

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. 19 V.S.A. § 309c is amended to read:

3 § 309c. CANCELLATION OF LOCALLY MANAGED PROJECTS

4 (a)(1) Notwithstanding section 309a of this title, a municipality or other
5 local sponsor responsible for a locally managed project through a grant
6 agreement with the Agency shall be responsible for the repayment, in whole or
7 in part, of ~~federal funds required by the Federal Highway Administration or~~
8 ~~other federal agency~~ funds provided pursuant to the grant agreement because
9 of cancellation of the project by the municipality or other local sponsor due to
10 circumstances or events wholly or partly within the municipality’s or other
11 local sponsor’s control.

12 (2) Prior to any ~~such~~ determination that cancellation of a project was
13 due to circumstances or events wholly or partly within a municipality’s or
14 other local sponsor’s control, the Agency shall consult with the municipality or
15 other local sponsor to attempt to reach an agreement to determine the scope of
16 the municipality’s or other local sponsor’s repayment obligation.

17 (b)(1) Within ~~15~~ 30 days ~~of~~ after an Agency determination under
18 subsection (a) of this section, a municipality or other local sponsor may
19 petition the Board for a hearing to determine if cancellation of the project was
20 due to circumstances or events ~~in whole~~ wholly or ~~in part~~ partly outside the
21 municipality’s or local sponsor’s control.

1 Transportation when the General Assembly is in session, and when the General
2 Assembly is not in session, to the Joint Transportation Oversight Committee.
3 The Agency, on behalf of the State, shall continue to hold the right-of-way of a
4 railbanked line for reactivation of railroad service or for other public purposes
5 not inconsistent with future reactivation of railroad service. ~~Such~~ The
6 railbanking shall not be treated, for purposes of any law or rule of law, as an
7 abandonment of the use of the rights-of-way for railroad purposes.

8 * * *

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

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

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

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

18 § 3408a. USE OF RAIL TRAILS

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

1 (1) “Rail trail” means the right-of-way of a State-owned railroad line
2 that has been authorized for railbanking and interim trail use pursuant to
3 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) or section 3408 of this chapter.

4 (2) “Trail sponsor” means the Agency of Transportation in the case of a
5 rail trail maintained by the Agency or the municipality in the case of a rail trail
6 maintained by a municipality.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 (7) **Harassing** or molesting wildlife, except for fishing.

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

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

11 (10) Soliciting alms or contributions.

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

13 (A) maintenance purposes;

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

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

20 (D) electric bicycles as permitted pursuant to applicable State rules;
21 and

1 (E) other circumstances that the trail sponsor determines are
2 appropriate.

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

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

7 * * * Transportation Board * * *

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

9 § 3. TRANSPORTATION BOARD; CREATION; MEMBERS

10 ~~A transportation board~~ The Transportation Board is formed to be attached to
11 the Agency of Transportation. There shall be seven members of the Board,
12 appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The
13 Governor shall so far as is possible appoint Board members whose interests
14 and expertise lie in various areas of the transportation field. The Governor
15 shall appoint the ~~chair~~ Chair, and the Board may vote to appoint other officers.
16 The members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of three years. Board
17 members may be appointed for two additional three-year terms but shall not be
18 eligible for further reappointment. ~~Ne~~ Not more than four members of the
19 Board shall belong to the same political party. No member of the Board shall:

20 * * *

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

1 § 5. TRANSPORTATION BOARD; POWERS AND DUTIES

2 * * *

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

4 * * *

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

10 (5) provide appellate review, when requested in writing, of decisions of
11 the Secretary in administering the provisions of Title 24, relating to junkyards
12 salvage yards;

13 * * *

14 * * * Green Mountain Transit Authority * * *

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

16 CHAPTER 801. GREEN MOUNTAIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

17 * * *

18 § 2. AREA OF OPERATION

19 (a) The area of operation shall be Chittenden, Franklin, Grand Isle, and
20 Washington Counties and the Towns of Orange, Washington, and
21 Williamstown. The area of operation shall include Addison and Caledonia

1 ~~Counties and the Towns of Orange County other than Orange, Washington,~~
2 ~~and Williamstown, but only for the provision of commuter services. The area~~
3 ~~of operation shall include Lamoille County, but only for the provision of~~
4 ~~published scheduled services for fixed route bus service. The Green Mountain~~
5 ~~Transit Authority may operate service outside Chittenden County, or demand~~
6 ~~response transit within Chittenden County, as determined by the Agency of~~
7 ~~Transportation’s public transit grant process.~~

