

SENATE No. 2375

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

SENATE, March 27, 2023.

The committee on Senate Ways and Means, to whom was referred the House Bill financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges (House, No. 3547); 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 2375. (General Obligation Bonds: \$350,000,000.00)

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 6122-2127 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 6122-2128 For the construction and reconstruction of municipal ways as described in
24 clause (b) of the second paragraph of section 4 of chapter 6C of the General Laws; provided, that
25 funds shall be distributed to municipalities based on a formula established by the Massachusetts
26 Department of Transportation; provided further, that the department shall establish said formula
27 based on road mileage and population density with prioritization given to municipalities with
28 low population density; and provided further, that not less than 30 days prior to the awarding of
29 funds from this item, the department shall submit the distribution formula to the joint committee
30 on transportation and the house and senate committees on ways and
31 means.....\$25,000,000

32 SECTION 3. Item 6121-2118 of section 2B of chapter 383 of the acts of 2020 is hereby
33 amended by striking out the figure “\$125,000,000”, inserted by section 4 of chapter 89 of the
34 acts of 2022, and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$150,000,000.

35 SECTION 4. Item 6121-2138 of said section 2B of said chapter 383 is hereby amended
36 by striking out the figure “\$80,000,000”, inserted by section 5 of said chapter 89, and inserting in
37 place thereof the following figure:- \$105,000,000.

38 SECTION 5. Item 6921-2111 of section 2I of said chapter 383 is hereby amended by
39 striking out the figure “\$75,000,000”, inserted by section 6 of said chapter 89, and inserting in
40 place thereof the following figure:- \$100,000,000.

41 SECTION 6. Item 6921-2112 of said section 2I of said chapter 383 is hereby amended by
42 striking out the figure “\$75,000,000”, inserted by section 7 of chapter 89 of the acts of 2022, and
43 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$100,000,000.

44 SECTION 7. Item 6921-2114 of said section 2I of said chapter 383 is hereby amended by
45 striking out the figure “\$50,000,000”, inserted by section 8 of chapter 25 of the acts of 2021, and
46 inserting in place thereof the following figure:- \$75,000,000.

47 SECTION 8. Section 33 of said chapter 383 is hereby amended by striking out the figure
48 “\$2,145,000,000”, inserted by section 8 of chapter 89 of the acts of 2022, and inserting in place
49 thereof the following figure:- \$2,195,000,000.

50 SECTION 9. Section 40 of said chapter 383 is hereby amended by striking out the figure
51 “\$2,315,698,500”, inserted by section 9 of said chapter 89, and inserting in place thereof the
52 following figure:- \$2,390,698,500.

53 SECTION 10. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out section 2, the state
54 treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the commonwealth in an
55 amount to be specified by the governor from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate,
56 \$225,000,000. All bonds issued by the commonwealth as aforesaid shall be designated on their
57 face, Commonwealth Transportation Improvement Act of 2023, and shall be issued for a
58 maximum term of years, not exceeding 30 years, as the governor may recommend to the general
59 court under section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution. All such bonds

60 shall be payable not later than June 30, 2058, pursuant to said section 3 of said Article LXII. All
61 interest and payments on account of principal on these obligations shall be payable from the
62 General Fund. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, bonds issued
63 under this section and interest thereon shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.