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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 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:

