A BILL for an Act to provide for regional public transportation pilot projects; and to provide an
appropriation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION PILOT

PROJECTS. The department of transportation shall develop two public transportation
coordination pilot projects in two of this state's planning regions. The department shall
implement one project in 2009 and one project in 2010. Each pilot project must have a regional
coordination administrator who coordinates the provision of public transportation services to the
residents of the region in a manner that is cost-effective, efficient, and reduces fragmentation
and duplication of services. The regional coordination administrator shall assist communities in
public transportation planning in the specified region to develop a structure that will support a
coordinated public transportation system. The department shall develop standards for public
transportation providers and contractors who provide public transportation within the
coordinated public transportation system. These standards must promote coordination among
public transportation providers. The department shall prepare a four-year statewide public
transportation coordination plan to address the public transportation needs of residents in this
state which is compatible with local government comprehensive plans, and which ensures the
most cost-effective and efficient method of providing transportation to individuals.

SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated out of any moneys in the
general fund in the state treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $375,000, or so much
of the sum as may be necessary, to the department of transportation for two regional public
transportation coordination pilot projects, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2009, and ending
June 30, 2011.