

**PROVIDE A DIFFERENT FUNDING STRUCTURE FOR CERTAIN ON-
SYSTEM BRIDGES – DIFFERENCES FROM THE
ADMINISTRATION’S PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTED, DIFFERENCES
FROM DRAFT 2.1 HIGHLIGHTED IN GREEN]**

***** Bridge Formula Program *****

Sec. 4a. BRIDGE FORMULA PROGRAM; OFF-SYSTEM BRIDGES

(a) Findings. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58 (IIJA) provides Vermont with \$225,000,000.00 in Bridge Formula Program funding for federal fiscal years 2022 through 2026;

(2) the Bridge Formula Program funds are to be used for the preservation and replacement of bridges;

(3) as part of the Bridge Formula Program, states are required to allocate a minimum of 15 percent of the funding to address off-system bridge needs, where off-system bridges are those that are located along roadways off the federal aid system;

(4) in Vermont, roadways off the federal aid system are primarily owned and maintained by municipalities; and

(5) under the IIJA, the federal share of funding for municipally owned off-system bridges is 100 percent.

1 (b) Priority implementation. In order to implement and allocate the Bridge
2 Formula Program funding, the Agency of Transportation is directed to
3 simultaneously:

4 (1)(A) Fund at 100 percent federal share the construction phase of all
5 off-system bridges in the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation Program for Town
6 Highway Bridges that:

7 (i) were not authorized for federal funds for the construction phase
8 of the pending project prior to the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation Program;
9 and

10 (ii) are either listed as a front-of-book project or development and
11 evaluation (D&E) project in the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation Program.

12 (B) Fund at 80 percent federal, 15 percent State, and 5 percent
13 municipal share the construction phase of all federal aid bridges in the Fiscal
14 Year 2023 Transportation Program for Town Highway Bridges that:

15 (i) were not authorized for federal funds for the construction phase
16 of the pending project prior to the Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation Program;

17 (ii) are listed as a front-of-book project in the Fiscal Year 2023
18 Transportation Program; and

19 (iii) are in a municipality that contains an opportunity zone
20 designated pursuant to 26 U.S.C. § 1400Z-1.

1 (C) The engineering (PE) and right-of-way (ROW) phases of projects
2 to be funded under subdivisions (A) and (B) of this subdivision (1) shall
3 continue to be funded at 80 percent federal, 10 percent State, and 10 percent
4 municipal.

5 (2)(A) In the Fiscal Year 2023 through 2029 Transportation Programs,
6 fund the construction phase of off-system covered bridges and off-system
7 historic truss bridges within the Transportation Programs for Town Highway
8 Bridges based on the prioritization of covered bridges and historic truss bridges
9 under the prioritization process outlined in 19 V.S.A. § 10g(1) at 100 percent
10 federal share.

11 (B) The engineering (PE) and right-of-way (ROW) phases of projects
12 to be funded at 100 percent federal share under subdivision (A) of this
13 subdivision (2) shall continue to be funded at 80 percent federal, 10 percent
14 State, and 10 percent municipal.

15 (c) Secondary implementation. Should funding through the federal Bridge
16 Formula Program remain available following the implementation delineated
17 under subsection (b) of this section, town highway bridges shall be advanced
18 based on the prioritization process outlined in 19 V.S.A. § 10g(1).

1 Sec. 4b. REPEAL

2 Sec. 4a (Bridge Formula Program; off-system bridges) of this act is
3 repealed on October 1, 2029, at the conclusion of the authorized
4 implementation period for the IIIA.

5 Sec. 4c. TOWN HIGHWAY BRIDGE PROGRAM

6 (a) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2023
7 Transportation Program for Town Highway Bridges, authorized spending for
8 the construction phase of the following projects is amended to be 100 percent
9 federal pursuant to Sec. 4a(b)(1)(A) and (2)(A) of this act:

- 10 (1) Clarendon BO 1443(55);
- 11 (2) Hartford BO 1444(60);
- 12 (3) Ludlow Village BO 1443(52);
- 13 (4) Poultney BO 1443(53);
- 14 (5) Stowe BO 1446(37);
- 15 (6) Stowe BO 1446(39);
- 16 (7) Statewide Preservation Easement Paint Program; and
- 17 (8) Statewide Rehabilitation of Covered Bridges.

18 (b) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2023
19 Transportation Program for Town Highway Bridges, authorized spending for
20 the construction phase of the following project is amended to be 80 percent

1 federal, 15 percent State, and 5 percent local pursuant to Sec. 4a(b)(1)(B) of
2 this act: Springfield BF 0134(49).

3 (c) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2023
4 Transportation Program for Town Highway Bridges, authorized spending is
5 amended as follows:

6	<u>FY23</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
7	Other	350,000	350,000	0
8	PE	4,294,487	4,294,487	0
9	ROW	355,000	355,000	0
10	Construction	25,314,700	25,314,700	0
11	Total	30,314,187	30,314,187	0
12	<u>Sources of funds</u>			
13	TIB	2,402,455	2,402,455	0
14	State	1,919,899	1,256,525	-663,374
15	Federal	24,251,350	25,529,514	1,278,164
16	Local	1,740,483	1,125,693	-614,790
17	Total	30,314,187	30,314,187	0

18 (d) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2023
19 Transportation Program, the following covered bridges projects are added to
20 the candidate list for Town Highway Bridges:

21 (1) Belvidere (Bridge No. 12 on Town Highway 3);

- 1 (2) Charlotte (Bridge No. 27 on Town Highway 9);
- 2 (3) Chelsea (Bridge No. 46 on Town Highway 68);
- 3 (4) Hartland (Bridge No. 22 on Town Highway 15);
- 4 (5) Lyndon (Bridge No. 33 on Town Highway 58);
- 5 (6) Northfield (Bridge No. 10 on Town Highway 3);
- 6 (7) Northfield (Bridge No. 11 on Town Highway 3);
- 7 (8) Northfield (Bridge No. 15 on Town Highway 3);
- 8 (9) Troy (Bridge No. 8 on Town Highway 12); and
- 9 (10) Weathersfield (Bridge No. 83 on Town Highway 65).

10 (e) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2023
11 Transportation Program, the following metal truss bridges projects are added to
12 the candidate list for Town Highway Bridges:

- 13 (1) Berlin (Bridge No. 27 on Town Highway 61);
- 14 (2) Bridgewater (Bridge No. 26 on Town Highway 34);
- 15 (3) Enosburg (Bridge No. 45 on Town Highway 42);
- 16 (4) Lincoln (Bridge No. 46 on Town Highway 6);
- 17 (5) Moretown (Bridge No. 42 on Town Highway 39);
- 18 (6) Newfane (Bridge No. 49 on Town Highway 26);
- 19 (7) Northfield (Bridge No. 65 on Town Highway 57);
- 20 (8) Royalton (Bridge No. 30 on Town Highway 6); and
- 21 (9) Sheldon (Bridge No. 20 on Town Highway 22).

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Sec. 4i. HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2023

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

<u>FY23</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Person. Svcs.	44,709,478	44,709,478	0
Operat. Exp.	61,554,303	60,425,635	-1,154,376
Total	106,263,781	105,109,405	-1,154,376
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	105,517,966	104,363,590	-1,154,376
Federal	645,815	645,815	0
Inter Unit	100,000	100,000	0
Total	106,263,781	105,109,405	-1,154,376