

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 congested 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:

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, 2006.

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12 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
13 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
14 Senate Bill 2300

15 The CS authorizes the use of moneys from the State
16 Transportation Trust Fund for purposes of state matching funds
17 under the newly created Enhanced Bridge Program.