its rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules.

The Department of Transportation has reviewed its rules and found that the following rules have become obsolete, unnecessary or duplicative:

Chapter 8895, Port Development Assistance

8895.0700 State Participation, Limitations, subp. 1. State participation, limitations. Subpart 1 provides that the state's share of project costs must not exceed 50% of the nonfederal share of the eligible costs to be incurred by the applicant for the project. However, since the rules were adopted there has been a change in the enabling legislation that has changed the maximum limit for the state's share under this provision from 50% to 80%. (See Minn. Stat. § 457A.03) The department will update subpart 1 to be consistent with the statute through rulemaking or legislation.

Chapters 7800, 7805, 8850, 8855, and 8920, Motor Carrier Rules

As part of a multiyear effort to update motor carrier provisions in Minnesota Statutes, significant changes were made during the 2008 and 2009 legislative sessions in the areas of household goods carrier regulation (see Laws 2008, chapter 350; Laws 2009, chapter 64). Laws 2009, chapter 64, section 55, requires that Minnesota Rules, chapter 7800, 7805, 8850, 8855, and 8920, be repealed, amended and revised. It also provides expedited rulemaking authority.

Proposed legislation for the 2010 session will accomplish some of the cleanup needed in these rules chapters, such as repealing entire obsolete rule parts. If additional amendments are required, Mn/DOT will use the expedited rulemaking process in the following months.

Chapter 8805, Transportation Project Loans

8805.0050 Purpose. The references to the "transportation committee" in this rule part are obsolete because the authority for the committee was removed from Minnesota Statutes, section 446A.085. See Laws 2007, chapter 96, article 1, section 11. The department will update the rule in a future rulemaking or through legislation.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at 651/366-3066.

Sincerely,

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