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HOUSE BILL **2014**

AN ACT relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement program.

SPONSORS: Rep. Campbell, Hills 33

COMMITTEE: Public Works and Highways

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

I. Adopts the state 10-year transportation improvement plan for 2015-2024.

II. Raises the amount of bonds the treasurer may issue for federally-aided highway and bridge projects.

III. Authorizes the commissioner of the department of transportation to make certain improvements to the turnpike system.

IV. Authorizes the transfer of certain designated funds to certain projects in the 10-year transportation improvement plan for 2015-2024.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.
 Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough~~].
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Fourteen

AN ACT relative to the state 10-year transportation improvement program.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 326:1 State 10-Year Transportation Improvement Plan. The legislature hereby adopts the plan
2 known as the “State of New Hampshire Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2015-2024
3 Submitted to the Legislature by the Governor Pursuant to RSA 228:99 and RSA 240 of the Laws of
4 New Hampshire”, as amended and dated March 20, 2014, and encourages expeditious
5 implementation of the projects shown therein.

6 326:2 Federal Highway Grant Anticipation Bonds; Issuance of Revenue Bonds. Amend RSA
7 228-A:2 to read as follows:

8 228-A:2 Issuance of Revenue Bonds. The state may issue bonds under this chapter to be known
9 as “federal highway grant anticipation bonds.” The bonds may be issued from time to time for the
10 purpose of financing project costs related to the widening of Interstate 93 from Manchester to the
11 Massachusetts border, the replacement ~~[or repair]~~ of the ~~[Memorial Bridge and the]~~ Sarah Mildred
12 Long Bridge in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and any other federally aided highway project
13 hereafter authorized by the general court to be financed under this chapter. Bonds issued hereunder
14 shall be special obligations of the state and the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on all
15 bonds shall be payable solely from the particular funds provided therefor under this chapter. The
16 issuing of bonds shall be contingent upon the availability of sufficient anticipated federal aid over
17 the term of the bonds. The bonds shall be issued by the treasurer in such amounts as the fiscal
18 committee of the general court and the governor and council shall determine, **and shall** not
19 ~~[exceeding]~~ **exceed** ~~[\$445,000,000 for federally aided highway projects and \$45,000,000 for the~~
20 ~~replacement or repair of the Memorial Bridge and the Sarah Mildred Long Bridge]~~ **\$490,000,000.**
21 Debt service for federal highway grant anticipation bonds (Garvee bonds) for the ~~[bridges]~~ **projects**
22 shall be paid from a portion of future federal ~~[bridge]~~ funds. Bonds of each issue shall be dated, shall
23 bear interest at such rate or rates, including rates variable from time to time as determined by such
24 index, banker’s loan rate, or other method as may be determined by the treasurer, and shall mature
25 at such time or times as may be determined by the treasurer, except that no bond shall mature more
26 than 15 years from the date of its issue. Bonds may be made redeemable before maturity either at
27 the option of the state or at the option of the holder, or on the occurrence of specified events, at such

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1 price or prices and under such terms and conditions as may be fixed by the treasurer prior to the
2 issue of bonds. The treasurer shall determine the form and details of bonds. Subject to RSA 93-A,
3 the bonds shall be signed by the treasurer and countersigned by the governor. The bonds may be
4 sold in such manner, either at public or private sale, for such price, including above or below par
5 value, at such rate or rates of interest, or at such discount in lieu of interest, as the treasurer may
6 determine.

7 326:3 Turnpike System; Authority Granted. Amend RSA 237:2, II-d to read as follows:

8 II-d. Construct a second barrel on the Spaulding turnpike from exits 12 to 16 with related
9 interchange improvements from exits 11 to 16, as needed, ***and a maintenance facility at exit 16***
10 ***in Rochester.***

11 326:4 New Subparagraphs; Turnpike System; Authority Granted. Amend RSA 237:2, IV by
12 inserting after subparagraph (g) the following new subparagraphs:

13 (h) Making improvements to the central New Hampshire turnpike, including, but not
14 limited to, the addition of a traffic lane in each direction to the following 3 segments: the segment
15 between exit 8 in the city of Nashua to exit 10 in the town of Merrimack; the segment between exit
16 11 in the town of Merrimack to the southern limits of the Manchester Airport Access Road project in
17 the town of Bedford; and the segment between the northern limits of the Manchester Airport Access
18 Road project and the interstate 293 interchange in the town of Bedford.

19 (i) Installation of intelligent transportation systems infrastructure on the F.E. Everett
20 Turnpike from Nashua to Bedford.

21 326:5 Turnpike System; Authority Granted. Amend RSA 237:2, VII to read as follows:

22 VII.(a) Acquire land as required and make improvements to the central New Hampshire
23 turnpike including, but not limited to, completing the connection to the Merrimack industrial
24 interchange, relocation of Camp Sargent Road, improvements to interchanges 3 through 7 as
25 required, the extension of the system to include an easterly circumferential beltway around Nashua
26 extending from exit 2 and running easterly through the city of Nashua and the towns of Hudson,
27 Litchfield, and Merrimack to an intersection with the existing turnpike, improvements and widening
28 between interchanges 2 and 7, widening between the Route 101 intersection and the Amoskeag
29 interchange in Manchester, and coordinating a study of widening between the I-89 and I-93
30 interchanges.

