

1 Introduced by Committee on Transportation

2 ***[Substantive changes made since v. 3.1 highlighted in yellow]***

3 Date:

4 Subject: Transportation

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to adopt the  
6 State’s annual Transportation Program and make miscellaneous changes to  
7 laws related to transportation.

8 An act relating to the Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to  
9 laws related to transportation

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 \* \* \* Transportation Program Adopted as Amended; Definitions \* \* \*

12 Sec. 1. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM ADOPTED; DEFINITIONS

13 (a) The Agency of Transportation’s proposed fiscal year 2020

14 Transportation Program appended to the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed

15 Fiscal Year 2020 Transportation Program (Revised February 21, 2019), as

16 amended by this act, is adopted to the extent federal, State, and local funds are  
17 available.

18 (b) As used in this act, unless otherwise indicated:

19 (1) “Agency” means the Agency of Transportation.

20 (2) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

1           (3) The table heading “As Proposed” means the Transportation Program  
2           referenced in subsection (a) of this section; the table heading “As Amended”  
3           means the amendments as made by this act; the table heading “Change” means  
4           the difference obtained by subtracting the “As Proposed” figure from the “As  
5           Amended” figure; and the terms “change” or “changes” in the text refer to the  
6           project- and program-specific amendments, the aggregate sum of which equals  
7           the net “Change” in the applicable table heading.

8           (4) “TIB funds” means monies deposited into the Transportation  
9           Infrastructure Bond Fund in accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 11f.

10           \*\*\* Amendments to Transportation Program \*\*\*

11           **Sec. 2. TOWN HIGHWAY AID AMENDMENT**

12           For fiscal year 2020 the Transportation Fund appropriation is amended as  
13           follows:

<b>FY20</b>	<b>As Proposed</b>	<b>As Amended</b>	<b>Change</b>
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15           **Sources of funds**

<b>State</b>	<b>25,982,744</b>	<b>26,709,420</b>	<b>726,676</b>
<b>Local</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Federal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,982,744</b>	<b>26,709,420</b>	<b>726,676</b>

20           **Sec. 2a. SIDEWALKS AMENDMENT**

21           **Sec. 2b. MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AMENDMENT**

1           (a) Authorized spending in fiscal year 2020 for operating expenses in the  
2           Maintenance Program is reduced by \$FILL IN in transportation funds.

3           (b) The Secretary may allocate any surplus in the Transportation Fund as of  
4           the end of fiscal year 2019 to the Maintenance Program and authorized  
5           spending of transportation funds in fiscal year 2020 for the Maintenance  
6           Program is increased in accordance with the allocation made.

7                           \* \* \* Voluntary Cancellation of Municipal Projects \* \* \*

8           Sec. 3. 19 V.S.A. § 10g(h) is amended to read:

9           (h) Should capital projects in the Transportation Program be delayed  
10           because of unanticipated problems with permitting, right-of-way acquisition,  
11           construction, local concern, or availability of federal or State funds, the  
12           Secretary is authorized to advance projects in the approved Transportation  
13           Program. The Secretary is further authorized to undertake projects to resolve  
14           emergency or safety issues. Upon authorizing a project to resolve an  
15           emergency or safety issue, the Secretary shall give prompt notice of the  
16           decision and action taken to the Joint Fiscal Office and to the House and  
17           Senate Committees on Transportation when the General Assembly is in  
18           session, and when the General Assembly is not in session, to the Joint  
19           Transportation Oversight Committee, the Joint Fiscal Office, and the Joint  
20           Fiscal Committee. Should an approved project in the current Transportation  
21           Program require additional funding to maintain the approved schedule, the

1 Agency is authorized to allocate the necessary resources. However, the  
2 Secretary shall not delay or suspend work on approved projects to reallocate  
3 funding for other projects except when other funding options are not available.  
4 In such case, the Secretary shall notify ~~the members of~~ the Joint Transportation  
5 Oversight Committee, ~~and~~ the Joint Fiscal Office, and the Joint Fiscal  
6 Committee when the General Assembly is not in session and the House and  
7 Senate Committees on Transportation and the Joint Fiscal Office when the  
8 General Assembly is in session. With respect to projects in the approved  
9 Transportation Program, the Secretary shall notify, in the district affected, the  
10 regional planning commission, the municipality, Legislators, ~~members of~~ the  
11 Senate and House Committees on Transportation, and the Joint Fiscal Office of  
12 any change ~~which~~ that likely will affect the fiscal year in which the project is  
13 planned to go to construction. No project shall be canceled without the  
14 approval of the General Assembly, except that the Agency may cancel a  
15 municipal project upon the request or concurrence of the municipality made  
16 through a motion or resolution adopted by the legislative body of the  
17 municipality provided that notice of the cancellation is included in the  
18 Agency's annual proposed Transportation Program.





