



Transmission in Highway Rights of Way

HF 2570 (Koegel) | SF 2591 (McEwen)

This bill:

- Protects construction of high-voltage transmission lines along, across, or in any trunk highway.
- Permits a company that obtains a route permit for a high-voltage transmission to use public roads for the project route.

Transmission Challenges

Given the passage of the recent 100% Carbon-Free Standard, Minnesota is working to build many new utility-scale renewable energy projects. These projects will need to be connected to the grid, which is currently experiencing congestion due to limited transmission capacity.

The more we can utilize existing rights of way and limit the impact on private landowners, the more efficient the permitting process will be. We need to create a uniform process for siting renewable energy and transmission lines.

NextGen Highways Explained

NextGen highways employ the strategic co-location of:

- Electric transmission lines
- Fiber, 5G, and other communications infrastructure
- EV charging infrastructure

NextGen highways are a valuable resource as we:

- Seek solutions to transmission permitting challenges
- Amplify the amount of renewable energy on the grid to reach 100% clean energy by 2040
- Electrify transportation

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