HOUSE BILL NO. 4547

March 18, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Hertel, Yaroch, Sowerby, Farrington, Wozniak, Stone, Shannon and Marino and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled

"An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the

truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; to investigate and study the tolling of roads, streets, highways, or bridges; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

by amending sections 10a, 12, 12b, 13, and 14 (MCL 247.660a, 247.662, 247.662b, 247.663, and 247.664), section 10a as amended by 1992 PA 137, sections 12 and 14 as amended by 2020 PA 152, and section 13 as amended by 2020 PA 153.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 10a. (1) Annually the state transportation The department
- 2 shall annually determine the miles mileage of state trunk line

- 1 highways, county primary and local roads, and city and village
- 2 major and local streets transferred to and from state, county,
- 3 city, or village jurisdiction during the preceding period of July 1
- 4 to June 30. In each year after that determination, the transferred
- 5 mileage shall must be accumulated and added to the mileage
- 6 transferred in each subsequent July 1 to June 30 period.
- 7 (2) The current average revenue worth per mile of a county
- 8 primary road and a county local road shall must be determined
- 9 annually by dividing the total county primary and local road
- 10 mileages respectively as of the first day of the preceding July 1
- 11 to June 30 period into the total amount of Michigan transportation
- 12 funds returned to counties pursuant to under this act for use on
- 13 county primary and local roads respectively during that period,
- 14 except money returned to counties pursuant to under section 12(2)
- **15** and (3).
- 16 (3) The total amount of money to be transferred from and to
- 17 the state trunk line fund, the counties, cities, and villages shall
- 18 must be determined annually by multiplying the current revenue
- 19 worth per mile of a county primary road and a county local road
- 20 respectively by the number of accumulated miles in each category
- 21 transferred from and to state, county, city, or village
- 22 jurisdiction. If the transferred facility becomes classified as
- 23 part of the local road or street system of the receiving
- 24 jurisdiction, the transfer of money shall must be calculated on the
- 25 basis of the revenue worth per mile of a county local road. In any
- 26 other category of jurisdictional transfer, the transfer of money
- 27 shall must be calculated on the basis of the revenue worth per mile
- 28 of a county primary road.
- 29 (4) For jurisdictional transfers made from the this state to a

- 1 county, city, or village after July 1, 1992, the amount in the
- 2 state trunk line fund to be transferred shall must be transferred
- 3 to the county, city, or village receiving jurisdiction. If the
- 4 transferred highway is then classified as part of the local road or
- 5 street system of the receiving jurisdiction, the transfer of money
- 6 to the receiving jurisdiction shall must be calculated on the basis
- 7 of the revenue worth per mile of a county local road as determined
- 8 in subsection (2). If the transferred highway is then classified as
- 9 part of the primary road or major street system of the receiving
- 10 jurisdiction, the transfer of money to the receiving jurisdiction
- 11 shall must be calculated on the basis of the revenue worth per mile
- 12 of a county primary road as determined in subsection (2). This
- 13 subsection and subsection (5) shall do not be construed to effect
- 14 affect contracts entered into before or after the effective date of
- this subsection pursuant to Act No. 166 of the Public Acts of 1965,
- 16 being sections 408.551 to 408.558 of the Michigan Compiled Laws,
- 17 July 15, 1992 under former 1965 PA 166 for the maintenance of a
- 18 transferred highway.
- 19 (5) In cities and villages with a population of 25,000 or
- 20 more, trunk line mileage that is transferred to local jurisdiction
- 21 after July 1, 1992 and is then classified as a major street shall
- 22 must be certified at twice its measured length.
- 23 (6) The transfer of funds under this section $\frac{\text{shall must}}{\text{must}}$ be
- 24 included each year in the October appropriation of the Michigan
- 25 transportation fund.
- 26 (7) As used in this section, "mileage" means the total number
- 27 of lane miles on a highway, road, or street. As used in this
- 28 subsection, "lane miles" means the number of miles of pavement
- 29 going in 1 direction on a highway, road, or street, multiplied by

the number of lanes.

Sec. 12. (1) The amount distributed to the county road
commissions must be returned to the county treasurers in the
manner, for the purposes, and under the terms and conditions
specified in this section. The department and the Country County
Road Association of Michigan shall jointly develop incentives for
counties to establish statewide purchasing pools for the more
efficient use of Michigan transportation funds.

- (2) Each county road commission shall must be reimbursed in an amount up to \$10,000.00 per year for the sum paid to a licensed professional engineer employed or retained by the county road commission in the previous year. The sum must be returned to each county road commission certified by the department as complying with this subsection regarding the employment of an engineer.
- 15 (3) An amount equal to 1% of the total amount returned to the county road commissions from the Michigan transportation fund during the prior calendar year must be withheld annually from the counties' November monthly distribution provided for in section 17, and the amount must be returned to the county road commissions for snow removal purposes as provided in section 12a.
 - (4) An amount equal to 10% of the total amount returned to the county road commissions from the Michigan transportation fund must be returned to each county road commission having county primary, or county local road, or both, mileage in the urban areas as determined under section 12b. This sum shall must be distributed as provided in section 12b. The return must be in addition to the amounts provided in subsections (6) and (7) and for the purposes stated in those subsections.
- 29 (5) An amount equal to 4% of the total amount returned to the

- 1 county road commissions from the Michigan transportation fund must
- 2 be returned to the county road commissions in the same percentages
- 3 under subsection (7). All money returned to the county road
- 4 commissions as provided in under this subsection must be expended
- 5 by the county road commissions for the preservation, construction,
- 6 acquisition, and extension of county local road systems and is in
- 7 addition to the amounts provided in subsection (7).
- 8 (6) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (23), 75% of
- 9 the remainder of the total amount to be returned to the counties
- 10 must be expended by each county road commission for the
- 11 preservation, construction, acquisition, and extension of the
- 12 county primary road system, including the acquisition of a
- 13 necessary right of way for the system, work incidental to the
- 14 system, and a roadside park or motor parkway appurtenant to the
- 15 system, and must be returned to the counties as follows:
- 16 (a) Three-fourths of the amount in proportion to the amount
- 17 received within the respective county during the 12 months next
- 18 preceding the date of each monthly distribution, as specific taxes
- 19 upon registered motor vehicles under the Michigan vehicle code,
- 20 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923.
- 21 (b) One-tenth of the amount in the same proportion that the
- 22 total mileage in the county primary road system of each county
- 23 bears to the total mileage in all of the county primary road
- 24 systems of this state.
- (c) One eighty-third of the remaining 15% of the amount to
- 26 each county.
- 27 (7) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (23), the
- 28 balance of the remainder of the total amount to be returned to
- 29 counties must be expended by each county road commission for the

- 1 preservation, construction, acquisition, and extension of the
- 2 county local road system as defined by this act, including the
- 3 acquisition of a necessary right of way for the system, work
- 4 incidental to the system, and a roadside park or motor parkway
- 5 appurtenant to the system, and must be returned to the counties as
- 6 follows:
- 7 (a) Sixty-five percent of the amount in the same proportion
- 8 that the total mileage in the county local road system of each
- 9 county bears to the total mileage in all of the county local road
- 10 systems of this state.
- 11 (b) Thirty-five percent of the amount in the same proportion
- 12 that the total population outside of incorporated municipalities in
- 13 each county bears to the total population outside of incorporated
- 14 municipalities in all of the counties of this state, according to
- 15 the most recent statewide federal census as certified at the
- 16 beginning of the state fiscal year.
- 17 (8) Money deposited in, or becoming a part of the county road
- 18 funds of a board of county road commissioners must be expended
- 19 first for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds, for
- 20 the payment of contractual contributions pledged for the payment of
- 21 bonds, for debt service requirements for the payment of contractual
- 22 contributions pledged for the payment of bonds, and for debt
- 23 service requirements for the payment of notes and loans in the
- 24 following order of priority:
- 25 (a) For the payment of contributions required to be made by a
- 26 board of county road commissioners under a contract entered into
- 27 under 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, that have been pledged for
- 28 the payment of the principal and interest on bonds issued under
- 29 that act, or for the payment of total debt service requirements

- upon notes issued by a board of county road commissioners under
 1943 PA 143, MCL 141.251 to 141.254.
- 3 (b) For the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued
 4 under section 18c, and the payment of contributions of a board of
 5 county road commissioners made under contracts entered into under
 6 section 18d that are pledged to the payment of principal and
 7 interest on bonds issued after June 30, 1957, under the
 8 authorization of section 18c and contracts executed under section
 9 18c.
- (c) For the payment of principal and interest upon loans
 received under section 11(5), to the extent other funds have not
 been made available for that payment.
- 13 (9) Beginning November 1, 2008, no more than 50% per year of 14 the amount returned to a county for use on the county primary road 15 system may be expended, with or without matching, on the county local road system of that county. Except as otherwise provided in 16 this subsection, beginning September 30, 2010, no more than 30% per 17 18 year of the amount returned to a county for use on the county 19 primary road system may be expended, with or without matching, on 20 the county local road system of that county. An additional amount, 21 not to exceed 20% per year of the amount returned to a county for 22 use on the county primary road system, may be expended on the 23 county local road system of that county if there is an emergency or 24 if the county road commission determines that an additional 20% may 25 be expended on the county local road system. The county road commission may attach any conditions to its determination if the 26 27 determination is for nonemergency purposes, including, but not limited to, a requirement that the additional 20% expended on the 28 29 county local road system only be used to supplement money from

- 1 other sources. No more than 15% per year of the amount returned to
- 2 a county for expenditure on the county local road system may be
- 3 used, with or without matching, on the county primary road system
- 4 of that county, and not to exceed an additional 15% per year of the
- 5 amount returned to a county for expenditure on the county local
- 6 road system, may, in case of an emergency or with the approval of
- 7 the county road commission, be expended, with or without matching,
- 8 on the county primary road system of that county. An amount
- 9 returned to a county for and on account of county local roads under
- 10 this section that is in excess of the total amount paid into the
- 11 county treasury each year by all of the townships of that county
- 12 for and on account of the county local roads pursuant to under
- 13 section 14(6) may be transferred to and expended on the county
- 14 primary road system of that county.
- 15 (10) Not less than 20% per year of the money returned to a
- 16 county by this section must be expended for snow and ice removal,
- 17 the reconstruction of an existing highway if not in conflict with
- 18 its asset management plan as provided in section 9a, and the
- 19 acquisition of a necessary right of way for those highways, and
- 20 work incidental to those highways, or for the servicing of bonds
- 21 issued by the county for these purposes. A county may expend
- 22 surplus money for the development, construction, or repair of an
- 23 off-street parking facility.
- 24 (11) Not more than 5% per year of the money returned to a
- 25 county for the county road system must be expended for the
- 26 maintenance, improvement, or acquisition of appurtenant roadside
- 27 parks and motor parkways.
- 28 (12) Money returned to a county must be expended by the county
- 29 road commission for the purposes provided in this section and must

