

HOUSE BILL NO. 4845

September 04, 2025, Introduced by Reps. Kunse, Aragona, Bierlein, Outman, Alexander, Prestin, Bohnak, Beson, Neyer, Slagh, Frisbie and Bruck and referred to Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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 section 11c (MCL 247.661c), as amended by 2015 PA 182.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

- 1 Sec. 11c. (1) ~~All~~**Except as otherwise provided in this**
- 2 **subsection, all** construction projects of the department concerning
- 3 highways, streets, roads, and bridges, whose cost exceeds
- 4 \$100,000.00 for construction or preservation as **that term is**
- 5 defined in section 10c, ~~shall~~**must** be performed by contract awarded

1 by competitive bidding unless the department affirmatively finds
 2 that under the circumstances relating to those projects, some other
 3 method is in the public interest. The director of the department
 4 shall report ~~his or her~~ **the director's** findings to the state
 5 transportation commission 90 days before work is commenced and
 6 promptly in writing to the appropriations committees of the senate
 7 and house of representatives. However, ~~in a case in which~~ **if** the
 8 department determines emergency action is required, the reports
 9 need not be filed before a contract is awarded but ~~shall~~ **must** be
 10 promptly filed. **The installation or upgrading of advanced traffic**
 11 **operation centers and traffic signal systems is exempt from this**
 12 **subsection.**

13 (2) ~~All~~ **Except as otherwise provided in this subsection and**
 14 **subsection (3), all** construction projects of a local road agency
 15 ~~whose costs exceed \$100,000.00 for construction or preservation,~~
 16 ~~excluding maintenance, shall~~ **that meet the criteria described in**
 17 **subsection (3) must** be performed by contract awarded by competitive
 18 bidding unless the local road agency affirmatively finds that under
 19 the circumstances relating to those projects, some other method is
 20 in the public interest. Installation or upgrading of advanced
 21 ~~traffic management~~ **operation centers** and ~~signals is~~ **traffic signal**
 22 **systems and the resurfacing of local roads are** exempt from this
 23 subsection. A county road commission shall report its findings
 24 before work is commenced in writing to the county board of
 25 commissioners of that county. A city or village shall report its
 26 findings before work is commenced in writing to the governing
 27 elected body of that city or village. ~~As used in this subsection,~~
 28 ~~"local road agency" means that term as defined in section 9a.~~

29 (3) Subsection (2) applies to the construction projects of a

1 local road agency as follows:

2 (a) Subject to subdivision (c), to any construction project if
3 the individual project and contiguous project costs exceed
4 \$350,000.00 for construction or preservation, excluding routine
5 maintenance.

6 (b) Subject to subdivision (c), and except as otherwise
7 provided in this subdivision, to each construction project of a
8 local road agency in a fiscal year after the local road agency
9 exceeds \$1,350,000.00 in total costs for construction or
10 preservation, excluding routine maintenance, in that fiscal year.
11 This subdivision does not apply to a city or village with a
12 population of more than 500,000.

13 (c) After the first full fiscal year after the effective date
14 of the amendatory act that added this subdivision, the department
15 shall do both of the following:

16 (i) Adjust the dollar amounts described in subdivisions (a) and
17 (b) for inflation for each subsequent fiscal year using the most
18 comprehensive Consumer Price Index available for this state from
19 the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of
20 Labor.

21 (ii) Post the adjusted dollar amounts described in subparagraph
22 (i) on the department's website.