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[PROPOSED ADDITIONAL SECTIONS]

* * * Highway Maintenance * * *

Sec. 2a. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

(a) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024

Transportation Program for Maintenance, authorized spending is amended as follows:

<u>FY24</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Person. Svcs.	42,637,277	42,637,277	0
Operat. Exp.	65,893,488	64,893,488	-1,000,000
Total	108,530,765	107,530,765	-1,000,000
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	107,784,950	106,784,950	-1,000,000
Federal	645,815	645,815	0
Inter Unit	100,000	100,000	0
Total	108,530,765	107,530,765	-1,000,000

(b) Restoring the fiscal year 2024 Maintenance Program appropriation and authorization to the level included in the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program shall be the Agency’s top priority if there is unexpended State fiscal year 2023 appropriations of Transportation Fund Monies. Accordingly:

1 (1) At the close of State fiscal year 2023, an amount up to \$1,000,00.00
2 of any unencumbered Transportation Fund monies appropriated in 2022 Acts
3 and Resolves No. 185, Secs. B.900–B.922, as amended by 2023 Acts and
4 Resolves No. [PLACE HOLDER FOR BAA], Secs. 43–44a, that would
5 otherwise be authorized to carry forward is reappropriated for the Agency of
6 Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program for
7 Maintenance 30 days after the Agency sends written notification of the request
8 for the unencumbered Transportation Fund monies to be reappropriated to the
9 Joint Transportation Oversight Committee, provided that the Joint
10 Transportation Oversight Committee does not send written objection to the
11 Agency.

12 (2) If any unencumbered Transportation Fund monies are reappropriated
13 pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection, then, within the Agency of
14 Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program for
15 Maintenance, authorized spending is further amended to increase operating
16 expenses by not more than \$1,000,000.00 in Transportation Fund monies.

17 (3) Notwithstanding subdivisions (1) and (2) of this subsection, the
18 Agency may request further amendments to the Agency of Transportation’s
19 Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program for Maintenance through
20 the State fiscal year budget adjustment act.

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* * * Public Transit * * *

Sec. 6a. ONE-TIME PUBLIC TRANSIT MONIES; REPORT

(a) Project addition. The following project is added to the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program: Increased One-Time Monies for Public Transit for Fiscal Year 2024.

(b) Authorization. Spending authority for Increased One-Time Monies for Public Transit for Fiscal Year 2024 is authorized as follows:

<u>FY23</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Other	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	0	1,000,000	1,000,000
Total	0	1,000,000	1,000,000

(c) Implementation. The Agency of Transportation shall distribute the authorization in subsection (b) of this section to Green Mountain Transit for the following during fiscal year 2024:

- (1) operate routes on a zero-fare basis, with a return to the collection of fares from some passengers not later than January 1, 2024;
- (2) provide service at pre-COVID-19 levels; and
- (3) prepare for the transition to tiered-fare service in accordance with the plan prepared pursuant to subsection (d) of this section.

1 (d) Plan for tiered-fare service.

2 (1) The Agency of Transportation and Green Mountain Transit shall
3 consult with community action agencies, and other relevant entities such as
4 those that represent the migrant and refugee populations, on how to establish
5 tiered-far service, which shall, at a minimum create a low-income transit
6 program to provide free or reduced-fare transit options through digital
7 methods, such as a handheld device, and non-digital methods, such as an
8 electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card or a transit card.

9 (2) The plan must be submitted to the House and Senate Committees on
10 Transportation Committees on or before December 1, 2023.

11 Sec. 6b. RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUNDING SOURCE FOR LOCAL
12 MATCH; PUBLIC TRANSIT; REPORT

13 The Vermont Public Transportation Association, in consultation with the
14 Vermont League of Cities and Towns, shall provide the House and Senate
15 Committees on Transportation with a written recommendation on a dedicated
16 funding source for the local match required of public transit providers in
17 Vermont not later than December 1, 2023. The report shall consider
18 recommendations developed in the Chittenden County Regional Planning
19 Commission’s December 29, 2021 Transit Financing Study.

20 Sec. 6c. SEPARATING THE MOBILITY AND TRANSPORTATION
21 INNOVATIONS (MTI) GRANT PROGRAM FROM GO!

1 VERMONT

2 (a) Go! Vermont. Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal
3 Year 2024 Transportation Program for Public Transit, authorized spending for
4 Go! Vermont STPG GOVT() is amended as follows:

5	<u>FY24</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
6	Other	905,000	405,000	-500,000
7	Total	905,000	405,000	-500,000
8	<u>Sources of funds</u>			
9	State	30,000	30,000	0
10	Federal	875,000	375,000	-500,000
11	Total	905,000	405,000	-500,000

12 (b) Mobility and Transportation Innovations (MTI) Grant Program.

13 (1) Project addition. The following project is added to the Agency of
14 Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Program for Public
15 Transit: Mobility and Transportation Innovations (MTI) Grant Program.

16 (2) Authorization. Spending authority for MTI Grant Program is
17 authorized as follows:

18	<u>FY24</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
19	Other	0	500,000	500,000
20	Total	0	500,000	500,000
21	<u>Sources of funds</u>			

1	Federal	0	500,000	500,000
2	Total	0	500,000	500,000

3 **PROPOSED CHANGE TO SEC. 1(b)(7) – CHANGE HIGHLIGHTED!**

4 (7) The table heading “As Proposed” means the Proposed
5 Transportation Program referenced in subsection (a) of this section; the table
6 heading “As Amended” means the amendments as made by this act; the table
7 heading “Change” means the difference obtained by subtracting the “As
8 Proposed” figure from the “As Amended” figure; the terms “change” or
9 “changes” in the text refer to the project- and program-specific amendments,
10 the aggregate sum of which equals the net “Change” in the applicable table
11 heading; and “State” in any tables amending authorizations indicates that the
12 source of funds is State monies in the Transportation Fund, unless otherwise
13 specified.