- 1 be deposited by the county treasurer in a designated county
- 2 depository, in a separate account to the credit of the county road
- 3 fund, and must be paid out only on the order of the county road
- 4 commission, and interest accruing on the money must become a part
- 5 of, and be deposited with the county road fund.
- 6 (13) In a county to which money is returned under this
- 7 section, the function of the county road commission is limited to
- 8 the formation of policy and the performance of the official duties
- 9 imposed by law and delegated by the county board of commissioners.
- 10 A member of the county road commission shall may not be employed
- 11 individually in any other capacity for other duties with the county
- 12 road commission.
- 13 (14) A county road commission may enter into an agreement with
- 14 a county road commission of an adjacent county and with a city or
- 15 village to perform work on a highway, road, or street, and with the
- 16 department with respect to a state trunk line highway and
- 17 connecting links of the state trunk line highway within the limits
- 18 of the county or adjacent to the county. The agreement may provide
- 19 for the performance by each contracting party of the work
- 20 contemplated by the contract including engineering services and the
- 21 acquisition of rights of way in connection with the work
- 22 contemplated, by purchase or condemnation, by any of the
- 23 contracting parties in its own name and the agreement may provide
- 24 for joint participation in the costs.
- 25 (15) Money distributed from the Michigan transportation fund
- 26 may be expended for construction purposes on county local roads
- 27 only to the extent matched by money from other sources. However,
- 28 Michigan transportation funds may be expended for the construction
- 29 of bridges on the county local roads in an amount not to exceed 75%

- 1 of the cost of the construction of local road bridges. The match
- $\mathbf{2}$ may exceed 75% of the cost of construction in the case of a public
- 3 emergency.
- 4 (16) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, at least
- 5 90% of the state revenue returned annually to the county road
- 6 commission from the Michigan transportation fund less the amounts
- 7 described in subdivisions (a) to (e) must be expended annually by
- 8 the county road commission for the preservation of highways, roads,
- 9 streets, and bridges, and for the payment of contractual
- 10 contributions pledged for the payment of bonds or portions of
- 11 bonds, debt service requirements for the payment of bonds or
- 12 portions of bonds, and debt service requirements for the payment of
- 13 notes and loans or portions of notes and loans issued or received
- 14 after July 1, 1983, for the purpose of providing money for the
- 15 preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges. If an
- 16 appropriate certificate is filed under subsection (18) but only to
- 17 the extent necessary, this subsection does not prohibit the use of
- 18 any amount of state revenue returned annually to the county road
- 19 commissions for the payment of contractual contributions pledged
- 20 for the payment of bonds, for debt service requirements for the
- 21 payment of bonds, and for debt service requirements for the payment
- 22 of notes or loans, whenever issued or received, as specified under
- 23 subsection (8). The amounts that are deducted from the state
- 24 revenue returned to a county road commission from the Michigan
- 25 transportation fund, for the purpose of the calculation required by
- 26 this subsection are as follows:
- 27 (a) Amounts expended for the purposes described in subsection
- 28 (8) for bonds, notes, loans, or other obligations issued or
- 29 received before July 2, 1983.

(b) Amounts expended for the administrative costs of the
 county road commission.

- 3 (c) Amounts expended for capital outlay projects for equipment
 4 and buildings, and for the payment of contractual contributions
 5 pledged for the payment of bonds, for debt service requirements for
 6 the payment of bonds, and for debt service requirements for the
 7 payment of notes and loans issued or received after July 1, 1983,
 8 for the purpose of providing funds for capital outlay projects for
 9 equipment and buildings.
 - (d) Amounts expended for projects vital to the economy of the local area or the safety of the public in the local area. Before these amounts can be deducted, the governing body over the county road commission or the county road commission, as applicable, shall must pass a resolution approving these projects. This resolution must state the projects that will be funded and the cost of each project. A copy of each approved resolution must be forwarded immediately to the department.
 - (e) Amounts expended in urban areas as determined under section 12b.
 - (17) As used in this subsection, "urban routes" means those portions of 2-lane county primary roads within an urban area that have average daily traffic in excess of 15,000. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, except as provided in this subsection, a county road commission shall annually expend at least 90% of the federal revenue distributed to the county road commission for highways, roads, streets, and bridges, less the amount expended on urban routes for purposes other than preservation and the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the federal-aid system, on the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and

- 1 bridges. A county road commission may expend in 1 year less than
- 2 90% of the federal revenue distributed to the county road
- 3 commission for highways, roads, streets, and bridges, less the
- 4 amount expended on urban routes for purposes other than
- 5 preservation and the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel
- 6 roads on the federal-aid system, on the preservation of highways,
- 7 roads, streets, and bridges, if that year is part of a 3-year
- 8 period in which at least 90% of the total federal revenue
- 9 distributed in the 3-year period to the county road commission for
- 10 highways, roads, streets, and bridges, less the amount expended on
- 11 urban routes for purposes other than preservation purposes and the
- 12 amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the federal-
- 13 aid system, is expended on the preservation of highways, roads,
- 14 streets, and bridges. If a county road commission expends in 1 year
- 15 less than 90% of the federal revenue distributed to the county road
- 16 commission for highways, roads, streets, and bridges, less the
- 17 amount expended on urban routes for purposes other than
- 18 preservation and the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel
- 19 roads on the federal-aid system, on the preservation of highways,
- 20 roads, streets, and bridges and that year is not a part of a 3-year
- 21 period in which at least 90% of the total federal revenue
- 22 distributed in the 3-year period to the county road commission for
- 23 highways, roads, streets, and bridges, less the amount expended on
- 24 urban routes for purposes other than preservation and the amount
- 25 expended for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the federal-aid
- 26 system, is expended on the preservation of highways, roads,
- 27 streets, and bridges, the county road commission shall expend in
- 28 each year subsequent to the 3-year period 100%, or less in 1 year
- 29 if sufficient for the purposes of this subsection, of the federal

