

1 Introduced by Committee on Transportation

2 Date:

3 Subject: Transportation; annual Transportation Program; Vermont Route 36;

4 locally managed projects; rail trails; Transportation Board; town

5 highways; mileage-based user fee; EV infrastructure fee; electric

6 vehicle supply equipment

7 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to adopt the

8 State’s annual Transportation Program and make miscellaneous changes to

9 laws related to transportation.

10 An act relating to the fiscal year 2026 Transportation Program and  
11 miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation

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

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

14 Sec. 1. TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM ADOPTED; DEFINITIONS

15 (a) Adoption. The Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2026

16 Transportation Program appended to the Agency of Transportation’s proposed

17 fiscal year 2026 budget, as amended by this act, is adopted to the extent

18 federal, State, and local funds are available.

19 (b) Definitions. As used in this act, unless otherwise indicated:

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

1           (2) “Candidate project” means a project approved by the General  
2           Assembly that is not anticipated to have significant expenditures for  
3           preliminary engineering or right-of-way expenditures, or both, during the  
4           budget year and funding for construction is not anticipated within a predictable  
5           time frame.

6           (3) “Development and evaluation (D&E) project” means a project  
7           approved by the General Assembly that is anticipated to have preliminary  
8           engineering expenditures or right-of-way expenditures, or both, during the  
9           budget year and that the Agency is committed to delivering to construction on  
10           a timeline driven by priority and available funding.

11           (4) “Electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE)” and “electric vehicle  
12           supply equipment available to the public” have the same meanings as in  
13           30 V.S.A. § 201.

14           (5) “Front-of-book project” means a project approved by the General  
15           Assembly that is anticipated to have construction expenditures during the  
16           budget year or the following three years, or both, with expected expenditures  
17           shown over four years.

18           (6) “Mileage-based user fee” or “MBUF” means a fee for vehicle use of  
19           the public road system with distance, stated in miles, as the measure of use.

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

1           (8) “TIB funds” means monies deposited in the Transportation  
2           Infrastructure Bond Fund in accordance with 19 V.S.A. § 11f.  
3           (9) The table heading “As Proposed” means the Proposed  
4           Transportation Program referenced in subsection (a) of this section; the table  
5           heading “As Amended” means the amendments as made by this act; the table  
6           heading “Change” means the difference obtained by subtracting the “As  
7           Proposed” figure from the “As Amended” figure; the terms “change” or  
8           “changes” in the text refer to the project- and program-specific amendments,  
9           the aggregate sum of which equals the net “Change” in the applicable table  
10           heading; and “State” in any tables amending authorizations indicates that the  
11           source of funds is State monies in the Transportation Fund, unless otherwise  
12           specified.

13                           \* \* \* Rail Program; Technical Correction \* \* \*

14           Sec. 2. RAIL PROGRAM

15           (a) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2026  
16           Transportation Program for Rail the following project is deleted: Barre–  
17           Berlin–Montpelier 04-9038–WACR Subsidy.

18           (b) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2026  
19           Transportation Program for Rail, the following project is added: Hartford  
20           HRRD(1) 25G002–White River Junction Depot Repairs.

1           (c) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2026  
2           Transportation Program for Rail, spending authority for Hartford HRRD(1)  
3           25G002–White River Junction Depot Repairs is authorized as follows:

<u>FY26</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Other	0	260,000	260,000
Total	0	260,000	260,000
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	0	260,000	260,000
Total	0	260,000	260,000

10           \* \* \* Relinquishment of Vermont Route 36 in the Town of St. Albans \* \* \*

11           Sec. 3. RELINQUISHMENT OF VERMONT ROUTE 36 IN THE TOWN  
12                           OF ST. ALBANS

13           Pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 15(a)(2), the General Assembly authorizes the  
14           Secretary of Transportation to enter into an agreement with the Town of St.  
15           Albans to relinquish a segment of the State highway in the Town of St. Albans  
16           known as Vermont Route 36. The segment authorized to be relinquished  
17           begins at mile marker 0.00, just east of the “Black Bridge” (B2), and continues  
18           14,963 feet (approximately 2.834 miles) easterly to mile marker 2.834, where  
19           Vermont Route 36 meets the boundary of the City of St. Albans, and includes  
20           the 0.106-mile westbound section of Vermont Route 36 and approaches at the  
21           entrance to the St. Albans Bay Town Park.