1	<u>Sources of Funds</u>			
2	Federal	0	2,082,519	2,082,519
3	Total	0	2,082,519	2,082,519
4		* * * Central Garage * * *		

5 Sec. 8. TRANSFER TO CENTRAL GARAGE FUND

6 Notwithstanding 19 V.S.A. § 13(c)(1), in fiscal year 2020, the amount of  
7 \$355,358.00 is transferred from the Transportation Fund to the Central Garage  
8 Fund created in 19 V.S.A. § 13.

9 **Sec. 9. CENTRAL GARAGE EQUIPMENT**

10 Authorized spending in fiscal year 2020 for operating expenses in the  
11 Central Garage is reduced by \$39,904 in internal service funds.

12 **Sec. 10. 19 V.S.A. § 13(c)(1) is amended to read:**

13 (c)(1) For the purpose specified in subsection (b) of this section, the  
14 following amount shall be transferred from the Transportation Fund to the  
15 Central Garage Fund:

16 (A) in fiscal year 2019 2021, \$1,318,442.00 \$1,355,358.00; and

17 \* \* \*

18 \* \* \* Formula for Public Transit Funding \* \* \*

19 Sec. 11. 24 V.S.A. § 5091(i) is amended to read:

20 (i) ~~To implement the public transportation policy goals set forth in section~~  
21 ~~5083 of this title and 19 V.S.A. § 10f, the Agency of Transportation shall use~~

1 the following formula for distribution of operating funds to public transit  
2 systems:

3 ~~(1) [Repealed]~~

4 ~~(A) 10 percent based on the percentage of the State's population of~~  
5 ~~elders (persons age 60 and above) in each of the designated transit service~~  
6 ~~areas;~~

7 ~~(B) 10 percent based on the percentage of the State's youth~~  
8 ~~population (persons ages 12 through 17) in each of the designated transit~~  
9 ~~service areas;~~

10 ~~(C) 10 percent based on the percentage of the State's population of~~  
11 ~~people who have limited physical mobility in each of the designated transit~~  
12 ~~service areas;~~

13 ~~(D) 10 percent based on the percentage of the State's population of~~  
14 ~~people who are in poverty in each of the designated transit service areas;~~

15 ~~(E) 10 percent based on the percentage of the State's households~~  
16 ~~lacking access to an automobile in each of the designated transit service areas.~~

17 ~~(2) 20 percent of operating funds shall be based on need for employment~~  
18 ~~transportation, as measured by the percentage of the State's employed persons~~  
19 ~~residing in each of the designated transit service areas, using data developed by~~  
20 ~~the Vermont Department of Labor.~~





1 Court in a county where the project is located seeking a judgment of  
2 condemnation. The complaint shall name as defendants each ~~interested person~~  
3 property owner who has not stipulated to a proposed taking, and shall include:

4 (1) ~~statements~~ Statements that the Agency has complied with subsection  
5 503(d) of this chapter;

6 (2) ~~the~~ The Agency's written determination of necessity;

7 (3) ~~a~~ A general description of the negotiations undertaken; ~~and~~

8 (4) ~~a~~ A survey of the proposed project, and legal descriptions of the  
9 property and of the interests therein proposed to be taken. As used in this  
10 subdivision, "survey" means a plan, profile, or cross-section of the proposed  
11 project. The survey and legal descriptions served upon the property owner  
12 only need to include the particular property or properties at issue.

13 Sec. 14. 19 V.S.A. § 502(a) is amended to read:

14 (a) Authority. The Agency, when in its judgment the ~~interest~~ interests of  
15 the State ~~requires~~ require, may take any property necessary to lay out, relocate,  
16 alter, construct, reconstruct, maintain, repair, widen, grade, or improve any  
17 State highway, including affected portions of town highways. In furtherance  
18 of these purposes, the Agency may enter upon lands to conduct necessary  
19 examinations and surveys; however, the Agency shall do this work with  
20 minimum damage to the land and disturbance to the owners and shall be  
21 subject to liability for actual damages. All property taken permanently shall be

1 taken in fee simple whenever practicable. The Agency’s acquisition of  
2 property pursuant to this chapter, whether by condemnation or conveyance in  
3 lieu of condemnation, shall not require subdivision approval under any law,  
4 regulation, or municipal ordinance. For all State highway projects involving  
5 property acquisitions, the Agency shall follow the provisions of the Uniform  
6 Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisitions Policies Act (“Act<sup>2</sup>) and  
7 its implementing regulations, as may be amended.

