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An Act To Reform Highway Reconstruction Project Cost-sharing

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative LERMAN of Augusta.
Cosponsored by Representatives: MARLEY of Portland, McNEIL of Rockland, USHER of Westbrook.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §§1808 and 1809** are enacted to read:

6 **§1808. Project cost-sharing**

8 **1. Project match.** For a highway reconstruction project on
10 a federally designated principal arterial, minor arterial or
major collector, the department may require a financial match of
the municipality where the project is located, based on the
department's total project cost, only as follows:

12 **A.** If the posted highway speed is less than 45 miles per
14 hour but greater than 39 miles per hour, the municipal match
required is 2.5%;

16 **B.** If the posted highway speed is less than 40 miles per
18 hour but greater than 34 miles per hour, the municipal match
required is 5%;

20 **C.** If the posted highway speed is less than 35 miles per
22 hour but greater than 29 miles per hour, the municipal match
required is 7.5%; and

24 **D.** If the posted highway speed is less than 30 miles per
26 hour, the municipal match required is 10%.

28 A financial match of the municipality may not exceed one mil of
30 the municipality's full value.

32 **2. Loans.** The department shall make available loans
through the State's infrastructure bank as provided in section
34 1853 to minimize the annual cost to the municipality of the
project match under subsection 1.

36 **§1809. Urban compact contributions**

38 The Department of Transportation may not require a local
40 match for highway reconstruction projects located in whole or in
part in urban compact areas.

42 **Sec. 2. Application.** That section of this Act that enacts the
44 Maine Revised Statutes, Title 23, section 1809 applies both
46 prospectively to new projects and to projects in the planning
phase on the effective date of this section.

SUMMARY

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4 Currently highway reconstruction within urban compact
6 municipalities requires a municipal match of 10% to 15% depending
8 on the highway classification. This bill shifts the basis of the
10 match away from highway classification to posted highway speeds.
12 This bill applies the match requirement equally to all
municipalities. This bill also prohibits the Department of
Transportation from requiring a local match for highway
reconstruction projects located in whole or in part in urban
compact areas.