- 1 revenue distributed to the county road commission for highways,
- 2 roads, streets, and bridges, less the amount expended on urban
- 3 routes for purposes other than preservation and the amount expended
- 4 for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the federal-aid system, on
- 5 the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges until the
- 6 average percentage spent on the preservation of highways, roads,
- 7 streets, and bridges in the 3-year period and the subsequent years,
- 8 less the amount expended on urban routes for purposes other than
- 9 preservation and the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel
- 10 roads on the federal-aid system, is at least 90%. A year may be
- 11 included in only one 3-year period for the purposes of this
- 12 subsection. The requirements of this subsection are waived if
- 13 compliance would cause the county road commission to be ineligible
- 14 for federal revenue under federal law, but only to the extent
- 15 necessary to make the county road commission eligible for that
- 16 revenue under federal law. For the purpose of the calculations
- 17 required by this subsection, the amount expended on urban routes by
- 18 a county road commission for purposes other than preservation and
- 19 the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the
- 20 federal-aid system must be deducted from the total federal revenue
- 21 distributed to the use of the county road commission. As used in
- 22 this subsection, "urban routes" means the portions of 2-lane county
- 23 primary roads within an urban area that have average daily traffic
- 24 in excess of 15,000.
- 25 (18) A county road commission shall certify to the department
- 26 on or before the issuance of any bonds or notes issued after July
- 27 1, 1983, under 1943 PA 143, MCL 141.251 to 141.254, 1941 PA 205,
- 28 MCL 252.51 to 252.64, or section 18c or 18d, for purposes other
- 29 than the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges and

- 1 purposes other than the purposes specified in subsection (16)(c)
- 2 that its average annual debt service requirements for all bonds and
- 3 notes or portions of bonds and notes issued after July 1, 1983, for
- 4 purposes other than the preservation of highways, roads, streets,
- 5 and bridges and other than for the purposes specified in subsection
- 6 (16)(c), including the bond or note to be issued does not exceed
- 7 10% of the money returned to the county road commission under this
- 8 act, less the amounts specified in subsection (16)(a), (b), and (c)
- 9 during the last completed fiscal year of the county road
- 10 commission. If the purpose for which the bonds or notes are issued
- 11 is changed after the issuance of the notes or bonds, the change
- 12 must be made in a manner that maintains compliance with the
- 13 certification required by this subsection, as of the date the
- 14 certificate was originally issued, but the change does not
- 15 invalidate or otherwise affect the bonds or notes with respect to
- 16 which the certificate was issued or the obligation to pay debt
- 17 service on the bonds or notes. A certification under this
- 18 subsection is conclusive as to the matters stated in the
- 19 certification for purposes of the validity of bonds and notes.
- 20 (19) In each charter county to which funds are returned under
- 21 this section, the responsibility for road improvement,
- 22 preservation, and traffic operation work, and the development,
- 23 construction, or repair of off-road parking facilities and
- 24 construction or repair of road lighting must be coordinated by a
- 25 single administrator designated by the county executive who shall
- 26 be is responsible for and $\frac{\text{shall represent represents}}{\text{represent}}$ the charter
- 27 county in transactions with the department under this act.
- 28 (20) Not more than 10% per year of all of the money received
- 29 by and returned to a county from any source for the purposes of

- 1 this section may be expended for administrative expenses. A county
- 2 that expends more than 10% for administrative expenses in a year is
- 3 subject to section 14(5) unless a waiver is granted by the
- 4 department of treasury. As used in this subsection, "administrative
- 5 expenses" means expenses that are not assigned including, but not
- 6 limited to, specific road construction or preservation projects and
- 7 are often referred to as general or supportive services.
- 8 Administrative expenses do not include net equipment expense, net
- 9 capital outlay, debt service principal and interest, and payments
- 10 to other state or local offices that are assigned, but not limited
- 11 to, specific road construction projects or preservation activities.
- 12 (21) In addition to the financial compliance audits required
- 13 by law, the department may conduct performance audits and make
- 14 investigations of the disposition of all state money received by
- 15 county road commissions, county boards of commissioners, or any
- 16 other county governmental agency acting as the county road
- 17 authority, for transportation purposes to determine compliance with
- 18 the terms and conditions of this act. Performance audits must be
- 19 conducted according to government auditing standards issued by the
- 20 United States General Accounting Office. The department shall
- 21 develop performance audit procedures and reporting requirements
- 22 sufficient to determine whether money expended under this section
- 23 was expended in compliance with this act by September 1, 2012 and
- 24 shall report to the transportation committees of the senate and
- 25 house of representatives no later than October 1, 2012 on the
- 26 additional audit procedures and reporting requirements. The
- 27 department shall provide notice to the county road commission,
- 28 county board of commissioners, or any other county governmental
- 29 agency acting as the county road authority, as applicable, of the