8 \* \* \* Public-Private Partnership (P3) Definition \* \* \*

9 Sec. 15. 19 V.S.A. § 2612(4) is amended to read:

10 (4) “Public-private partnership” or “P3” means an alternative project  
11 delivery mechanism that may be used by the Agency to permit private sector  
12 participation in a project, including in its financing, development, operation,  
13 management, ownership, leasing, or maintenance. As used in this subchapter,  
14 “partnership” shall refer solely to a “public-private partnership” and “partner”  
15 shall refer to the State or to the private entity participant or participants in a  
16 public-private partnership.

17 \* \* \* Highway Work; Minimum Wages \* \* \*

18 Sec. 16. 19 V.S.A. § 18 is amended to read:

19 § 18. WAGES

20 In making up specifications and advertising for bids on highway work, the  
21 ~~board~~ Agency shall fix, subject to local conditions, the minimum wage per

1 hour for various classes of labor and the minimum to be paid per hour or per  
2 cubic yard for trucks ~~which~~ that the contractor shall be bound to pay.

3 \* \* \* Junior Operator Use of Portable Electronic Devices \* \* \*

4 Sec. 17. 23 V.S.A. § 1095a(d) is added to read:

5 (d)(1) A person who violates this section commits a traffic violation as  
6 defined in section 2302 of this title and shall be subject to a civil penalty of not  
7 less than \$100.00 and not more than \$200.00 for a first violation, and of not  
8 less than \$250.00 and not more than \$500.00 for a second or subsequent  
9 violation within any two-year period.

10 (2) A person convicted of violating this section while operating within  
11 the following areas shall have four points assessed against his or her driving  
12 record for a first conviction and five points assessed for a second or subsequent  
13 conviction:

14 (A) a properly designated work zone in which construction,  
15 maintenance, or utility personnel are present; or

16 (B) a school zone marked with warning signs conforming to the  
17 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

18 (3) A person convicted of violating this section outside the areas  
19 designated in subdivision (2) of this subsection shall have two points assessed  
20 against his or her driving record.



1           \* \* \* Electric Vehicle Purchase and Lease Incentive Program \* \* \*

2           Sec. 20. ELECTRIC VEHICLE PURCHASE AND LEASE INCENTIVE  
3                           PROGRAM

4           (a) Legislative findings. The General Assembly finds that:

5                   (1) In its final report, the Vermont Climate Action Commission  
6           recommended building an electric vehicle (EV) point-of-sale customer  
7           incentive for new and used EVs.

8                   (2) Transportation energy burdens are particularly high for rural  
9           Vermonters with low income. A vigorous incentive for both new and used  
10           EVs, combined with the lower fueling and maintenance costs of EVs, could  
11           significantly lessen transportation cost burdens for Vermonters.

12                   (3) State policy, including Vermont’s Comprehensive Energy Plan  
13           (CEP), recognizes vehicle electrification as an essential strategy for meeting  
14           the State’s climate and energy goals. The CEP calls for 50,000 EVs, or  
15           10 percent of the fleet in Vermont by 2025 advancing to EVs composing  
16           25 percent for the fleet by 2030. Vermont has approximately 2,600 EVs on the  
17           road today, and EVs in Vermont are just 3.5 percent of new passenger vehicle  
18           registrations. Projections show Vermont is not yet on track to meet its  
19           transportation-electrification targets.

1           (4) Meeting Vermont’s transportation-electrification targets will help  
2           make Vermont attractive to employers, workers, and tourists and help grow  
3           Vermont’s economy by keeping transportation energy expenditures in State.

4           (5) In 2015, approximately \$830 million was spent on gasoline sales in  
5           Vermont. If this travel had all been powered by electricity, the cost would  
6           have been significantly less, saving drivers more than \$500 million.

