

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

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Representative(s) Effman offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 14, line 27, of the bill

insert:

Section 13. Section 339.2817, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

339.2817 County Incentive Grant Program.--

(1) There is created within the Department of Transportation a County Incentive Grant Program for the purpose of providing grants to counties for use in any project or project phase of transportation facilities which is located on the State Highway System or which is demonstrated to relieve traffic congestion on the State Highway System.

(2) To be eligible for consideration, projects must be consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with local metropolitan planning organization plans and local government comprehensive plans.

(3) The department must consider, but is not limited to, the following criteria for evaluation of projects for

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- 1 County Incentive Grant Program assistance:
2 (a) The extent to which the project will encourage,
3 enhance, or create economic benefits;
4 (b) The likelihood that assistance would enable the
5 project to proceed at an earlier date than the project could
6 otherwise proceed;
7 (c) The extent to which assistance would foster
8 innovative public-private partnerships and attract private
9 debt or equity investment;
10 (d) The extent to which the project uses new
11 technologies, including intelligent transportation systems,
12 which enhance the efficiency of the project;
13 (e) The extent to which the project helps to maintain
14 or protect the environment;
15 (f) The extent to which the project includes
16 transportation benefits for improving intermodalism and
17 safety; and
18 (g) The size of the proposed County Incentive Grant
19 Program assistance as a percent of the overall project costs,
20 with encouragement for local and private participation.
21 (4) The percentage of matching funds provided from the
22 County Incentive Grant Program to the eligible county will be
23 determined based on the following scoring system:
24 (a) Counties that have adopted, or adopt both the
25 ninth-cent fuel tax levied under s. 336.021(1)(a) and the
26 5-cent local option fuel tax levied under s. 336.025(1)(b)
27 shall receive one point.
28 (b) Counties that have spent, during the 2 years
29 preceding the application, an average of 0.5 mills of
30 ad-valorem tax or other general revenue fund revenues,
31 including millage imposed by a local transportation or transit

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1 authority within that county, on transportation shall receive
2 one point, plus one-quarter point for each mill over 0.5
3 mills.

4 (c) Counties that have dedicated 0.25 percent of their
5 local sales tax revenue to transportation shall receive one
6 point, plus one-half point for each 0.25 percent in additional
7 transportation sales tax revenue.

8 (d) Counties that contribute 10 percent or more of the
9 total amount of funds distributed to the State Transportation
10 Trust Fund from the rental car surcharge, as determined by the
11 Department of Revenue and verified by the State Revenue
12 Estimating Conference, shall receive one-half point.

13 (e) Counties that enforce a transportation impact fee
14 shall receive one-half point.

15 (5) The percentage of matching funds provided from the
16 County Incentive Grant Program to the appropriate county will
17 be determined as follows:

18 (a) All counties that meet or exceed a cumulative
19 score of 4.0 by using the identified local funding options are
20 eligible for 40-percent matching funds. However, if the
21 proposed project is directly on the State Highway System, the
22 county is eligible for 50-percent matching funds.

23 (b) All counties that achieve a cumulative score of
24 2.5 to 3.9 by using the identified local funding options are
25 eligible for 30-percent matching funds. However, if the
26 proposed project is directly on the State Highway System, the
27 county is eligible for 40-percent matching funds.

28 (c) Counties that achieve a cumulative score of 1.5 to
29 2.49 by using the identified local funding options are
30 eligible for 20-percent matching funds. However, if the
31 proposed project is directly on the State Highway System, the

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1 county is eligible for 30-percent matching funds.

2 (6) When more than one county submits an application
3 for a joint project, the combined points of the counties
4 applying will determine the matching amount for the joint
5 project.

6 (7) The department is authorized to adopt rules to
7 administer the County Incentive Grant Program.

8 (8) A municipality may apply to the county in which
9 the municipality is located for consideration by the county
10 for funding under this section of any project or project phase
11 of a transportation facility which is located on the state
12 highway system or which is demonstrated to relieve congestion
13 on the state highway system. The county must evaluate all
14 municipal applications as provided in subsection (3). If a
15 municipality's proposed project is rejected by the county for
16 funding under this section, or if the county's proposed
17 project adversely affects a municipality within the county,
18 the municipality may request mediation to resolve any concerns
19 of the municipality and the county.

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23 And the title is amended as follows:

24 On page 2, line 1, after the semicolon

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26 insert:

27 creating s. 339.2817, F.S.; providing for the
28 County Incentive Grant Program;

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