

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON BONDING, CAPITAL EXPENDITURES, AND
STATE ASSRTS
House of Representatives**

Bill Summary

Bill Number: H.5279

Bill Name: An Act financing improvements to municipal roads and bridges

Sponsor(s): Rep. James Arciero

Hearing Date: April 7th, 2026 (**Reporting Date:** July 6th, 2026)

Relevant Law: *Chapter 176, Acts of 2022*

**Summary of
Proposed Law:**

§1 Contains preambulatory language.

§2 6122-2730: Appropriates \$300 million for the Chapter 90 program. Stipulates that, of this \$300 million appropriation, \$100 million shall be allocated among municipalities based on factor of road mileage (\$200 million allocated on standard Ch. 90 formula, and \$100 million distributed based on road mileage).

6121-2717: Appropriate \$500 million for bridge and pavement asset management, which may be expended for municipal grant matching.

6121-2768: Appropriates \$200 million for a program of transportation capital projects to support housing development in the commonwealth, which may be used by the secretary of transportation to provide grants to municipalities for selected transportation capital projects, in consultation with the secretary of housing and livable communities and the secretary of administration and finance.

6121-2737: Appropriates \$200 million for the Parkway Resilience Improvement and Safety Modernization (PRISM) investment program, which addresses accelerated deferred maintenance, modernization, and safety for multi-modal transportation infrastructure custodially under the Department of Conservation and Recreation.

6121-2747: Appropriates \$200 million to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the purpose of implementing rail improvements, including

upgrading and modernizing vehicles, new vehicle procurement, planning, design and acquisition of commuter rail locomotives

- §3 Provides \$2.3 billion in additional spending for federally aided highway projects as authorized in section 2 of Chapter 176 of the Acts of 2022. [The 2022 Transportation Bond Bill].
- §4 Provides \$800 million in additional spending for non-federally aided roadway and bridge projects as authorized in section 2A of the 2022 Transportation Bond Bill.
- §5 Provides \$65 million in additional spending for the Municipal Pavement Program authorized in section 2B of the 2022 Transportation Bond Bill.
- §6 Provides \$12 million in additional spending for the Shared Streets Program as authorized in section 2F of the 2022 Transportation Bond Bill.
- §7-9 Adjusts aggregate bonding figures appearing in the 2022 Transportation Bond Bill to reflect the increases in authorized spending.
- §10 Authorizes the commonwealth to issue general obligation debt in the amount of \$1.4 billion for a maximum term of 30 years to fund the appropriation contained in Sections 2 through 2B.
- §11 Authorizes the treasurer, at the governor's request, to issue special obligation bonds for the authorizations in the above sections subject to certain considerations the governor must follow when making such a request.