By Senator Webster

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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to transportation; amending s.
3	339.08, F.S.; allowing moneys in the State
4	Transportation Trust Fund to be used to pay the
5	cost of the Enhanced Bridge Program; creating
6	s. 339.282, F.S.; creating the Enhanced Bridge
7	Program for Sustainable Transportation within
8	the Department of Transportation; providing for
9	the use of funds in the program; providing
10	project guidelines for program funding;
11	providing an effective date.
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13	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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15	Section 1. Paragraph (j) of subsection (1) of section
16	339.08, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
17	339.08 Use of moneys in State Transportation Trust
18	Fund
19	(1) The department shall expend moneys in the State
20	Transportation Trust Fund accruing to the department, in
21	accordance with its annual budget. The use of such moneys
22	shall be restricted to the following purposes:
23	(j) To pay the cost of county or municipal road
24	projects selected in accordance with the County Incentive
25	Grant Program created in s. 339.2817, and the Small County
26	Outreach Program created in s. 339.2818, and the Enhanced
27	Bridge Program created in s. 339.282.
28	Section 2. Section 339.282, Florida Statutes, is
29	created to read:
30	339.282 Enhanced Bridge Program for Sustainable
31	Transportation

1	(1) There is created within the Department of
2	Transportation the Enhanced Bridge Program for Sustainable
3	Transportation for the purpose of providing funds to improve
4	the sufficiency rating of local bridges and to improve
5	conqested roads on the State Highway System or local corridors
6	on which high-cost bridges are located in order to improve a
7	corridor or provide an alternative corridor.
8	(2) Matching funds provided from the program may fund
9	up to 50 percent of project costs.
10	(3) The department shall allocate a minimum of 25
11	percent of funding available for the program for local bridge
12	projects to replace, rehabilitate, paint, or install scour
13	countermeasures to highway bridges located on public roads,
14	other than those on the State Highway System. A project to be
15	funded must, at a minimum:
16	(a) Be classified as a structurally deficient bridge
17	having a poor condition rating for the deck, superstructure,
18	substructure component, or culvert;
19	(b) Have a sufficiency rating of 35 or below; and
20	(c) Have average daily traffic of at least 500
21	vehicles.
22	(4) Special consideration shall be given to bridges
23	that are closed to all traffic or that have a load restriction
24	of less than 10 tons.
25	(5) The department shall allocate remaining funding
26	available for the program to improve highly congested roads on
27	the State Highway System or local corridors on which high-cost
28	bridges are located in order to improve the corridor or
29	provide an alternative corridor. A project to be funded must,
30	at a minimum:
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1	(a) Be on or provide direct relief to an existing
2	corridor that is backlogged or constrained; and
3	(b) Be a major bridge having an estimated cost greater
4	than \$25 million.
5	(6) Preference shall be given to bridge projects
6	located on corridors that connect to the Strategic Intermodal
7	System, created under s. 339.64, and that have been identified
8	as regionally significant in accordance with s.
9	339.155(5)(c),(d), and (e).
10	Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007.
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13	SENATE SUMMARY
14	Creates the Enhanced Bridge Program for Sustainable Transportation within the Department of Transportation.
15	Establishes guidelines for the funding of bridges through the program. Authorizes the use of moneys from the State
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	runds under the program.
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