7           (6) Vehicle electrification faces several barriers, including EV model  
8           availability, publicly available charging stations, and lack of public awareness  
9           about the benefits of EVs. While State government is working hard to address  
10          these issues, surveys consistently confirm that the up-front cost of EVs is  
11          among the top barriers and that consumer incentives are effective in increasing  
12          EV sales.

13          (7) A robust consumer purchase and lease incentive would accelerate  
14          EV sales and help bring EV technology up to scale. Moreover, a consumer  
15          purchase and lease incentive would help consumers overcome the fear of  
16          change that can come with entering the EV market and the fear of  
17          obsolescence that can accompany the rapid growth of EV technology.

18          (b) Electric vehicle purchase and lease incentive program.

19          (1) The Public Service Department (PSD), with the cooperation and  
20          support of the Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) and the Agency of

1 Transportation (VTrans), shall establish and administer a new and used electric  
2 vehicle purchase and lease incentive program (program) for Vermont residents.

3 (2) The program shall structure EV purchase and lease incentive  
4 payments by income to help all Vermonters benefit from electric driving,  
5 including Vermont’s most vulnerable. Specifically, the program shall:

6 (A) better match the incentive to consumer behavior and shall apply  
7 to both purchases and leases and to both new and used EVs;

8 (B) provide incentives of \$2,500.00 to households with income levels  
9 between 100 percent and 140 percent of the State’s most recent Median  
10 Household Income (MHI) level and additional incentives of up to twice that  
11 amount shall be available to households below Vermont’s MHI;

12 (C) apply to vehicles with a Base Manufacturer’s Suggested Retail  
13 Price (MSRP) of \$35,000.00 or less;

14 (D) run for two years from the date the PSD makes the first incentive  
15 payment available or until the available funds are fully obligated, with  
16 available incentives spread evenly across each year to the extent reasonably  
17 practicable; and

18 (E) be funded on a first-come, first-served basis in each year of the  
19 program.

20 (3) To the extent public electric distribution utilities are willing to  
21 participate, each sale or lease incentive would come with a Level 2 home



1 charger to be funded under Tier 3 of Vermont’s Renewable Energy Standard.

2 The home charger shall be subject to utility rate design to help the utilities

3 manage grid load and provide optimal charging rates to the consumer.

4 Participating utilities shall help market the program.

5 (4) Subject to State procurement requirements, the PSD may retain a  
6 consultant to assist with marketing, program development, and administration.

7 Up to \$75,000.00 of program funding may be set aside for this purpose.

8 (5) The PSD shall evaluate the program annually to gauge its  
9 effectiveness.

10 \* \* \* Fees for Use of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations \* \* \*

11 Sec. 21. 32 V.S.A. § 603 is amended to read:

12 § 603. FEE CREATION, AMOUNT, AND ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNT

13 \* \* \*

14 (3) Fees for the following, unless otherwise specified by law, may be set  
15 by the agency or department providing the service or product, and shall be  
16 reasonably and directly related to their costs, as provided in subdivision (2) of  
17 this section:

18 \* \* \*

19 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, any **agency**  
20 or department may establish, set, and adjust fees for the use of electric vehicle  
21 (EV) charging stations owned or controlled by the State. The agency or

1 department may establish fees for EV charging at less than its costs, to cover  
2 its costs, or at the existing regional market rate. EV charging stations owned  
3 or controlled by the State shall be subject to the same laws specifically  
4 governing EV charging stations owned or controlled by private parties.

5 (5) Fees collected under ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions (3) and (4) of this  
6 section shall be credited to special funds established and managed pursuant to  
7 subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of this title, and shall be available to the charging  
8 departments to offset the costs of providing these services or products.

9 However, for purposes of fees established under this subdivision for copies of  
10 public records, the fees shall be calculated as provided in 1 V.S.A. § 316.

11 These fees shall be reported in accordance with section 605 of this title.

12 **Sec. 22. 32 V.S.A. § 603 is amended to read:**

13 **§ 603. FEE CREATION, AMOUNT, AND ADJUSTMENT OF AMOUNT**

14 \* \* \*

15 (4) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this subchapter, any agency~~  
16 ~~or department may establish, set, and adjust fees for the use of electric vehicle~~  
17 ~~(EV) charging stations owned or controlled by the State. The agency or~~  
18 ~~department may establish fees for EV charging at less than its costs, to cover~~  
19 ~~its costs, or at the existing regional market rate. EV charging stations owned~~  
20 ~~or controlled by the State shall be subject to the same laws specifically~~

1 ~~governing EV charging stations owned or controlled by private parties.~~

2 [Repealed.]

