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A bill to be entitled

An act relating to transportation; creating s.
339.282, F.S.; creating the Enhanced Bridge
Program for Sustainable Transportation within
the Department of Transportation; providing for
the use of funds in the program; providing
project guidelines for program funding;
providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 339.282, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

339.282 Enhanced Bridge Program for Sustainable
Transportation.--

(1) There is created within the Department of
Transportation the Enhanced Bridge Program for Sustainable
Transportation for the purpose of providing funds to improve
the sufficiency rating of local bridges and to improve
congested roads on the State Highway System or local corridors
on which high-cost bridges are located in order to improve a
corridor or provide an alternative corridor.

(2) Matching funds provided from the program may fund
up to 50 percent of project costs.

(3) The department shall allocate a minimum of 25
percent of funding available for the program for local bridge
projects to replace, rehabilitate, paint, or install scour
countermeasures to highway bridges located on public roads,
other than those on the State Highway System. A project to be
funded must, at a minimum:

1 (a) Be classified as a structurally deficient bridge
2 having a poor condition rating for the deck, superstructure,
3 substructure component, or culvert;

4 (b) Have a sufficiency rating of 35 or below; and

5 (c) Have average daily traffic of at least 500
6 vehicles.

7 (4) Special consideration shall be given to bridges
8 that are closed to all traffic or that have a load restriction
9 of less than 10 tons.

10 (5) The department shall allocate remaining funding
11 available for the program to improve highly congested roads on
12 the State Highway System or local corridors on which high-cost
13 bridges are located in order to improve the corridor or
14 provide an alternative corridor. A project to be funded must,
15 at a minimum:

16 (a) Be on or provide direct relief to an existing
17 corridor that is backlogged or constrained; and

18 (b) Be a major bridge having an estimated cost greater
19 than \$25 million.

20 (6) Preference shall be given to bridge projects
21 located on corridors that connect to the Strategic Intermodal
22 System, created under s. 339.64, and that have been identified
23 as regionally significant in accordance with s.
24 339.155(5)(c), (d), and (e).

25 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

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28 SENATE SUMMARY

29 Creates the Enhanced Bridge Program for Sustainable
30 Transportation within the Department of Transportation.
31 Establishes guidelines for bridge projects to be funded
 through the program.