- 1 standards to be used for audits performed under this subsection.
- 2 The notice must be provided 6 months prior to before the fiscal
- 3 year in which the audit is conducted. The department shall notify
- 4 the county road commission, county board of commissioners, or any
- 5 other county governmental agency acting as the county road
- 6 authority of any subsequent changes to the standards. County road
- 7 commissions, county boards of commissioners, or any other county
- 8 governmental agencies acting as county road authorities, as
- 9 applicable, shall make available to the department the pertinent
- 10 records for the audit. Performance audits may be performed at the
- 11 discretion of the department or on receiving a request from the
- 12 speaker of the house of representatives or the senate majority
- 13 leader.
- 14 (22) Of the amounts appropriated for a county primary or local
- 15 road system under this section, where possible, a county road
- 16 commission shall secure pavement warranties for full replacement or
- 17 appropriate repair for contracted construction work on pavement
- 18 projects whose cost exceeds \$2,000,000.00 and projects for new
- 19 construction or reconstruction undertaken after April 1, 2016, if
- 20 allowed by the Federal Highway Administration and the department. A
- 21 county road commission shall submit a proposed warranty program to
- 22 the department for approval no later than April 1, 2016. If a
- 23 proposed warranty program submitted under this subsection is
- 24 approved by the department, the county road commission shall
- 25 implement the program no later than 1 year after the approval. A
- 26 county road commission shall include a list of all warranties that
- 27 were secured under this subsection and indicate whether any of
- 28 those warranties were redeemed with the report required under
- 29 section 14(3), and shall also list all pavement projects whose cost

- 1 exceeds \$2,000,000.00 for which a warranty was not secured. The
- 2 list must include, but is not limited to, all of the following
- 3 information:
- 4 (a) The type of project.
- **5** (b) The cost or estimated cost of the project.
- 6 (c) The expected lifespan of the project.
- 7 (d) Whether or not the project met or is currently meeting its8 expected lifespan.
- 9 (e) If the project failed to meet or is not meeting its
 10 expected lifespan, the cause of the failure and the cost to replace
 11 or repair the project.
- (f) The entity responsible for paying the cost of replacing or repairing the project.
- 14 (23) Once the asset management plan for a county as described 15 in section 9a has been approved, amounts distributed to a county 16 under this section shall must be expended toward attainment of the 17 condition goals in the asset management plan and as otherwise 18 required by this act.
- 19 (24) A county road commission may use a portion of the amount 20 returned to the county under this section for the payment of debt 21 service on bonds, notes, or other obligations.
- 22 (25) As used in this section, "mileage" means the total number 23 of lane miles of a highway, road, or street. As used in this 24 subsection, "lane miles" means the number of miles of pavement 25 going in 1 direction on a highway, road, or street, multiplied by 26 the number of lanes.
- Sec. 12b. (1) The amounts returned to the counties for the county urban system as provided in section 12(4) shall must be distributed on the basis of the county road mileage contained

- within the urban area boundaries as established pursuant to under
 this section.
- 3 (2) On January 3, 1973, the department of transportation shall
- 4 establish urban area boundaries which shall that must be reviewed
- 5 and corrected periodically and which shall that must be in
- 6 conformance with the federal-aid urban area definition as published
- 7 by the federal highway administration of the United States
- 8 department of transportation Federal Highway Administration and in
- **9** effect July 1, 1971.
- 10 (3) The amounts returned to the county road commissions
- 11 qualifying under this section shall must be in the same proportion
- 12 that the total urban local road mileage —plus 6 times the urban
- 13 primary road mileage of each county bears to the total mileage in
- 14 all the urban local road systems of the this state, plus 6 times
- 15 the total mileage in all the urban primary road systems of the this
- 16 state.
- 17 (4) All amounts returned to the county road commissions on the
- 18 basis of the urban primary road mileage of each county are for use
- 19 on the county primary road system and are subject to the same
- 20 provisions of this act as other amounts for expenditure on the
- 21 county primary road system.
- 22 (5) All amounts returned to the county road commissions on the
- 23 basis of the urban local road mileage of each county are for
- 24 expenditure on the county local road system and are subject to the
- 25 same provisions of this act as other amounts for expenditure on the
- 26 county local road systems.
- 27 (6) As used in this section, "mileage" means the total number
- 28 of lane miles of a highway, road, or street. As used in this
- 29 subsection, "lane miles" means the number of miles of pavement

1 going in 1 direction on a highway, road, or street, multiplied by 2 the number of lanes.

Sec. 13. (1) The amount distributed to cities and villages 3 must be returned to the treasurers of the cities and villages in 4 5 the manner, for the purposes, and under the terms and conditions 6 specified in this section. The amount received by a newly 7 incorporated municipality must be in place of any other direct 8 distribution of money from the Michigan transportation fund. The 9 population of a newly incorporated municipality as determined under 10 this section must be added to the total population of all 11 incorporated cities and villages in this state in computing the 12 amounts to be returned under this section to each municipality in 13 the state. Major street mileage, local street mileage, and 14 equivalent major mileage, if applicable, must be determined by the 15 department before the next month for which distribution is made 16 following the effective date of incorporation of a newly 17 incorporated municipality. 18

(2) From the amount available for distribution to cities and villages during each December, an amount equal to 0.7% of the total amount returned to all cities and villages under subsections (3) and (4) during the previous calendar year must be withheld. The amount withheld must be used to partially reimburse cities and villages located in counties that are eligible for snow removal funds under section 12a and that have costs for winter maintenance on major and local streets that are greater than the statewide average. The distributions must be made annually during February and must be calculated separately for the major and local street systems but may be paid in a combined warrant. The distribution to a city or village must be equal to 1/2 of its winter maintenance