3 (5) Fees collected under ~~subdivisions~~ subdivision (3) and (4) of this  
4 section shall be credited to special funds established and managed pursuant to  
5 subchapter 5 of chapter 7 of this title, and shall be available to the charging  
6 departments to offset the costs of providing these services or products.

7 However, for purposes of fees established under this subdivision for copies of  
8 public records, the fees shall be calculated as provided in 1 V.S.A. § 316.

9 These fees shall be reported in accordance with section 605 of this title.

10 Sec. 23. 19 V.S.A. § 11 is amended to read:

11 § 11. TRANSPORTATION FUND

12 The Transportation Fund shall comprise the following:

13 \* \* \*

14 (7) both statewide and departmental indirect cost recoveries from federal  
15 sources by the Agency of Transportation; and

16 (8) other miscellaneous sources including the sale of maps, plans, ~~and~~  
17 reports, fees collected by the Travel Information Council, leases for property at  
18 State-owned airports and railroads, proceeds from the sale of State surplus  
19 property under the provisions of 29 V.S.A. §§ 1556 and 1557, ~~and~~ proceeds  
20 from the sale of recycled materials, and fees collected for use of electric  
21 vehicle charging stations at facilities owned or controlled by the Agency.

1                   \* \* \* Jurisdiction Over Electric Vehicle Charging Stations \* \* \*

2           Sec. 24. 30 V.S.A. § 203 is amended to read:

3           § 203. JURISDICTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC UTILITIES

4           The Public Utility Commission and the Department of Public Service shall  
5           have jurisdiction over the following described companies within the State, their  
6           directors, receivers, trustees, lessees, or other persons or companies owning or  
7           operating such companies and of all plants, lines, exchanges, and equipment of  
8           such companies used in or about the business carried on by them in this State  
9           as covered and included herein. Such jurisdiction shall be exercised by the  
10          Commission and the Department so far as may be necessary to enable them to  
11          perform the duties and exercise the powers conferred upon them by law. The  
12          Commission and the Department may, when they deem the public good  
13          requires, examine the plants, equipment, lines, exchanges, stations, and  
14          property of the companies subject to their jurisdiction under this chapter.

15               (1) A company engaged in the manufacture, transmission, distribution,  
16               or sale of gas or electricity directly to the public or to be used ultimately by the  
17               public for lighting, heating, or power and so far as relates to their use or  
18               occupancy of the public highways.

19               (2) That part of the business of a company ~~which~~ that consists of the  
20               manufacture, transmission, distribution, or sale of gas or electricity directly to

1 the public or to be used ultimately by the public for lighting, heating, or power  
2 and so far as relates to their use or occupancy of the public highways.

3 \* \* \*

4 (7) Notwithstanding subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section, the  
5 Commission and Department shall not have jurisdiction over a company  
6 otherwise not regulated by the Commission that is engaged in the siting,  
7 construction, ownership, operation, or control of a facility that sells or supplies  
8 electricity to the public exclusively for charging plug-in electric vehicles or  
9 plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. **Electric distribution utilities** that are regulated  
10 by the Commission may provide electric vehicle charging services to the  
11 public on an unregulated basis through a separate unregulated affiliate. By  
12 rule, order, or procedure, the Commission may set standards under which  
13 regulated electric distribution utilities can offer such charging services to the  
14 public on a regulated basis and recover in part the costs thereof from  
15 ratepayers. However, the meter used to measure the amount of electricity sold  
16 or to calculate charges at the point of charging, whether on a regulated or  
17 unregulated basis, shall not be considered a meter operated in a public utility  
18 system for the purposes of 9 V.S.A. § 2651(14).

1                   \* \* \* Transportation Alternatives Grant Committee \* \* \*

2           Sec. 25. 19 V.S.A. § 38 is amended to read:

3           § 38. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES GRANT PROGRAM

4           (a) ~~The Transportation Alternatives Grant Committee is created and shall~~  
5           ~~comprise:~~

6                   (1) ~~the Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee;~~

7                   (2) ~~a representative from the Division of Historic Preservation appointed~~  
8           ~~by the Secretary of Commerce and Community Development;~~

9                   (3) ~~one member appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and~~  
10           ~~Community Development to represent the tourism and marketing industry;~~

11                   (4) ~~a representative of the Agency of Natural Resources appointed by the~~  
12           ~~Secretary of Natural Resources;~~

