

HOUSE BILL No. 4478

March 20, 2007, Introduced by Rep. LaJoy 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 sections 11e and 11f (MCL 247.661e and 247.661f), section 11e as amended by 2006 PA 141 and section 11f as added by 2006 PA 140.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 11e. (1) There is created within the state trunk line
2 fund a local program fund for the purpose of receiving funds
3 allocated from the Michigan transportation fund and from the state
4 trunk line fund. Funds received shall be distributed 64.2% to the
5 county road commissions of the state to be administered according
6 to section 12 and 35.8% to the cities and villages of the state to
7 be administered according to section 13.

8 (2) There is created within the state trunk line fund a local
9 federal match program for the purpose of receiving the proceeds of
10 bonds issued under section 18b that are to be repaid under section
11 11(1)(a)(iii). Funds deposited into the local federal match program
12 shall not exceed \$80,000,000.00.

13 (3) The legislature intends that funds in the local federal
14 match program be used for 1 or more of the following:

1 (a) Projects that are the subject of a federal appropriation
2 in Public Law 109-59 or Public Law 105-78 and have been designated
3 as high priority road and bridge projects that have received
4 earmarks in the federal budget, so long as those projects are under
5 construction or let for bid ~~by the end of the fiscal year that~~
6 ~~begins on October 1, 2006~~ **ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2008.**

7 (b) Projects scheduled to be under construction or let for bid
8 during the fiscal year that begins on October 1, 2006 and that can
9 be advanced to the fiscal year that began on October 1, 2005.

10 (c) Any project scheduled for any fiscal year after the fiscal
11 year that begins on October 1, 2006 that can be advanced and under
12 construction or let for bid during the fiscal year that begins on
13 October 1, 2005 or October 1, 2006.

14 Sec. 11f. (1) Funds received under the local federal match
15 program created in section 11e shall be granted to local
16 municipalities and other local road agencies to match federal aid
17 projects as provided in this subsection. Projects shall be
18 submitted to the state transportation department by the local
19 municipality or other local road agency. The department shall
20 review the submittals and apply criteria that take into account the
21 needs of highway, road, and street systems and an equitable
22 allocation of available funds considering the geographic location
23 of the proposed project. If the projects meet the criteria, the
24 state transportation department shall award grants to the extent of
25 available funds. An individual grant shall not exceed 25% of the
26 amount of federal funds available for the project. Projects
27 selected for funding shall meet all of the following criteria:

1 (a) The project shall be under construction or let for bid no
2 later than ~~September 30, 2007~~ **JANUARY 1, 2008**.

3 (b) The applicant shall have identified all of the necessary
4 funding to complete the project.

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

9 (2) All bond proceeds not used to fund grants awarded by
10 ~~September 30, 2007~~ **JANUARY 1, 2008** are appropriated for the
11 purposes described in section 11(1)(f).

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

15 (a) The balance contained in the program.

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

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

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

21 (4) The department shall submit a written report to the
22 legislature no later than 30 days after the program has expended
23 \$40,000,000.00. The report shall contain all of the following:

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

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

27 (c) A list of pending requests for funding under the program,

1 if any.

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