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- 1 expenditures after deducting the product of its total earnings
- 2 under subsections (3) and (4) multiplied by 2 times the average
- 3 municipal winter maintenance factor. Winter maintenance
- 4 expenditures must be determined from the street financial reports
- 5 for the most current fiscal years ending before July 1. A city or
- 6 village that does not submit a street financial report for the
- 7 fiscal year ending before July 1 by the subsequent December 31 is
- 8 ineligible for the winter maintenance payment that is to be based
- 9 on that street financial report. The department shall determine the
- 10 average municipal winter maintenance factor annually by dividing
- 11 the total expenditures of all cities and villages on winter
- 12 maintenance of streets and highways by the total amount earned by
- 13 all cities and villages under subsections (3) and (4) during the 12
- 14 months. If the sum of the distributions to be made under this
- 15 subsection exceeds the amount withheld, the distributions to each
- 16 eligible city and village must be reduced proportionately. If the
- 17 sum is less than the amount withheld, the balance must be added to
- 18 the amount available for distribution under subsections (3) and (4)
- 19 during the next month. The distributions are for use on the major
- 20 and local street systems respectively and are subject to the same
- 21 provisions as money returned under subsections (3) and (4).
- 22 (3) Seventy-five percent of the remaining amount to be
- 23 returned to the cities and villages, after deducting the amounts
- 24 withheld under subsection (2), must be returned 60% in the same
- 25 proportion that the population of each bears to the total
- 26 population of all cities and villages, and 40% in the same
- 27 proportion that the equivalent major mileage in each bears to the
- 28 total equivalent major mileage in all cities and villages. The
- 29 amount returned under this subsection must be used by each city and

- village for the following purposes in the following order of
 priority:
- 3 (a) For the payment of contributions required to be made by a
- 4 city or village under the provisions of contracts previously
- **5** entered into under 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, that have
- 6 been previously pledged for the payment of the principal and
- 7 interest on bonds issued under that act; or for the payment of the
- 8 principal and interest upon bonds issued by a city or village under
- 9 1952 PA 175, MCL 247.701 to 247.707.
- 10 (b) Payment of obligations of the city or village on highway
- 11 projects undertaken by the city or village jointly with the
- 12 department.
- 13 (c) For the payment of principal and interest on loans
- 14 received under section 11(5), to the extent other money has not
- 15 been made available for that payment.
- 16 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, for the
- 17 preservation, construction, acquisition, and extension of the major
- 18 street system as defined by this act including the acquisition of a
- 19 necessary right of way for the system, work incidental to the
- 20 system, and an appurtenant roadside park or motor parkway, of the
- 21 city or village and for the payment of the principal and interest
- 22 on that portion of the city's or village's general obligation bonds
- 23 that are attributable to the construction or reconstruction of the
- 24 city's or village's major street system. However, once an asset
- 25 management plan described in section 9a has been approved, funds
- 26 shall must be used for the preservation, construction, and
- 27 acquisition of the street system as provided in subsection (16) or
- 28 for an emergency as described in section 11c. Not more than 5% per
- 29 year of the money returned to a city or village by this subsection

- 1 shall may be expended for the preservation or acquisition of
- 2 appurtenant roadside parks and motor parkways. Surplus money may be
- 3 expended for the development, construction, or repair of off-street
- 4 parking facilities, and the construction or repair of street
- 5 lighting, and or transfer to the local street system under
- 6 subsection (6).
- 7 (e) For capital outlay projects for equipment and buildings,
- 8 contributions pledged for the payment of loans and for the payment
- 9 of contractual debt service requirements for the payment of bonds
- 10 for the purpose of providing money for capital outlay projects for
- 11 equipment and buildings necessary to the development and
- 12 maintenance of the road system so long as amounts allocated under
- 13 this subdivision are used for transportation purposes.
- 14 (4) The remaining amount to be returned to incorporated cities
- 15 and villages must be expended in each city or village for the
- 16 preservation, construction, acquisition, and extension of the local
- 17 street system of the city or village, including the acquisition of
- 18 a necessary right of way for the system, work incidental to the
- 19 system, and subject to subsection (5), for the payment of the
- 20 principal and interest on the portion of the city's or village's
- 21 general obligation bonds that are attributable to the construction
- 22 or reconstruction of the city's or village's local street system.
- 23 However, once an asset management plan described in section 9a has
- 24 been approved, funds shall must be used for the preservation,
- 25 construction, and acquisition of the street system as provided in
- 26 subsection (16) or for an emergency as described in section 11c.
- 27 The amount returned under this subsection must be returned to the
- 28 cities and villages 60% in the same proportion that the population
- 29 of each bears to the total population of all incorporated cities

- 1 and villages in this state, and 40% in the same proportion that the
- 2 total mileage of the local street system of each bears to the total
- 3 mileage in the local street systems of all cities and villages of
- 4 this state. The payment of the principal and interest on bonds
- 5 issued by a city or village under 1952 PA 175, MCL 247.701 to
- 6 247.707, and after that payment, the payment of debt service on
- 7 loans received under section 11(5), must have priority in the
- 8 expenditure of money returned under this subsection.
- 9 (5) Money distributed to each city and village for the
- 10 maintenance and preservation of its local street system under this
- 11 act represents the total responsibility of this state for local
- 12 street system support. Money distributed from the Michigan
- 13 transportation fund must not be expended for construction purposes
- 14 on city and village local streets except to the extent matched from
- 15 local revenues including other money returned to a city or village
- 16 by this state under the state constitution of 1963 and statutes of
- 17 this state, from money that can be raised by taxation in cities and
- 18 villages for street purposes within the limitations of the state
- 19 constitution of 1963 and statutes of this state, from special
- 20 assessments, or from any other source.
- 21 (6) Money returned under this section to a city or village
- 22 must be expended on the major and local street systems of that city
- 23 or village. However, the first priority is the major street system.
- 24 Money returned for expenditure on the major street system must be
- 25 expended in the priority order provided in subsection (3) except
- 26 that surplus money may be transferred for preservation of the local
- 27 street system. Major street money transferred for use on the local
- 28 street system must not be used for construction but may be used for
- 29 preservation. A city or village shall not transfer more than 50% of

- 1 its annual major street funding for the local street system unless
- 2 it has adopted and is following an asset management process for its
- 3 major and local street systems and adopts a resolution with a copy
- 4 to the department setting forth all of the following:
- 5 (a) A list of the major streets in that city or village.
- 6 (b) A statement that the city or village is adequately7 maintaining its major streets.
- 8 (c) The dollar amount of the transfer.