13                   (5) ~~three municipal representatives appointed by the governing body of~~  
14           ~~the Vermont League of Cities and Towns;~~

15                   (6) ~~one member representing and appointed by the governing board of~~  
16           ~~the Vermont Association of Planning and Development Agencies;~~

17                   (7) ~~two members from the House designated by the Speaker; and~~

18                   (8) ~~two members from the Senate designated by the Committee on~~  
19           ~~Committees. [Repealed.]~~

20           (b) ~~Municipal and legislative members of the Transportation Alternatives~~  
21           ~~Grant Committee shall serve concurrently for two year terms and the initial~~

1 ~~appointments of these members shall be made in a manner which allows for~~  
2 ~~them to serve a full legislative biennium. In the event a municipal or legislative~~  
3 ~~member ceases to serve on the Committee prior to the full term, the appointing~~  
4 ~~authority shall fill the position for the remainder of the term. The Committee~~  
5 ~~shall, to the greatest extent practicable, encompass a broad geographic~~  
6 ~~representation of Vermont. [Repealed.]~~

7 (c) The Transportation Alternatives Grant Program is created. The Grant  
8 Program shall be administered by the Agency, and shall be funded in the  
9 amount provided for in 23 U.S.C. § 133(h), less the funds set aside for the  
10 Recreational Trails Program. Awards shall be made to eligible entities as  
11 defined under 23 U.S.C. § 133(h), and awards under the Grant Program shall  
12 be limited to the activities authorized under federal law and no more than  
13 \$300,000.00 per grant.

14 (d) Eligible entities awarded a grant must provide all funds required to  
15 match federal funds awarded for a Transportation Alternatives project. All  
16 grant awards shall be decided and awarded by the ~~Transportation Alternatives~~  
17 ~~Grant Committee~~ Agency.

18 (e) Transportation Alternatives grant awards shall be announced annually  
19 by the ~~Transportation Alternatives Grant Committee~~ Agency not earlier than  
20 December and not later than the following March.

1 (f)(1) In fiscal years 2018 and 2019, all Grant Program funds shall be  
2 reserved for municipalities for environmental mitigation projects relating to  
3 stormwater and highways, including eligible salt and sand shed projects.

4 (2) In fiscal years 2020 and 2021, Grant Program funds shall be awarded  
5 for any eligible activity and in accordance with the priorities established in  
6 subdivision (4) of this subsection.

7 (3) In fiscal year 2022 and thereafter, \$1,100,000.00 of Grant Program  
8 funds, or such lesser sum if all eligible applications amount to less than  
9 \$1,100,000.00, shall be reserved for municipalities for environmental  
10 mitigation projects relating to stormwater and highways, including eligible salt  
11 and sand shed projects.

12 (4) Regarding Grant Program funds awarded in fiscal years 2020 and  
13 2021, and the balance of Grant Program funds not reserved for environmental  
14 mitigation projects in fiscal year 2022 and thereafter, in evaluating applications  
15 for Transportation Alternatives grants, the ~~Transportation Alternatives Grant~~  
16 ~~Committee~~ Agency shall give preferential weighting to projects involving as a  
17 primary feature a bicycle or pedestrian facility. The degree of preferential  
18 weighting and the circumstantial factors sufficient to overcome the weighting  
19 shall be in the complete discretion of the ~~Transportation Alternatives Grant~~  
20 ~~Committee~~ Agency.



1 (g) The Agency shall develop an outreach and marketing effort designed to  
2 provide information to communities with respect to the benefits of  
3 participating in the Transportation Alternatives Grant Program. The outreach  
4 and marketing activities shall include apprising municipalities of the  
5 availability of grants for salt and sand sheds. The outreach effort should be  
6 directed to areas of the State historically underserved by this Program.

7 \* \* \* Effective Dates \* \* \*

8 Sec. 26. EFFECTIVE DATES

9 (a) This section and Secs. 3 (voluntary cancellation of municipal projects),  
10 4 (project cancellations), 11 (formula for public transit funding), 15 (public-  
11 private partnership (P3) definition), 16 (highway work; minimum wages),  
12 20 (electric vehicle incentive program), and 23 (transportation fund) shall take  
13 effect on passage.

14 (b) Sec. 22 (fees for electric vehicle charging stations) shall take effect on  
15 July 1, 2022.

16 (c) All other sections shall take effect on July 1, 2019.