1                   \* \* \* Recovery of Funding for Cancelled Local Projects \* \* \*

2           Sec. 4. CANCELLATION OF LOCALLY MANAGED PROJECTS;  
3                   PROPOSAL; REPORT

4           (a) The Agency of Transportation, in consultation with the Vermont  
5           League of Cities and Towns, the Vermont Association of Planning and  
6           Development Agencies, and other interested stakeholders, shall:

7                   (1) clarify the current process pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 309c for  
8           determining whether a locally managed project that has received funding  
9           through a grant agreement with the Agency has been cancelled due to  
10           circumstances or events that are wholly or partly within the local sponsor’s  
11           control;

12                   (2) clarify the current process pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 309c for  
13           determining a local sponsor’s obligation to repay a portion or all of the grant  
14           funds provided by the Agency due to the cancellation of the project due to  
15           circumstances or events that are wholly or partly within the local sponsor’s  
16           control;

17                   (3) identify changes to improve the processes described in subdivisions  
18           (1) and (2) of this subsection; and

19                   (4) identify any legislative actions necessary to facilitate or implement  
20           those changes.

1           **(b) On or before January 15, 2026, the Agency of Transportation shall**  
2           **submit a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation**  
3           **summarizing the Agency’s findings and recommendations for statutory**  
4           **amendments or other legislative language to be included in the State Fiscal**  
5           **Year 2027 Transportation Bill, including:**

6                   **(1) a description of the current processes pursuant to 19 V.S.A. § 309c**  
7                   **for determining whether a project that received funding through an Agency**  
8                   **grant was cancelled for reasons that are wholly or partly within the control of**  
9                   **the local sponsor and for determining a local sponsor’s obligation to repay a**  
10                  **portion or all of the grant funding provided by the Agency;**

11                  **(2) changes that the Agency and the stakeholders it consulted identified**  
12                  **as potential options for improving the processes described pursuant to**  
13                  **subdivision (1) of this subsection;**

14                  **(3) any legislative changes needed to implement or facilitate the**  
15                  **identified changes; and**

16                  **(4) a summary of any potential changes that were considered but not**  
17                  **agreed to by the Agency and the stakeholders that it consulted.**

18                           \* \* \* State-Owned Railroads; Rail Trails \* \* \*

19           Sec. 5. 5 V.S.A. chapter 58 is redesignated to read:

20           CHAPTER 58. ~~STATE ACQUISITION OF~~ STATE-OWNED RAILROADS  
21   AND RAIL TRAILS

1 Sec. 6. 5 V.S.A. § 3408 is amended to read:

2 § 3408. RAILBANKING; NOTIFICATION

3 (a) If the Secretary finds that the continued operation of any State-owned  
4 railroad property is not economically feasible under present conditions, ~~he or~~  
5 ~~she~~ the Secretary may place the line in railbanked status after giving advance  
6 notice of ~~such~~ the planned railbanking to the House and Senate Committees on  
7 Transportation when the General Assembly is in session, and when the General  
8 Assembly is not in session, to the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee.

9 The Agency, on behalf of the State, shall continue to hold the right-of-way of a  
10 railbanked line for reactivation of railroad service or for other public purposes  
11 not inconsistent with future reactivation of railroad service. ~~Such~~ The  
12 railbanking shall not be treated, for purposes of any law or rule of law, as an  
13 abandonment of the use of the rights-of-way for railroad purposes.

14 \* \* \*

15 (c)(1) The Secretary may, after consulting with municipalities, adopt rules  
16 consistent with the provisions of section 3408a of this chapter governing the  
17 interim trail use of State-owned railroad rights-of-way that have been placed in  
18 railbanked status.

19 (2) Signs indicating the rules shall be conspicuously posted in or near all  
20 areas affected.

1           (3) Any person who violates ~~these~~ rules adopted pursuant to this  
2 subsection shall be subject to a penalty of not more than \$300.00.

3           Sec. 7. 5 V.S.A. § 3408a is added to read:

4           § 3408a. USE OF RAIL TRAILS

5           (a) Definitions. As used in this section:

6           (1) “Rail trail” means the right-of-way of a State-owned railroad line  
7 that has been authorized for railbanking and interim trail use pursuant to  
8 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) or section 3408 of this chapter.

9           (2) “Trail sponsor” means the Agency of Transportation in the case of a  
10 rail trail maintained by the Agency or the municipality in the case of a rail trail  
11 maintained by a municipality.

