

TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

The Committee on Appropriations to which was referred House Bill No. 488 entitled “An act relating to the fiscal year 2026 Transportation Program and miscellaneous changes to laws related to transportation” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the Senate propose to the House that the report of the Committee on Transportation be amended as follows:

First: By inserting a Sec. 2a and its associated reader assistance heading to read as follows:

* * * Town Highway Non-Federal Disasters * * *

Sec. 2a. TOWN HIGHWAY NON-FEDERAL DISASTERS

(a) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation Program for Town Highway Non-Federal Disasters, spending is authorized as follows:

<u>FY26</u>	<u>As Proposed</u>	<u>As Amended</u>	<u>Change</u>
Grants	1,150,000	1,150,000	0
Total	1,150,000	1,150,000	0
<u>Sources of funds</u>			
State	1,150,000	0	-1,150,000
Other	0	1,150,000	1,150,000
Total	1,150,000	1,150,000	0

(b) Within the Agency of Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation Program for Town Highway Non-Federal Disasters, the following footnote is added: “Other funds of \$1,150,000 are amounts appropriated from the PILOT Special Fund established pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 3709.”

Second: In Sec. 26, public transit demand response volunteer coordinators:
grants; appropriations, by striking out subsection (a) in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof a new subsection (a) to read as follows:

(a) The Agency of Transportation is authorized to utilize up to \$600,000.00 in one-time funds appropriated from the Transportation Fund to the Agency of Transportation in fiscal year 2026 for the purpose of providing grants to public transit agencies to hire volunteer coordinators. Volunteer coordinators hired with grants provided pursuant to this section shall be responsible for the identification, recruitment, and retention of volunteers to provide transportation services to individuals enrolled in the State's demand response transportation programs.

(Committee vote: _____)

Senator _____

FOR THE COMMITTEE