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9 § 10. IMPLEMENTATION

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11 ~~(c) Immediately upon joining the Authority, the municipality shall appoint~~
12 ~~two commissioners as provided herein. The initial terms of the commissioners~~
13 ~~of the initial members shall be arranged by the Chittenden County Regional~~
14 ~~Planning Commission so that the terms of approximately one-third of the~~
15 ~~commissioners shall expire in each year. The initial terms of commissioners~~
16 ~~from municipalities joining after March 7, 1973, shall be set by the Board of~~
17 ~~Commissioners.~~

18 * * *

19 * * * Town Highways * * *

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

21 § 306. APPROPRIATION; STATE AID FOR TOWN HIGHWAYS

1 (a) General State aid to town highways.

2 (1) An annual appropriation to class 1, 2, and 3 town highways shall be
3 made. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year's
4 appropriation by the same percentage change as the following, whichever is
5 less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year's appropriation if either of the
6 following are negative or zero:

7 (A) the percentage change of the Agency's total appropriations
8 funded by Transportation Fund revenues, excluding appropriations ~~for town~~
9 ~~highways~~ under this subsection (a) and subsections (e) and (h) of this section,
10 for the most recently closed fiscal year as compared to the fiscal year
11 immediately preceding the most recently closed fiscal year; or

12 * * *

13 (e) State aid for town highway structures.

14 (1) There shall be an annual appropriation for grants to municipalities
15 for maintenance (including actions to extend life expectancy) and for
16 construction of bridges and culverts; for maintenance and construction of other
17 structures, including causeways and retaining walls, intended to preserve the
18 integrity of the traveled portion of class 1, 2, and 3 town highways; and for
19 alternatives that eliminate the need for a bridge, culvert, or other structure,
20 such as the construction or reconstruction of a highway, the purchase of parcels
21 of land that would be landlocked by closure of a bridge, the payment of

1 damages for loss of highway access, and the substitution of other means of
2 access. This appropriation shall increase over the previous fiscal year's
3 appropriation by the same percentage change as the following, whichever is
4 less, or shall remain at the previous fiscal year's appropriation if either of the
5 following are negative or zero:

6 (A) the percentage change in the Agency's total appropriations
7 funded by Transportation Fund revenues, excluding appropriations under this
8 subsection (e) and subsections (a) and (h) of this section, for the most recently
9 closed fiscal year as compared to the fiscal year immediately preceding the
10 most recently 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 \$7,200,000.00 at a minimum as new grants.

1 ~~The Agency’s proposed appropriation for the Program shall take into account~~
2 ~~the estimated amount of qualifying invoices submitted to the Agency with~~
3 ~~respect to project grants approved in prior years but not yet completed as well~~
4 ~~as with respect to new project grants to be approved in the fiscal year~~
5 Beginning with State fiscal year 2027, the minimum total estimated State share
6 cost for the approved grants shall increase over the prior fiscal year’s minimum
7 total estimated State share cost by the same percentage as the appropriation for
8 State aid for town highway structures is increased pursuant to subdivision (1)
9 of this subsection.

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

15 ~~(3)~~(5) Funds received as grants for State aid for town highway structures
16 may be used by a municipality to satisfy a portion of the matching
17 requirements for federal earmarks, subject to subsection 309b(c) of this title.

18 * * *

19 (h) Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program.

20 (1) There shall be an annual appropriation for grants to municipalities
21 for resurfacing, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of paved or unpaved class 2

1 town highways. ~~However, municipalities~~ Municipalities that have no State
2 highways or class 1 town highways within their borders may use the grants for
3 such activities with respect to both class 2 and class 3 town highways. ~~Each~~
4 ~~fiscal year, the Agency shall approve qualifying projects with a total estimated~~
5 ~~State share cost of \$8,600,000.00 at a minimum as new grants. The Agency's~~
6 ~~proposed appropriation for the Program shall take into account the estimated~~
7 ~~amount of qualifying invoices submitted to the Agency with respect to project~~
8 ~~grants approved in prior years but not yet completed as well as with respect to~~
9 ~~new project grants to be approved in the fiscal year. This appropriation shall~~
10 increase over the previous fiscal year's appropriation by the same percentage
11 change as the following, whichever is less, or shall remain at the previous
12 fiscal year's appropriation if either of the following are negative or zero:
13 (A) the percentage change in the Agency's total appropriations
14 funded by Transportation Fund revenues, excluding appropriations **under this**
15 **subsection (h) and subsections (a) and (e) of this section,** for the most recently
16 closed fiscal year as compared to the fiscal year immediately preceding the
17 most recently closed fiscal year; or
18 (B) the percentage change in the Bureau of Labor Statistics
19 Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U).
20 (2) For purposes of subdivision (1)(B) of this subsection, the percentage
21 change in the CPI-U is calculated by determining the increase or decrease, to

