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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Patrick Brennan, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

From: Representative Kitty Toll, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

Date: February 7, 2017

Subject: Provisions in the Governor's Proposed FY 2018 State Budget

The House Appropriations Committee has started work on the Governor's proposed FY 2018 State Budget bill and would like to inform you about proposals related areas of your subject area. A summary of these areas is listed on page 2 followed by the excerpts from the Administration proposed language.

The House Appropriations Committee welcomes and appreciates your input and would like to give you the opportunity to comment on any of the proposals; however, it is not necessary to respond to all of the proposals unless you have concerns or recommendations. If you do not wish to comment on any of the issues sent to your committee, please send a quick e-mail or note to the Committee through Theresa Utton-Jerman at tutton@leg.state.vt.us or the reporter of the subject area. If you would like to respond, it would be helpful if you could do so by the end of the day on March 1st. As a note, the Committee understands that there may be unanticipated policy changes after the deadline that may require additional discussions and recommendations by policy committees and we encourage those. Please keep the Committee apprised of any updates to earlier recommendations, through the reporter or Chair, as they develop.

There are several House Appropriations Committee budget reporters for these subject areas, please click [here](#) to review the list or go to the highlights section of the committee's webpage. If you have not already done so, please notify Theresa who your committee's budget liaison/s is for coordination and communications between the two committees.

Summary of Budget Review Sections

Language proposals:

- additional funding for State disaster match to federal funding in the Emergency Relief and Assistance Fund in Sec. D.101(a)(5);
- funding provided for the FY2019 Transportation Infrastructure Bond debt service in Sec. D.1010(a)(7).

Budget Review Sections

Sec. D.101 FUND TRANSFERS, REVERSIONS, AND RESERVES

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following amounts are transferred from the funds indicated:

(5) From the General Fund to the Emergency Relief and Assistance fund established by 20 V.A.S. § 45(c): \$1,455,788.

EXPLANATION: Additional funding required to cover state match for federally qualified disasters. Most this need is the result of municipalities completing work on projects approved for Tropical Storm Irene, both for the standard state share by ERAF rules and for the 3%-of-grand-list cap on municipal Irene expenditures.

(7) From the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund established by 19 V.S.A. § 1f to the Transportation Infrastructure Bonds Debt Service Fund established by 32 V.S.A. Sec. § 951a for funding fiscal year 2019 transportation infrastructure bonds debt service: \$2,504,688.

EXPLANATION: This transfer funds the pre-payment of FY 2019's TIB debt service. The terms of the TIB do not allow the use of TIB revenues on a pay-go basis until the debt service is reserved; this pre-payment allows pay-go revenues to be expended on projects beginning July 1, 2018. Last year's big bill had a similar transfer to fund FY 2018 TIB debt service.