31 (b) ***Plan and engineer improvements to the central New Hampshire turnpike,***
32 ***including, but not limited to the addition of a traffic lane or lanes in each direction from***
33 ***the junction of interstate 89 in the city of Concord to the northerly expansion joint of the***
34 ***Interstate 93 bridge over Loudon Road and N.H. Route 9 (bridge no. 163/106).***

35 (c) ***Plan and engineer improvements to the central New Hampshire turnpike,***
36 ***including, but not limited to the addition of a traffic lane or lanes in each direction from***

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1 *exit 6 to exit 7 in the city of Manchester, as well as the reconstruction of the exit 6 and exit 7*
2 *interchanges.*

3 326:6 Turnpike System; Funds Provided. Amend RSA 237:7 I(h) to read as follows:

4 (h) Improvements to central New Hampshire turnpike.

5 RSA 237:2, **IV(h)**, VII, **VII(b)**, **VII(c)**, IX. [485,200,000] **\$574,900,000**

6 326:7 Turnpike System; Funds Provided. Amend RSA 237:7, I(k) to read as follows:

7 (k) Toll collection equipment. RSA 237:2, VIII, IX,

8 **RSA 237:5, II.** [116,000,000] **\$131,000,000**

9 326:8 Department of Transportation; Hooksett Ramp Toll Reconstruction. The project named
10 Hooksett, project number 9015, which consists of reconstruction of exit 11 ramp tolls to implement
11 all electronic tolling (AET) shall be deleted from the turnpikes portion of the 10-year transportation
12 improvement plan 2015-2024, and added to the turnpikes portion of the unfunded priorities of said
13 10-year transportation improvement plan as the statewide AET pilot project, location to be
14 determined by the legislature.

15 326:9 Department of Transportation; Project Added to Unfunded Priorities.

16 I. The following project shall be added to the turnpikes portion of the unfunded priorities of
17 the 10-year transportation improvement plan 2015-2024: Merrimack, removal of toll on exit 11 at
18 \$1,600,000.

19 II. The project under paragraph I shall be contingent upon the relocation of the Bedford
20 main line toll south of its present location on the F.E. Everett turnpike, and the town of Merrimack's
21 acceptance of Continental Boulevard as a municipal highway.

22 326:10 Department of Transportation; Transfer of Funds. The funds designated for the project
23 named statewide districts BGRR, project number 2365, which consists of guardrail replacement for
24 the betterment program shall be deleted from the 10-year transportation improvement plan 2015-
25 2024, and the department shall designate or reallocate in said 10-year transportation improvement
26 plan betterment funds in the amount of \$1,200,000 to the statewide HWY rehabilitation BRSR,
27 project number 6730, to be distributed to the 6 state highway districts using the betterment
28 allocation formula contained in RSA 235:23-a, III.

29 326:11 Department of Transportation; Transfer of Funds. The funds designated for the project
30 named statewide traffic, project number 9010, which consists of plan preparation, public outreach,
31 and signage to transition to mile point referenced exit numbers, shall be deleted from the 10-year
32 transportation improvement plan 2015-2024, and the department shall designate in such 10-year
33 transportation improvement plan federal funds in the amount of \$1,100,000 to statewide PRRCS,
34 project number 4521, for federal pavement resurfacing and rehabilitation on rural collector or
35 arterial roads.

36 326:12 Department of Transportation; Transfer of Funds. The department of transportation

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1 shall issue federal highway grant anticipation bonds pursuant to RSA 228-A:2 for project named
2 Portsmouth, NH – Kittery, ME, project number 15731, in the 10-year transportation improvement
3 plan 2015-2024, for the state of New Hampshire’s share of the replacement of the Sarah Mildred
4 Long bridge between Portsmouth, NH to Kittery, ME, and shall designate in said 10-year
5 transportation improvement plan funds in the amount of \$51,000,000 for the widening of Interstate
6 93 North from Salem to Manchester, which shall consist of \$40,000,000 in federal funds and
7 \$11,000,000 in federal highway anticipation bonds. The department of transportation shall also
8 include an additional \$8,090,000 in federal funds for the widening of Route 101 for approximately 2
9 miles from N.H. 114 to Wallace Road in Bedford, NH, project number 13953, in said 10-year
10 transportation improvement plan.

11 326:13 Department of Transportation; Salem to Manchester. The funding for the project named
12 Salem to Manchester, project number 10418C, shall be removed from the unfunded priorities of the
13 10-year transportation improvement plan 2015-2024, and added to highway fund portion of such
14 plan at \$200,000,000. This project shall be funded with bond proceeds issued pursuant to RSA 6:13-
15 d, I as inserted by SB 367-FN-A of the 2014 legislative session.

16 326:14 Department of Transportation; Bow to Concord. The funding for the project named Bow-
17 Concord, project number 13742, contained in the turnpikes portion of the unfunded priorities of the
18 10-year transportation improvement plan 2015-2024, shall be reduced from \$192,000,000 to
19 \$190,000,000.

20 326:15 Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2015-2024; Expenditure of Certain Road
21 Toll Revenue. The Ten Year Transportation Improvement Plan 2015-2024 shall incorporate and be
22 consistent with the provisions of RSA 260:32-b, expenditure of certain road toll revenue, as inserted
23 by SB 367-FN-A of the 2014 legislative session.

24 326:16 Contingency. If SB 367-FN-A of the 2014 legislative session becomes law, sections 13
25 and 15 of this act shall take effect at 12:01 on the day such act takes effect. If SB 367-FN-A of the
26 2014 legislative session does not become law, sections 13 and 15 of this act shall not take effect.

27 326:17 Effective Date.

28 I. Sections 13 and 15 of this act shall take effect as provided in section 16 of this act.

29 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

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31 Approved: August 1, 2014

32 Effective Date: I. Sections 13 and 15 shall take effect as provided in section 16.

33 II. Remainder shall take effect August 1, 2014.