1 the nearest one-tenth of a percent, in the CPI-U for the month ending on June
2 30 in the calendar year one year prior to the first day of the fiscal year for
3 which the appropriation will be made compared to the CPI-U for the month
4 ending on June 30 in the calendar year two years prior to the first day of the
5 fiscal year for which the appropriation will be made.

6 (3) Each fiscal year, the Agency shall approve qualifying projects with a
7 total estimated State share cost of \$8,600,000.00 at a minimum as new grants.
8 Beginning with State fiscal year 2027, the minimum total estimated State share
9 cost for the approved grants shall increase over the prior fiscal year's minimum
10 total estimated State share cost by the same percentage as the appropriation for
11 the Class 2 Town Highway Roadway Program is increased pursuant to
12 subdivision (1) of this subsection

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

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1 * * * Mileage-Based User Fee * * *

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

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

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

5 (1) to start collecting a mileage-based user fee from all battery-electric
6 vehicles registered in Vermont starting on July 1, ~~2025, which is expected to~~
7 ~~be the first day of the first fiscal year when more than 15 percent of new~~
8 ~~pleasure car registrations in the State are plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs)~~ 2026
9 subject to sufficient funding being available for implementation;

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

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

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

19 Sec. 28. MILEAGE-BASED USER FEE AUTHORIZATION

20 (a) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2024
21 Transportation Program for Environmental Policy and Sustainability, the

1 Agency of Transportation, including the Department of Motor Vehicles, is
2 authorized to apply for and accept a competitive federal Strategic Innovation
3 for Revenue Collection grant established pursuant to the Infrastructure
4 Investment and Jobs Act, Pub. L. No. 117-58 (IIJA), Sec. 13001, with up to
5 \$350,000.00 in Transportation Fund monies authorized for the nonfederal
6 match in fiscal year 2024 and ~~a to be determined amount for the nonfederal~~
7 ~~match in subsequent fiscal years~~ up to \$350,000.00 in Transportation Fund
8 monies authorized for the nonfederal match in fiscal year 2025.

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

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

17 Sec. 29. MILEAGE-BASED USER FEE DESIGN

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

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

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

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

6 **(A)** multiplying the mileage-based user fee rate by the annual vehicle
7 miles traveled ~~or;~~

8 **(B)** in the case of a terminating event, by multiplying the mileage-
9 based user fee rate by the vehicle miles traveled between the **last Vermont**
10 **annual inspection** and the terminating event; ~~or~~

11 **(C)** in the absence of a recorded odometer reading during the mileage
12 reporting period, by multiplying the mileage-based user fee by the 98th
13 percentile of estimated annual vehicle miles traveled for a pleasure car in
14 Vermont.

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

17 (5) “Mileage reporting period” means the **time between annual**
18 **inspections or the time between ~~an~~ the most recent annual inspection** and a
19 terminating event.

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

1 (7) “Plug-in electric vehicle (PEV)” has the same meaning as in
2 23 V.S.A. § 4(85) and includes battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and plug-in
3 hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs), which have the same meaning as in
4 23 V.S.A. § 4(85)(A) and (B).

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

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

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

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

21 **Sec. 13. INTENT**

1 It is the intent of the General Assembly that the mileage-based user fee for a
2 pleasure car be approximately equivalent to the amount collected by the State
3 and federal government in gas tax revenue from the use of a non-PEV pleasure
4 car registered in Vermont and the amount collected by the State and federal
5 government in gas tax revenue and increased registration fee from the use of a
6 PHEV pleasure car.

7 *** EVSE; One-Time Appropriation ***

8 Sec. 14. EVSE; ONE-TIME APPROPRIATION

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

14 *** Effective Date ***

15 Sec. 15. EFFECTIVE DATE

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