12           (b) Use of rail trails. The following acts are prohibited within a rail trail  
13 right-of-way:

14           (1) Throwing, dropping, or discarding bottles, cans, paper, garbage,  
15 rubbish, sewage, or other material of any kind.

16           (2) Cutting, mutilating, or removing any tree, shrub, flower, plant, top  
17 soil, or sod or attempting to do so.

18           (3) Injury, defacement, removal, or destruction of the surface of the rail  
19 trail or a rail trail’s structures, appurtenances, recreation facilities, or property.



1           (4) Except as authorized by the trail sponsor, erecting, placing, or  
2           displaying any advertising materials, posters, or placards of any kind. This  
3           prohibition shall not apply to official signs erected by the trail sponsor.

4           (5) Except as authorized by the trail sponsor, entering or remaining on  
5           the rail trail for the purpose of:

6                   (A) selling, hiring, or leasing any goods or services; or

7                   (B) distributing samples, pamphlets, or advertising materials, except  
8           for official information authorized by the trail sponsor.

9           (6) Parades, demonstrations, picnics, games, entertainment, or  
10           organizations, except at times and locations approved by the trail sponsor.

11           (7) Hunting, trapping, or molesting wildlife, except for fishing.

12           (8) Using or discharging any firearms or other weapons or fireworks,  
13           except by person authorized by the trail sponsor or as otherwise permitted by  
14           law.

15           (9) Igniting fires for any purpose, except in fireplaces or firepits at  
16           locations designated by the trail sponsor for trail maintenance purposes.

17           (10) Soliciting alms or contributions.

18           (11) Use of motorized vehicles, except for:

19                   (A) maintenance purposes;

1           (B) snowmobiles, subject to applicable State rules, when the  
2           Vermont Association of Snow Travelers, Inc. has declared the Statewide  
3           Snowmobile Trail System officially open;

4           (C) Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) utilized by an  
5           individual with a disability as permitted by the Agency’s Rail Trail  
6           Accessibility Policy;

7           (D) electric bicycles as permitted pursuant to applicable State rules;  
8           and

9           (E) other circumstances that the trail sponsor determines are  
10           appropriate.

11           (12) Overnight camping, except at areas designated for that purpose by  
12           the trail sponsor.

13           (c) Penalty. Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (b) of  
14           this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$300.00.

15                           \* \* \* Transportation Board \* \* \*

16           Sec. 8. 19 V.S.A. § 3 is amended to read:

17           § 3. TRANSPORTATION BOARD; CREATION; MEMBERS

18           ~~A transportation board~~ The Transportation Board is formed to be attached to  
19           the Agency of Transportation. There shall be seven members of the Board,  
20           appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The  
21           Governor shall so far as is possible appoint Board members whose interests

1 and expertise lie in various areas of the transportation field. The Governor  
2 shall appoint the ~~chair~~ Chair, and the Board may vote to appoint other officers.  
3 The members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of three years. Board  
4 members may be appointed for two additional three-year terms but shall not be  
5 eligible for further reappointment. ~~No~~ Not more than four members of the  
6 Board shall belong to the same political party. No member of the Board shall:

7 \* \* \*

8 Sec. 9. 19 V.S.A. § 5 is amended to read:

9 § 5. TRANSPORTATION BOARD; POWERS AND DUTIES

10 \* \* \*

11 (d) Specific duties and responsibilities. The Board shall:

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13 (4) provide appellate review, when requested in writing, regarding legal  
14 disputes in the execution of contracts awarded by the Agency or by  
15 municipalities cooperating with the Agency to advance projects in the State's  
16 Transportation Program, except that the Agency shall provide appellate review  
17 relating to bids and the competitive negotiation process under 19 V.S.A. § 10a;

18 (5) provide appellate review, when requested in writing, of decisions of  
19 the Secretary in administering the provisions of Title 24, relating to ~~junkyards~~  
20 salvage yards;

21 \* \* \*

1                                 \* \* \* Green Mountain Transit Authority \* \* \*

2                 Sec. 10. 24 App. V.S.A. chapter 801 is amended to read:

3                                 CHAPTER 801. GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

4   \* \* \*

5                 § 2. AREA OF OPERATION

6                 (a) ~~The area of operation shall be Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, and~~  
7                 ~~Washington Counties and the Towns of Orange, Washington, and~~  
8                 ~~Williamstown. The area of operation shall include Addison and Caledonia~~  
9                 ~~Counties and the Towns of Orange County other than Orange, Washington,~~  
10                ~~and Williamstown.~~

