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MEMORANDUM

To: Representative Diane Lanpher,
Chair, House Committee on Appropriations

From: Representative Sara Coffey,
Chair, House Committee on Transportation

Date: January 16, 2024

Subject: Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Adjustment Act

Introduction

This will serve as the House Committee on Transportation's response to the Fiscal Year 2024 Governor's Recommended Budget Adjustment Act as it relates to transportation matters. For ease of reference, I will refer to each of the proposed sections in the [Fiscal Year 2024 Governor's Recommended Budget Adjustment Act – Language \(Language\)](#).

Eliminating the \$3.5M General Fund Appropriation for the St. Albans District Maintenance Facility (Sec. 39 in Language/Sec. B.1105(d)(6) in Big Bill) – No Fiscal Impact

The House Committee on Transportation agrees with the recommendation to eliminate the one-time \$3.5M General Fund appropriation for the St. Albans District Maintenance Facility from the Cash Fund for Capital and Essential Investments section of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78 (Big Bill), provided that the \$3.5M for the St. Albans District Maintenance Facility is funded through the Fiscal Years 2024 and 2025 Capital Bill. Accordingly, the House Committee on Transportation supports the deletion of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1105(d)(6) as recommended in Sec. 39 of Language.

General Obligation Debt Service Transfer (Secs. 35 and 48 in Language/Secs. B.1000 and D.101(a)(4)(B) in Big Bill) – Negligible Positive Fiscal Impact

The House Committee on Transportation agrees with the recommendation for an alternative approach to funding the Agency of Transportation's general obligation debt service costs, which involves a direct transfer to the Debt Service Fund from the Transportation Fund as opposed to an appropriation to the Debt Service Fund from the Transportation Fund. Accordingly, the House Committee on Transportation supports the amendments to 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. B.1000 as recommended in Sec. 35

of Language and the addition of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.101(a)(4)(B) as recommended in Sec. 48 of Language.

Reversions to the Transportation and Transportation Infrastructure Bond Funds (Sec. 48 in Language/Sec. D.101(c) in Big Bill) – Positive Fiscal Impact

The House Committee on Transportation agrees with the recommendation to revert \$183,952.00 to the Transportation Fund from the appropriation to the Department of Buildings and General Services for the State’s Highway Information Centers and to revert \$3,239,445.00 to the Transportation Infrastructure Bond Fund from the State’s Transportation Program – Program Development. Accordingly, the House Committee on Transportation supports the addition of 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 78, Sec. D.101(c)(2) and (3) as recommended in Sec. 48 of Language.

Vehicle Incentive Programs; Technical Corrections and MileageSmart (Sec. 58 in Language/Sec. G.600(b) in Fiscal Year 2023 Big Bill) – No Fiscal Impact

The House Committee on Transportation agrees with the recommended technical corrections to the fiscal year 2023 appropriations for the State’s vehicle incentive programs (2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.600(b), as amended).

The House Committee on Transportation also agrees with a recent recommendation from the Agency of Transportation to reallocate \$500,000.00 of prior funding for the Replace Your Ride Program, which has been underperforming, to MileageSmart, which is expected to deplete available funding before the end of the current fiscal year.

Accordingly, the House Committee on Transportation recommends that the attached be included as a substitute for recommended Sec. 58 of Language.

Committee Vote

Members of the House Committee on Transportation appreciate being asked to provide a response to the Fiscal Year 2024 Governor’s Recommended Budget Adjustment Act and support the recommendations listed above on a straw-poll vote of 9-0-2.

Attachment:

1 Sec. 58. 2022 Acts and Resolves No. 185, Sec. G.600(b), as amended by 2023 Acts and
2 Resolves No. 3, Sec. 85 and 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 62, Sec. 26, is further amended to
3 read:

4 (b) In fiscal year 2023, \$32,200,000 is appropriated from the General Fund and \$550,000
5 is appropriated from the Transportation Fund for electric vehicle charging infrastructure,
6 electrification incentives and public transportation investments as follows:

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8 (4) ~~\$3,000,000~~ \$3,500,000 to the Agency of Transportation to grant to the Community
9 Action Agencies to support the MileageSmart Program, established in 2019 Acts and Resolves
10 No. 59, Sec. 34, as amended.

11 (5) ~~\$2,350,000.00~~ \$1,850,000 to the Agency of Transportation for the Replace Your
12 Ride Program, established in 2021 Acts and Resolves No. 55, Sec. 27, as amended.

13 (6) \$500,000 to the Agency of Transportation for the Electrify Your Fleet program.

14 (7) ~~\$2,200,000~~ \$2,350,000 general funds and \$550,000 Transportation funds to the
15 Agency of Transportation for the following:

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17 (C) \$50,000 Transportation funds and ~~\$100,000~~ \$150,000 general funds to the
18 Agency of Transportation for electric bicycle incentives.