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House Bill 5861 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Mary Valentine
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Transportation Fund law to do the following:

- Extend from April 4, 2008, to September 5, 2008, the deadline for projects to be under construction or let for bid in order to receive funding under the local Federal match program.
- Identify certain projects that would be eligible under the program and exempt from the deadline.

The local Federal match program was created to provide grants to local governments for use as matching funds to qualify for Federal funding for road projects. Funds in the program must be used for projects that are the subject of a Federal appropriation in acts known as SAFETEA-LU and TEA-21, that have been designated as high-priority road and bridge projects. Presently, those projects must be under construction or let for bid by April 4, 2008. The bill would extend that deadline to September 5, 2008.

Specific projects that were subject of a Federal appropriation and designated as high-priority would be eligible for funding and would not be subject to a deadline. These would include projects in Macomb Township (Romeo Plank); Barry County (Finkbeiner Road); Marquette County (CR 492); Alger County (H-58); Westland (Ann Arbor Trail); Port Huron (NAFTA corridor); and Muskegon County (U.S. 31/M 46).

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Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the State. The bill would alter the distribution of bond proceeds, but not the total amount. Any fiscal impact on local units of government would depend upon their participation and eligibility in the program.

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