SENATE BILL NO. 265

April 29, 2025, Introduced by Senator VICTORY and referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; 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; to investigate and study the tolling of roads, streets, highways, or bridges; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending section 10k (MCL 247.660k), as amended by 2010 PA 135.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 10k. (1) Transportation purposes as provided in this act
- 2 include provisions for facilities and services for nonmotorized
- 3 transportation.
- 4 (2) Of the funds allocated from the Michigan transportation
- 5 fund to the state trunk line fund and to the counties, cities, and

- 1 villages, a reasonable amount, but not less than 1% of those funds
- 2 shall must be expended for construction or improvement of
- 3 constructing, improving, maintaining, or repairing nonmotorized
- 4 transportation services and facilities. As used in this subsection,
- 5 "maintaining" does not include snow removal.
- 6 (3) An improvement in a road, street, or highway that meets
- 7 accepted practices or established best practices and facilitates
- 8 nonmotorized transportation such as the paving of unpaved road
- 9 shoulders, the widening of lanes, the addition or improvement of a
- 10 sidewalk in a city or village, or any other appropriate measure
- 11 shall be is considered to be a qualified nonmotorized facility for
- 12 the purposes of this section.
- 13 (4) Units of government need not meet the provisions of this
- 14 section annually, if the requirements are met as an average over a
- 15 reasonable period of years, not to exceed 10 years.
- 16 (5) The state transportation department or a county, city, or
- 17 village receiving money from the Michigan transportation fund
- 18 annually shall prepare a 5-year program for the improvement of
- 19 qualified nonmotorized facilities which that when implemented would
- 20 result in the expenditure of an amount equal to at least not less
- 21 than 1% of the amount distributed to the state transportation
- 22 department or the county, city, or village, whichever is
- 23 appropriate, from the Michigan transportation fund in the previous
- 24 calendar year, multiplied by 10, less the accumulated total
- 25 expenditures by the state transportation department or the county,
- 26 city, or village for qualified nonmotorized facilities in the
- 27 immediately preceding 5 calendar years. A county shall notify the
- 28 state transportation department and each municipality in the county
- 29 when the county completes preparation of its 5-year program under

- 1 this subsection. A city or village shall notify the state
- 2 transportation department and the county where the city or village
- 3 is located when the city or village completes preparation of its 5-
- 4 year program under this subsection. The department shall notify
- 5 each affected county, city, or village when the department
- 6 completes preparation of its 5-year program. A city or village
- 7 receiving money from the Michigan transportation fund shall consult
- 8 with the state transportation department or county in the city's or
- 9 village's preparation of the 5-year program under this subsection
- 10 when planning a nonmotorized project affecting a facility under the
- 11 jurisdiction of the state transportation department or county. A
- 12 county receiving money from the Michigan transportation fund shall
- 13 consult with the state transportation department or a city or
- 14 village when planning a nonmotorized project affecting a
- 15 transportation facility under the jurisdiction of the state
- 16 transportation department or the city or village. The department
- 17 shall consult with a county, city, or village when planning a
- 18 nonmotorized project affecting a transportation facility within the
- 19 county, city, or village.
- 20 (6) Facilities for nonmotorized transportation including those
- 21 that contribute to complete streets as defined in section 10p may
- 22 be established in conjunction with or separate from already
- 23 existing highways, roads, and streets and shall must be established
- 24 when a highway, road, or street is being constructed,
- 25 reconstructed, or relocated, unless:
- 26 (a) The cost of establishing the facilities would be
- 27 disproportionate to the need or probable use.
- 28 (b) The establishment of the facilities would be contrary to
- 29 public safety or state or federal law.

- (c) Adequate facilities for nonmotorized transportation
 already exist in the area.
- 3 (d) The previous expenditures and projected expenditures for 4 nonmotorized transportation facilities for the fiscal year exceed 5 1% of that unit's unit of government's share of the Michigan 6 transportation fund, in which case additional expenditures shall be 7 are discretionary.
- 8 (7) The state transportation department may provide
 9 information and assistance to county road commissions, cities, and
 10 villages on the planning, design, and construction of nonmotorized
 11 transportation facilities and services.