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2	Representative Donahue of Northfield moves that the bill be amended by
3	striking out Sec. 15, effective date, and its reader assistance heading in their
4	entireties and inserting in lieu thereof a new Sec. 15 and two new sections to
5	be Secs. 16 and 17 and their associated reader assistance headings to read as
6	follows:
7	* * * State Highway Bridges * * *
8	Sec. 15. STATE HIGHWAY BRIDGES; PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES;
9	AGREEMENTS; REQUIREMENTS; MODIFICATIONS
10	(a) For projects in the Agency of Transportation's Proposed Fiscal Year
11	2026 Transportation Program for State Highway Bridges for which
12	construction has not commenced, the Agency of Transportation shall, to the
13	extent practicable, review any applicable agreements with and requirements for
14	the municipality in which each project is located to determine if modifications
15	to the applicable agreements or requirements, or both, can be made to support
16	the construction of sidewalks or other pedestrian infrastructure on the bridge,
17	consistent with the State's complete streets policy set forth in 19 V.S.A.
18	<u>§ 2402.</u>
19	(b) In each instance in which the Agency identifies modifications to the
20	applicable agreements or requirements, or both, that can be made to support
21	the construction of sidewalks or other pedestrian infrastructure on a bridge

1	pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Agency shall, to the extent
2	reasonably feasible and consistent with all applicable State and federal laws
3	and requirements, seek to modify provisions of agreements or modify
4	requirements, or both, as necessary to support the construction of sidewalks or
5	other pedestrian infrastructure in a manner that is consistent with the State's
6	complete streets policy set forth in 19 V.S.A. § 2402.
7	Sec. 16. STATE HIGHWAY BRIDGES; REVIEW OF
8	REQUIREMENTS; REPORT
9	(a) On or before January 15, 2026, the Secretary of Transportation shall
10	submit a written report to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation
11	that:
12	(1) examines requirements for municipalities in relation to State
13	highway bridge projects, including related Agency of Transportation
14	procedures and the terms of required agreements with municipalities; and
15	(2) identifies any changes to those requirements that are necessary to
16	facilitate and encourage the construction of sidewalks and other pedestrian
17	infrastructure in a manner that is consistent with the State's complete streets
18	policy set forth in 19 V.S.A. § 2402.
19	(b) The report shall include:

1	(1) a summary of the different funding streams and programs under
2	which the State replaces, rehabilitates, or maintains bridges located on State
3	highways;
4	(2) requirements under State and federal law for the funding streams and
5	programs identified pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection;
6	(3) agreements that municipalities are required to enter into with the
7	State in relation to the replacement, rehabilitation, or maintenance of bridges
8	on State highways within the municipality;
9	(4) potential modifications to the requirements and agreements
10	identified pursuant to subdivisions (2) and (3) of this subsection, and any
11	related Agency procedures or rules, that could facilitate and encourage the
12	construction of sidewalks and other pedestrian infrastructure on bridges located
13	on State highways in a manner that is consistent with the State's complete
14	streets policy set forth in 19 V.S.A. § 2402; and
15	(5) any legislative action that is necessary to facilitate and encourage the
16	construction of sidewalks and other pedestrian infrastructure on bridges located
17	on State highways in a manner that is consistent with the State's complete
18	streets policy set forth in 19 V.S.A. § 2402.
19	* * * Effective Dates * * *
20	Sec. 17. EFFECTIVE DATES
21	(a) This section and Sec. 15 shall take effect on passage.

1 (b) The remaining sections shall take effect on July 1, 2025.