11                         (1) Chittenden County for fixed route bus service; and

12                         (2) Washington, Franklin, and Grand Isle Counties, but only for the  
13                provision of commuter services. ~~The area of operation shall include Lamoille~~  
14                ~~County, but only for the provision of published scheduled services.~~

15                (b) The area of operation may include:

16                         (1) Franklin, Grand Isle, and Washington Counties and the Towns of  
17                Orange, Washington, and Williamstown for fixed route bus service;

18                         (2) Addison and Caledonia Counties and the Towns of Orange County  
19                other than Orange, Washington, and Williamstown for the provision of  
20                commuter services; and

21                         (3) Lamoille County for the provision of published scheduled services.

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\* \* \* Town Highways \* \* \*

Sec. 11. 19 V.S.A. § 306 is amended to read:

§ 306. APPROPRIATION; STATE AID FOR TOWN HIGHWAYS

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(e) State aid for town highway structures.

(1) There shall be an annual appropriation for grants to municipalities for maintenance (including actions to extend life expectancy) and for construction of bridges and culverts; for maintenance and construction of other structures, including causeways and retaining walls, intended to preserve the integrity of the traveled portion of class 1, 2, and 3 town highways; and for alternatives that eliminate the need for a bridge, culvert, or other structure, such as the construction or reconstruction of a highway, the purchase of parcels of land that would be landlocked by closure of a bridge, the payment of damages for loss of highway access, and the substitution of other means of access. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year’s appropriation by the same percentage change as the following, whichever is less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year’s appropriation if either of the following are negative or zero:

(A) the percentage change in the Agency’s total appropriations funded by Transportation Fund revenues, excluding appropriations for town

1 highway structures under this subsection (e), for the most recently closed fiscal  
2 year as compared to the fiscal year immediately preceding the most recently  
3 closed fiscal year; or

4 (B) the percentage change in the Bureau of Labor Statistics  
5 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

6 (2) For purposes of subdivision (1)(B) of this subsection, the percentage  
7 change in the CPI-U is calculated by determining the increase or decrease, to  
8 the nearest one-tenth of a percent, in the CPI-U for the month ending on June  
9 30 in the calendar year one year prior to the first day of the fiscal year for  
10 which the appropriation will be made compared to the CPI-U for the month  
11 ending on June 30 in the calendar year two years prior to the first day of the  
12 fiscal year for which the appropriation will be made.

13 (3) Each fiscal year, the Agency shall approve qualifying projects with a  
14 total estimated State share cost of \$7,200,000.00 at a minimum as new grants.

15 ~~The Agency's proposed appropriation for the Program shall take into account~~  
16 ~~the estimated amount of qualifying invoices submitted to the Agency with~~  
17 ~~respect to project grants approved in prior years but not yet completed as well~~  
18 ~~as with respect to new project grants to be approved in the fiscal year~~

19 Beginning with State fiscal year 2027, the minimum total estimated State share  
20 cost for the approved grants shall increase over the prior fiscal year's minimum  
21 total estimated State share cost by the same percentage as the appropriation for

1 State aid for town highway structures is increased pursuant to subdivision (1)  
2 of this subsection.

3 (4) In a given fiscal year, should expenditures in the Town Highway  
4 Structures Program exceed the amount appropriated, the Agency shall advise  
5 the Governor of the need to request a supplemental appropriation from the  
6 General Assembly to fund the additional project cost, provided that the Agency  
7 has previously committed to completing those projects.

8 ~~(3)~~(5) Funds received as grants for State aid for town highway structures  
9 may be used by a municipality to satisfy a portion of the matching  
10 requirements for federal earmarks, subject to subsection 309b(c) of this title.

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12 (h) Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program.

