

SENATE No. 2486

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

SENATE, June 28, 2021.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means to whom was referred the House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 3903); reports, recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the text of Senate document numbered 2486. (Bond Authorization: \$300,000,000.00)

For the committee,
Michael J. Rodrigues

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1 SECTION 1. To provide for a program of transportation development and improvements,
2 the sum set forth in section 2 for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified in
3 this act, is hereby made available, subject to the laws regulating the disbursement of public
4 funds. The sum made available in this act shall be in addition to any amounts previously
5 appropriated or made available for these purposes.

6 SECTION 2.

7 MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

8 Highway Division

9 6122-2125 For the construction and reconstruction of municipal ways as described in
10 clause (b) of the second paragraph of section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws; provided, that
11 a city or town shall comply with the procedures established by the Massachusetts Department of
12 Transportation; provided further, that a city or town may expend, without further appropriation,
13 for these projects amounts not in excess of the amount provided to the city or town under this
14 item upon preliminary notice of such amount, which shall be provided by the department to the
15 city or town not later than March 1 of each year; and provided further, that the commonwealth
16 shall reimburse a city or town under this item, subject to the availability of funds as provided in
17 section 9G of chapter 29 of the General Laws, within 30 days after receipt by the department of a
18 request for reimbursement from the city or town, which request shall include certification by the
19 city or town that actual expenses have been incurred on projects eligible for reimbursement
20 under this item and that the work has been completed to the satisfaction of the city or town

21 according to the specifications of the project and in compliance with applicable laws and
22 procedures established by the department.....\$200,000,000

23 SECTION 3. Item 6121-2118 of section 2B of chapter 383 of the acts of 2020 is hereby
24 amended by striking out the figure “\$70,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following
25 figure:- \$95,000,000.

26 SECTION 4. Item 6121-2127 of said section 2B of said chapter 383 is hereby amended by
27 striking out the figure “\$25,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
28 \$50,000,000.

29 SECTION 5. Item 6622-2187 of said section 2B of said chapter 383 is hereby amended by
30 striking out the figure “\$25,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
31 \$50,000,000.

32 SECTION 6. Item 6921-2114 of said section 2I of said chapter 383 is hereby amended by
33 striking out the figure “\$25,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
34 \$50,000,000.

35 SECTION 7. Section 33 of said chapter 383 is hereby amended by striking out the figure
36 “\$1,970,000,000” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$2,045,000,000.

37 SECTION 8. Section 40 of said chapter 383 is hereby amended by striking out the figure
38 “\$2,190,698,500” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$2,215,698,500.

39 SECTION 9. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2, the state
40 treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an
41 amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate,
42 \$200,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth as aforesaid shall be designated on their
43 face, Commonwealth Transportation Improvement Act of 2021, and shall be issued for a
44 maximum term of years, not exceeding 30 years, as the governor may recommend to the general
45 court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. All such bonds

46 shall be payable not later than June 30, 2056, pursuant to said section 3 of said Article LXII. All
47 interest and payments on account of principal on these obligations shall be payable from the
48 General Fund. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, bonds issued
49 under this section and interest thereon shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.