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1	* * * Transportation Funding Analysis * * *
2	Sec. 10. AGENCY ANALYSIS OF TRANSPORTATION FUNDING
3	(a) The Agency shall identify and evaluate funding sources, other than motor vehicle fuel
4	taxes, that will be sufficient to maintain the State's transportation system, accounting for State
5	and federal policies that have and will continue to reduce motor vehicle fuel consumption. In
6	conducting this analysis, the Agency shall:
7	(1) review current State and federal transportation funding sources and policies, as well as
8	policies and trends that have and will continue to reduce motor vehicle fuel consumption;
9	(2) review and expand on the funding options contained in the report on transportation
10	funding required by 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 153, Sec. 40; and
11	(3) review the actions of other states and provinces that have reduced or eliminated motor
12	vehicle fuel taxes and replaced them with other funding sources.
13	(b) The Agency also shall identify and evaluate funding sources, other than local property
14	taxes, to support the local share of increasing costs or the expansion of public transportation
15	services statewide.
16	(c) The Agency shall deliver a written report of its findings and any recommendations to the
17	House and Senate Committees on Transportation on or before January 15, 2016.
18	* * * Study of Bus and Commuter Rail Service* * *
19	Sec. 11. STUDY OF ALBANY TO BENNINGTON TO MANCHESTER BUS SERVICE,
20	MONTPELIER TO ST. ALBANS COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE
21	(a) The Agency shall study the expected benefits and costs to the State of Vermont,
22	implementation steps, and timeline associated with various models for initiating and operating an
23	Albany to Bennington to Manchester bus service, and shall deliver a written report of its findings
24	and any recommendations to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation on or before
25	January 15, 2016.

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1	(b) The Agency shall study the feasibility of a commuter rail service in the corridor between
2	St. Albans, Essex Junction, and Montpelier, with connecting service to Burlington, and shall
3	deliver a written report of its findings and any recommendations to the House and Senate
4	Committees on Transportation on or before January 15, 2017.
5	* * * Review of Transportation Service Programs * * *
6	Sec. 12. REVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICE PROGRAM
7	(a) The Agency, in consultation with the Agency of Human Services and interested
8	stakeholders, shall review the Elders and Persons with Disability Transportation Program (E&D
9	Program). In carrying out its review, the Agency shall analyze:
10	(1) the gap between current and projected E&D Program resources and needs over a 10-
11	year time frame, on regional and statewide levels;
12	(2) regional transportation service delivery models and their adequacy in meeting E&D
13	Program participant needs;
14	(3) opportunities to achieve efficiencies by coordinating E&D Program and other human
15	services transportation programs, and obstacles to achieving such efficiencies;
16	(4) challenges that exist for partner organizations to raise local matching funds for
17	transportation services;
18	(5) the current and expected impact of the Medicaid adult day services program waiver on
19	the E&D Program; and
20	(6) existing and emerging technology and the potential role it could play in increasing
21	service to elders and persons with disabilities.
22	(b) The Agency shall submit a written report of its findings and any recommendations to the
23	House and Senate Committees on Transportation on or before January 15, 2016.