13 (1) There shall be an annual appropriation for grants to municipalities  
14 for resurfacing, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of paved or unpaved class 2  
15 town highways. ~~However, municipalities~~ Municipalities that have no State  
16 highways or class 1 town highways within their borders may use the grants for  
17 such activities with respect to both class 2 and class 3 town highways. ~~Each~~  
18 ~~fiscal year, the Agency shall approve qualifying projects with a total estimated~~  
19 ~~State share cost of \$8,600,000.00 at a minimum as new grants. The Agency's~~  
20 ~~proposed appropriation for the Program shall take into account the estimated~~  
21 ~~amount of qualifying invoices submitted to the Agency with respect to project~~

1 ~~grants approved in prior years but not yet completed as well as with respect to~~  
2 ~~new project grants to be approved in the fiscal year.~~ This appropriation shall  
3 increase over the previous fiscal year’s appropriation by the same percentage  
4 change as the following, whichever is less, or shall remain at the previous  
5 fiscal year’s appropriation if either of the following are negative or zero:

6 (A) the percentage change in the Agency’s total appropriations  
7 funded by Transportation Fund revenues, excluding appropriations for town  
8 highway structures under this subsection (h), for the most recently closed fiscal  
9 year as compared to the fiscal year immediately preceding the most recently  
10 closed fiscal year; or

11 (B) the percentage change in the Bureau of Labor Statistics  
12 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

13 (2) For purposes of subdivision (1)(B) of this subsection, the percentage  
14 change in the CPI-U is calculated by determining the increase or decrease, to  
15 the nearest one-tenth of a percent, in the CPI-U for the month ending on June  
16 30 in the calendar year one year prior to the first day of the fiscal year for  
17 which the appropriation will be made compared to the CPI-U for the month  
18 ending on June 30 in the calendar year two years prior to the first day of the  
19 fiscal year for which the appropriation will be made.

20 (3) Each fiscal year, the Agency shall approve qualifying projects with a  
21 total estimated State share cost of \$8,600,000.00 at a minimum as new grants.



1 Beginning with State fiscal year 2027, the minimum total estimated State share  
2 cost for the approved grants shall increase over the prior fiscal year’s minimum  
3 total estimated State share cost by the same percentage as the appropriation for  
4 the Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program is increased pursuant to  
5 subdivision (1) of this subsection

6 (4) In a given fiscal year, should expenditures in the Class 2 Town  
7 Highway Roadway Program exceed the amount appropriated, the Agency shall  
8 advise the Governor of the need to request a supplemental appropriation from  
9 the General Assembly to fund the additional project cost, provided that the  
10 Agency has previously committed to completing those projects. Funds  
11 received as grants for State aid under the Class 2 Town Highway Roadway  
12 Program may be used by a municipality to satisfy a portion of the matching  
13 requirements for federal earmarks, subject to subsection 309b(c) of this title.

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15 \* \* \* Mileage-Based User Fee \* \* \*

16 **Sec. 12.** 2023 Acts and Resolves No. 62, Secs. 27–29 are amended to read:

17 Sec. 27. MILEAGE-BASED USER FEE LEGISLATIVE INTENT

18 It is the intent of the General Assembly for the State:

19 (1) to start collecting a mileage-based user fee from all battery-electric  
20 vehicles registered in Vermont starting on July 1, 2025, which is expected to  
21 be the first day of the first fiscal year when more than 15 percent of new

1 ~~pleasure car registrations in the State are plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) 2026~~  
2 ~~subject to sufficient funding being available for implementation;~~

3 (2) to ~~start subjecting subject~~ plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs)  
4 that are a pleasure car to an ~~increased~~ annual or a biennial ~~registration~~ electric  
5 vehicle infrastructure fee starting on ~~July~~ January 1, 2025, and that PHEVs  
6 shall not be subject to a mileage-based user fee;

7 (3) to work towards collecting a fee on kWhs that are dispensed through  
8 certain electric vehicle supply equipment available to the public so as to  
9 supplant lost gas tax revenue from PEVs; and

10 (4) to not commence collecting a mileage-based user fee until such  
11 authorizing language is codified in statute and becomes effective.

12 Sec. 28. MILEAGE-BASED USER FEE AUTHORIZATION

13 (a) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024  
14 Transportation Program for Environmental Policy and Sustainability, the  
15 Agency of Transportation, including the Department of Motor Vehicles, is  
16 authorized to apply for and accept a competitive federal Strategic Innovation  
17 for Revenue Collection grant established pursuant to the Infrastructure  
18 Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58 (IIJA), Sec. 13001, with up to  
19 \$350,000.00 in Transportation Fund monies authorized for the nonfederal  
20 match in fiscal year 2024 and ~~a to-be-determined amount for the nonfederal~~

1 ~~match in subsequent fiscal years up to \$350,000.00 in Transportation Fund~~  
2 ~~monies authorized for the nonfederal match in fiscal year 2025.~~

3 (b) ~~As permitted under federal regulations and grant terms, the The~~ Agency  
4 shall utilize ~~grant monies to design~~ State or federal funding authorized to be  
5 used for the purpose of designing a mileage-based user fee that is consistent  
6 with Secs. 27 and 29 of this act.

