

1 *[potential addition to H.868]*

2 \* \* \* Summary of Transportation Investments \* \* \*

3 Sec. 2A. FISCAL YEAR 2025 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS

4 INTENDED TO REDUCE TRANSPORTATION-RELATED  
5 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, REDUCE FOSSIL FUEL  
6 USE, AND SAVE VERMONT HOUSEHOLDS MONEY

7 This act includes the State’s fiscal year 2025 transportation investments  
8 intended to reduce transportation-related greenhouse gas emissions, reduce  
9 fossil fuel use, and save Vermont households money in furtherance of the  
10 policies articulated in 19 V.S.A. § 10b and the goals of the Comprehensive  
11 Energy Plan and the Vermont Climate Action Plan and to satisfy the Executive  
12 and Legislative Branches’ commitments to the Paris Agreement climate goals.  
13 In fiscal year 2025, these efforts will include the following:

14 (1) Park and Ride Program. This act provides for a fiscal year  
15 expenditure of \$1,464,833.00, which will fund one construction project to  
16 create a new park-and-ride facility; the design and construction of  
17 improvements to one existing park-and-ride facility; funding for a municipal  
18 park-and-ride grant program; and paving projects for existing park-and-ride  
19 facilities. This year’s Park and Ride Program will create 60 new State-owned  
20 spaces. Specific additions and improvements include:

21 (A) Manchester—construction of 50 new spaces; and

1           (B) Sharon—design and construction of 10 new spaces.

2           (2) Bike and Pedestrian Facilities Program. This act provides for a  
3           fiscal year expenditure, including local match, of \$11,648,752.00, which will  
4           fund 28 bike and pedestrian construction projects; 21 bike and pedestrian  
5           design, right-of-way, or design and right-of way projects for construction in  
6           future fiscal years; and eight scoping studies. The construction projects  
7           include the creation, improvement, or rehabilitation of walkways, sidewalks,  
8           shared-use paths, bike paths, and cycling lanes. Projects are funded in  
9           Arlington, Bennington, Bethel, Brattleboro, Burke, Burlington, Castleton,  
10           Chester, Enosburg Falls, Fair Haven, Fairfax, Hartford, Hyde Park, Jericho,  
11           Manchester, Middlebury, Montpelier, Moretown, Newport City, Northfield,  
12           Pawlet, Richford, Royalton, Rutland City, Rutland Town, Shaftsbury,  
13           Shelburne, Sheldon, South Burlington, Springfield, St. Albans City, St. Albans  
14           Town, Sunderland, Swanton, Tunbridge, Vergennes, Wallingford, Waterbury,  
15           and West Rutland. This act also provides funding for:

16           (A) some of Local Motion’s operation costs to run the bike ferry on  
17           the Colchester Causeway, which is part of the Island Line Trail;

18           (B) a small-scale municipal bicycle and pedestrian grant program for  
19           projects to be selected during the fiscal year;

20           (C) projects funded through the Safe Routes to School Program; and

21           (D) community grants along the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail (LVRT).

1           (3) Transportation Alternatives Program. This act provides for a fiscal  
2           year expenditure of \$5,416,614.00, including local funds, which will fund 28  
3           transportation alternatives construction projects; 28 transportation alternatives  
4           design, right-of-way, or design and right-of-way projects; and three studies,  
5           including scoping, historic preservation, and connectivity. Of these 59  
6           projects, 21 involve environmental mitigation related to clean water or  
7           stormwater concerns, or both clean water and stormwater concerns, and 38  
8           involve bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Projects are funded in Athens, Barre  
9           City, Brandon, Bridgewater, Bristol, Burke, Burlington, Cambridge, Castleton,  
10           Colchester, Derby, Enosburg Falls, Fair Haven, Fairfax, Franklin, Hartford,  
11           Hinesburg, Hyde Park, Jericho, Londonderry, Lyndon, Mendon, Middlebury,  
12           Montgomery, Newark, Newfane, Proctor, Richford, Richmond, Rockingham,  
13           Rutland City, Sharon, Shelburne, South Burlington, Springfield, St. Albans  
14           Town, Swanton, Tinmouth, Vergennes, Wardsboro, Warren, Weston,  
15           Williston, Wilmington, and Winooski.

16           (4) Public Transit Program. This act provides for a fiscal year  
17           expenditure of \$54,940,225.00 for public transit uses throughout the State.

18           Included in the authorization are:

19                   (A) Go! Vermont, with an authorization of \$405,000.00. This  
20           authorization supports transportation demand management (TDM) strategies,

1 including the State’s Trip Planner and commuter services, to promote the use  
2 of carpools and vanpools.

3 (B) Mobility and Transportation Innovations (MTI) Grant Program,  
4 with an authorization of \$3,500,000.00, which includes \$3,000,000.00 in  
5 federal Carbon Reduction Funds. This authorization continues to support  
6 projects that improve both mobility and access to services for transit-dependent  
7 Vermonters, reduce the use of single-occupancy vehicles, and reduce  
8 greenhouse gas emissions.

9 (5) Rail Program. This act provides for a fiscal year expenditure of  
10 \$48,746,831.00 including local funds, for intercity passenger rail service and  
11 rail infrastructure throughout the State, including funding for the Ethan Allen  
12 Express and Vermonter Amtrak services.

13 (6) Transformation of the State Vehicle Fleet. The Department of  
14 Buildings and General Services, which manages the State Vehicle Fleet,  
15 currently has 14 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and 15 battery electric  
16 vehicles in the State Vehicle Fleet. In fiscal year 2025, the Commissioner of  
17 Buildings and General Services will continue to purchase and lease vehicles  
18 for State use in accordance with 29 V.S.A. § 903(g), which requires, to the  
19 maximum extent practicable, that the Commissioner purchase or lease hybrid  
20 or plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs), as defined in 23 V.S.A. § 4(85), with not  
21 less than 75 percent of the vehicles purchased or leased being hybrid or PEVs.

1           (7) Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE). This act provides for a  
2           fiscal year expenditure of \$4,833,828.00 to increase the presence of EVSE in  
3           Vermont in accordance with the State’s federally approved National Electric  
4           Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Plan, which will lead to the installation of  
5           Direct Current Fast Charging (DC/FC) along designated alternative fuel  
6           corridors. In addition to monies that were previously appropriated, this act  
7           provides for a fiscal year expenditure of \$1,700,000.00 for EVSE at  
8           workplaces or multiunit dwellings, or both.

9           (8) Vehicle incentive programs and expansion of the PEV market.

10           (A) Incentive Program for New PEVs, MileageSmart, Replace Your  
11           Ride, and Electrify Your Fleet. No additional monies are authorized for the  
12           State’s vehicle incentive programs in this act, but it is estimated that prior  
13           appropriations of approximately the following amounts will be available in  
14           fiscal year 2025:

15                   (i) \$2,600,000.00 for the Incentive Program for New PEVs;

16                   (ii) \$2,000,000.00 for MileageSmart; and

17                   (iii) \$900,000.00 for the Replace Your Ride Program.

18           (B) eBike Incentive Program. This act authorizes one-time funds of  
19           up to \$140,000.00 in incentives under the eBike Incentive Program.

20           (9) Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and  
21           Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program. This act provides

1 for a fiscal year expenditure of \$3,871,435.00 under the PROTECT Formula  
2 Program. This year's PROTECT Formula Program funds will support  
3 increased resiliency at three bridge sites (Coventry, Wilmington, and  
4 Shaftsbury) in alignment with the VTrans Resilience Improvement Plan.