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- (d) The local streets to be funded with the transfer.
- (e) A statement that the city or village is following an assetmanagement process for its major and local street systems.
 - (7) A city or village that has not adopted an asset management plan shall obtain the concurrence of the department to transfer more than 50% of its major street funding to its local street system. The department may provide for pilot projects that would allow a city or village that has adopted an asset management plan under subsection (6) to combine their local and major street funds into 1 street fund and to submit a single report to the department

on the expenditure of money on the local and major street systems.

- 20 (8) Not more than 10% per year of all of the money returned to 21 a city or village from any source for the purposes of this section 22 may be expended for administrative expenses. A city or village that 23 expends more than 10% for administrative expenses in a year is 324 subject to section 14(5).
- 25 (9) In each city and village to which money is returned under
 26 this section, the responsibility for street preservation and the
 27 development, construction, or repair of off-street parking
 28 facilities and construction or repair of street lighting shall must
 29 be coordinated by a single administrator designated by the

- 1 governing body who shall be is responsible for and shall represent
 2 represents the municipality in transactions with the department
 3 under this act.
- 4 (10) Cities and villages may provide for consolidated street 5 administration. A city or a village may enter into an agreement 6 with other cities or villages, the county road commission, or with 7 the state transportation commission for the performance of street 8 or highway work on a road or street within the limits of the city 9 or village or adjacent to the city or village. The agreement may 10 provide for any of the contracting parties to perform the work 11 contemplated by the contracts including services and acquisition of 12 rights of way, by purchase or condemnation in its own name. The agreement may provide for joint participation in the costs if 13 14 appropriate.
- (11) Interest earned on money returned to a city or a village for purposes provided in this section must be credited to the appropriate street fund.
- (12) In addition to the financial compliance audits required 18 19 by law, the department may conduct performance audits and make 20 investigations of the disposition of all state money received by 21 cities and villages for transportation purposes to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this act. Performance 22 23 audits must be conducted according to government auditing standards 24 issued by the United States General Accounting Office. The 25 department shall develop all performance audit procedures and reporting requirements sufficient to determine whether money 26 27 expended under this section was expended in compliance with this 28 act by September 1, 2012 and shall report to the transportation 29 committees of the senate and house of representatives no later than

- 1 October 1, 2012 on the additional audit procedures and reporting
- 2 requirements. The audit procedures must include a review of the
- 3 road fund balance of the city or village. The cities and villages
- 4 shall report their road fund balances by fund balance component.
- 5 The department shall assist cities and villages to ensure that road
- 6 fund balances are consistently classified and are in compliance
- 7 with the audit and reporting requirements of this section. The
- 8 department shall provide notice to cities and villages of the
- 9 standards to be used for audits under this subsection prior to
- 10 before the fiscal year in which the audit is conducted. The
- 11 department shall notify cities and villages of any subsequent
- 12 changes to the standards. Cities and villages shall make available
- 13 to the department the pertinent records for the audit. Performance
- 14 audits may be performed at the discretion of the department or on
- 15 receiving a request from the speaker of the house of
- 16 representatives or the senate majority leader.
- 17 (13) Of the amounts appropriated for a city or village major
- 18 or local street system under this section, where possible, a city
- 19 or village shall secure pavement warranties for full replacement or
- 20 appropriate repair for contracted construction work on pavement
- 21 projects whose cost exceeds \$2,000,000.00 and projects for new
- 22 construction or reconstruction undertaken after April 1, 2016 if
- 23 allowed by the Federal Highway Administration and the department. A
- 24 city or village shall submit a proposed warranty program to the
- 25 department for approval no later than February 1, 2017. If a
- 26 proposed warranty program submitted under this subsection is
- 27 approved by the department, the city or village shall implement the
- 28 program no later than 1 year after the approval. A city or village
- 29 shall include a list of all warranties that were secured under this

- 1 subsection and indicate whether any of those warranties were
- 2 redeemed with the report required under section 14(3), and shall
- 3 also list all pavement projects whose cost exceeds \$2,000,000.00
- 4 for which a warranty was not secured. The list shall must include,
- 5 but is not limited to, all of the following information:
- 6 (a) The type of project.
- 7 (b) The cost or estimated cost of the project.
- 8 (c) The expected lifespan of the project.
- 9 (d) Whether or not the project met or is currently meeting its10 expected lifespan.
- (e) If the project failed to meet or is not meeting its
 expected lifespan, the cause of the failure and the cost to replace
 or repair the project.
- (f) The entity responsible for paying the cost of replacing or repairing the project.
- (14) With the approval of the director of the department, a city may use up to 20% of the amount received by that city under this section for public transit purposes if more than 10,000,000 passengers used public transit within that city during the previous fiscal year.
- (15) A city or village may use a portion of the amount
 returned to the city or village under this section for the payment
 of debt service on bonds, notes, or other obligations.
 - (16) Once the asset management plan for a city or village as described in section 9a has been approved, amounts distributed to a city or village under this section shall must be expended toward attainment of the condition goals in the asset management plan and as otherwise required by this act.
- 29 (17) As used in this section:

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- 1 (a) "Administrative expenses" means expenses that are not
- 2 assigned under this section, including, but not limited to,
- 3 specific road construction or maintenance projects, and are often
- 4 referred to as general or supportive services. Administrative
- 5 expenses do not include net equipment expense, net capital outlay,
- 6 debt service principal and interest, or payments to other state or
- 7 local offices that are assigned, but not limited to, specific road
- 8 construction projects or maintenance activities.
- 9 (b) "Equivalent major mileage" means the sum of 2 times the
- 10 state trunk line mileage certified by the department as of March 31
- 11 of each year, as being within the boundaries of each city and
- 12 village having a population of 25,000 or more, plus the major
- 13 street mileage in each city and village, multiplied by the
- 14 following factor:
- (i) 1.0 for cities and villages of 2,000 or less population.
- 16 (ii) 1.1 for cities and villages from 2,001 to 10,000
- 17 population.
- 18 (iii) 1.2 for cities and villages from 10,001 to 20,000
- 19 population.
- 20 (iv) 1.3 for cities and villages from 20,001 to 30,000
- 21 population.
- (v) 1.4 for cities and villages from 30,001 to 40,000
- 23 population.
- (vi) 1.5 for cities and villages from 40,001 to 50,000
- 25 population.
- **26** (vii) 1.6 for cities and villages from 50,001 to 65,000
- 27 population.
- 28 (viii) 1.7 for cities and villages from 65,001 to 80,000
- 29 population.

- 1 (ix) 1.8 for cities and villages from 80,001 to 95,000
- 2 population.
- (x) 1.9 for cities and villages from 95,001 to 160,000
- 4 population.
- (xi) 2.0 for cities and villages from 160,001 to 320,000
- 6 population.
- 7 (xii) For cities over 320,000 population, a factor of 2.1
- 8 increased successively by 0.1 for each 160,000 population increment
- **9** over 320,000.
- 10 (c) "Mileage" means the total number of lane miles of a
- 11 highway, road, or street. As used in this subdivision, "lane miles"
- 12 means the number of miles of pavement going in 1 direction on a
- 13 highway, road, or street, multiplied by the number of lanes.
- 14 (d) (c) "Population" means the population according to the
- 15 most recent statewide federal census as certified at the beginning
- 16 of the state fiscal year, except that, if a municipality has been
- 17 newly incorporated since completion of the census, the population
- 18 of the municipality for purposes of the distribution of money
- 19 before completion of the next census is the population as
- 20 determined by special federal census, if there is a special federal
- 21 census, and if not, by the population as determined by the official
- 22 census in connection with the incorporation, if there is such a
- 23 census and, if not, by a special state census to be taken at the
- 24 expense of the municipality by the secretary of state under section
- 25 6 of the home rule city act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.6.
- Sec. 14. (1) Each county road commission and city and village
- 27 of the state shall prepare biennial primary road and major street
- 28 programs, based on long-range plans, and shall make the programs
- 29 available for review by the public.

- (2) Separate accounts must be kept by cities, villages, and
 county road commissions of all money returned from the Michigan
 transportation fund. This subsection does not prevent the combining
 of accounts on which separate bookkeeping records are kept into a
 single deposit account.
- 6 (3) All county road commissions, and cities, and villages 7 shall keep accurate and uniform records on all road and street work 8 and funds, and shall annually report to the department at the time, 9 in the manner, and on forms prescribed by the department the 10 mileage of each road system under their jurisdiction and the 11 receipts and disbursements of road and street funds. In the annual 12 report, each county road commission shall report on its compliance 13 in the preceding year with the requirements of section 12(16) and 14 (17). The report must also specify, with respect to section 12(17), 15 the total dollar amount expended for other than maintenance 16 purposes which would not have been permissible without the 17 deduction of certain urban route expenditures as permitted under 18 section 12(17). The report must also specify the justification for 19 a waiver of the requirement of section 12(17), if that requirement 20 was waived. A county road commission, city, or village shall post 21 the report required by this subsection on its website, if the county road commission, city, or village has a website. 22
 - (4) The county road commissions and the cities and villages are authorized to expend adequate amounts from funds returned by this act to cover the cost of administration, engineering, and record keeping, and expenditures for those purposes must be reported separately by each county road commission, city, and village to the department.
- 29 (5) All distributions and returns of funds provided for in

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- 1 this act must be withheld from the department, eligible
- 2 authorities, county road commissions, cities, villages, or other
- 3 eligible governmental agencies for failure to comply with any of
- 4 the requirements of this act, and the withholding must continue for

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- 5 the period of noncompliance.
- **6** (6) Money distributed to county road commissions for the
- 7 maintenance and improvement of county local road systems pursuant
- 8 to—under section 12 represents the total responsibility of this
- 9 state for local county road support. Additional funds required for
- 10 the support of county local road systems may be supplied from other
- 11 money returned to the township governments by this state under the
- 12 state constitution of 1963 and statutes of this state, or from
- 13 funds that can be raised by taxation in the townships or counties
- 14 for road purposes within the limitations of the state constitution
- 15 of 1963 and statutes of this state.
- 16 (7) As used in this section, "mileage" means the total number
- 17 of lane miles of a highway, road, or street. As used in this
- 18 subsection, "lane miles" means the number of miles of pavement
- 19 going in 1 direction on a highway, road, or street, multiplied by
- 20 the number of lanes.
- 21 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
- 22 after the date it is enacted into law.