7 (c) Subject to State procurement requirements and the availability of  
8 sufficient funding, the Agency may retain one or more contractors or  
9 consultants, or both, to assist with the design of a process to commence  
10 collecting a mileage-based user fee on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026.

11 Sec. 29. MILEAGE-BASED USER FEE DESIGN

12 (a) Definitions. As used in Secs. 27–30 of this act:

13 (1) “Account manager” means a person under contract with the Agency  
14 of Transportation or Department of Motor Vehicles to administer and manage  
15 the mileage-based user fee.

16 (2) “Annual vehicle miles traveled” means the total number of miles that  
17 a BEV is driven between annual inspections annually as reported ~~by an~~  
18 ~~inspection mechanic~~ to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

19 (3) “Mileage-based user fee” means the total amount that an owner or  
20 lessee of a BEV registered in Vermont owes the State and is calculated by:

1           (A) multiplying the mileage-based user fee rate by the annual vehicle  
2 miles traveled ~~or;~~

3           (B) in the case of a terminating event, by multiplying the mileage-  
4 based user fee rate by the vehicle miles traveled between the ~~last Vermont~~  
5 ~~annual inspection~~ most recent Vermont registration or registration renewal of  
6 the vehicle and the terminating event; ~~or~~

7           (C) in the absence of a recorded odometer reading during the mileage  
8 reporting period, by multiplying the mileage-based user fee by the 98th  
9 percentile of estimated annual vehicle miles traveled for a pleasure car in  
10 Vermont.

11           (4) “Mileage-based user fee rate” means the per-mile usage fee charged  
12 to the owner or lessee of a BEV registered in Vermont.

13           (5) “Mileage reporting period” means the ~~time between annual~~  
14 ~~inspections~~ one-year period beginning on the most recent registration or  
15 registration renewal for the vehicle or the time between an annual inspection  
16 the most recent registration or registration renewal for the vehicle and a  
17 terminating event.

18           (6) “Pleasure car” has the same meaning as in 23 V.S.A. § 4(28).

19           (7) “Plug-in electric vehicle (PEV)” has the same meaning as in  
20 23 V.S.A. § 4(85) and includes battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and plug-in

1 hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs), which have the same meaning as in  
2 23 V.S.A. § 4(85)(A) and (B).

3 (8) “Terminating event” means either the registering of a BEV that had  
4 been registered in Vermont in a different state or a change in ownership or  
5 lesseeship of the BEV, or both.

6 (b) Commencement date. The Agency shall design a process to collect a  
7 mileage-based user fee for miles driven by a BEV registered in Vermont to  
8 commence collecting revenue on July 1, ~~2025~~ 2026.

9 (c) Covered vehicles. The Agency shall design a process to collect a  
10 mileage-based user fee based on the annual vehicle miles traveled by BEVs  
11 registered in the State.

12 (d) Imposition of a mileage-based user fee. The Agency shall design a  
13 process to collect a mileage-based user fee from the owner or lessee of a BEV  
14 registered in Vermont for each mileage reporting period within 60 days after  
15 the Vermont annual inspection on an annual, quarterly, or monthly basis  
16 selected by the owner or lessee and reconciled upon renewal of the vehicle  
17 registration or within 60 days after a terminating event that closes the mileage  
18 reporting period.

19 Sec. 13. INTENT

20 It is the intent of the General Assembly that the mileage-based user fee for a  
21 pleasure car be approximately equivalent to the amount collected by the State

1 and federal government in gas tax revenue from the use of a non-PEV pleasure  
2 car registered in Vermont and the amount collected by the State and federal  
3 government in gas tax revenue and increased registration fee from the use of a  
4 PHEV pleasure car.

5 \* \* \* EVSE; One-Time Appropriation \* \* \*

6 **Sec. 14.** EVSE; ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION

7 In fiscal year 2026, the amount of \$1,400,000.00 is appropriated from the  
8 Transportation Fund to the Agency of Transportation for distribution to the  
9 Agency of Commerce and Community Development for programs to increase  
10 Vermonters' access to level 1 and 2 EVSE charging ports at workplaces or  
11 multiunit dwellings, or both.

12 \* \* \* Effective Date \* \* \*

13 **Sec. 15.** EFFECTIVE DATE

14 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.