

# HOUSE BILL No. 4556

March 29, 2007, Introduced by Rep. Mayes and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled

"An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line

fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 11f (MCL 247.661f), as added by 2006 PA 140.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 11f. (1) Funds received under the local federal match  
2 program created in section 11e shall be granted to local  
3 municipalities and other local road agencies to match federal aid  
4 projects as provided in this subsection. Projects shall be  
5 submitted to the state transportation department by the local  
6 municipality or other local road agency. The department shall  
7 review the submittals and apply criteria that take into account the  
8 needs of highway, road, and street systems and an equitable  
9 allocation of available funds considering the geographic location  
10 of the proposed project. If the projects meet the criteria, the  
11 state transportation department shall award grants to the extent of  
12 available funds. An individual grant shall not exceed 25% of the  
13 amount of federal funds available for the project. Projects  
14 selected for funding shall meet all of the following criteria:

15       (a) The project shall be under construction or let for bid no  
16 later than ~~September 30,~~ **DECEMBER 31**, 2007.

17       (b) The applicant shall have identified all of the necessary

1 funding to complete the project.

2 (c) The project shall be for the opening, widening, improving,  
3 construction, or reconstruction of a federal aid eligible road or  
4 street, including the work incidental to that opening, widening,  
5 improving, construction, or reconstruction.

6 (2) All bond proceeds not used to fund grants awarded by  
7 ~~September 30,~~ **DECEMBER 31**, 2007 are appropriated for the purposes  
8 described in section 11(1)(f).

9 (3) Beginning February 1, 2007, the department shall submit a  
10 written report to the legislature by each February 1 containing all  
11 of the following information:

12 (a) The balance contained in the program.

13 (b) A list of all projects currently funded under the program.

14 (c) A list of all federal high priority projects eligible for  
15 funding under the program.

16 (d) A list of pending requests for funding under the program,  
17 if any.

18 (4) The department shall submit a written report to the  
19 legislature no later than 30 days after the program has expended  
20 \$40,000,000.00. The report shall contain all of the following:

21 (a) A list of all projects currently funded under the program.

22 (b) A list of federal high priority projects eligible to  
23 receive funding from the program.

24 (c) A list of pending requests for funding under the program,  
25 if any.

26 (5) The department shall provide additional criteria if  
27 necessary for selecting the remaining projects to be funded in a

1 fiscal year no later than 30 days after the report required under  
2 subsection (4) is issued. In determining the additional criteria to  
3 apply to the remaining funds, the department shall consult with  
4 interested local road agencies, the Michigan municipal league, and  
5 the county road association of Michigan and shall utilize any  
6 recommendations made on additional criteria by these entities  
7 unless the department determines that the additional criteria are  
8 inequitable or impractical. If the additional criteria are deemed  
9 inequitable or impractical, the department is directed to work with  
10 the interested parties to develop equitable and practical criteria.  
11 The department shall apply those criteria that most equitably  
12 distribute the remaining funds considering the geographic location  
13 of the funded projects. In applying criteria, the department shall  
14 take into account the needs of highway, road, and street systems  
15 and an equitable allocation of available funds considering the  
16 geographic location of the funded project.