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S.P. 468   In Senate, March 13, 2023

An Act to Improve Access and System Preservation by Providing Shoulders and Bicycle Lanes on State Roadways Leading to State Parks and Other Significant Destinations

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative DOUDERA of Camden and
Senators: CHIPMAN of Cumberland, DAUGHTRY of Cumberland, GROHOSKI of Hancock,
TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

2   **Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §710** is enacted to read:

3 **§710. Shoulders and bicycle lanes**

4   **1. Program established.** The Department of Transportation shall develop a program
5 to:

6   A. Cooperate with the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau
7   of Parks and Lands to identify the state parks with the highest number of visitors;

8   B. Construct shoulders of not less than 5 feet in width on state and state aid highways
9   that serve the state parks identified under paragraph A or other destinations of statewide
10   or regional significance; and

11   C. Identify state and state aid highways serving high-use state parks near population
12   centers and prioritize the construction of separated bicycle lanes on those state and state
13   aid highways.

14 The program must construct the shoulders and bicycle lanes described by this subsection
15 on state and state aid highways beginning with the highways already scheduled for
16 improvement and include a plan for completing the construction required by this subsection
17 before January 1, 2044.

18   **2. Fund established.** The Shoulder and Bicycle Lane Program Fund is established as
19 a dedicated account within the Department of Transportation. The fund must be used for
20 the administration of the program established pursuant to subsection 1. The department
21 shall administer the fund.

22   **Sec. 2. Transfer from Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund.** Notwithstanding
23 any provision of law to the contrary, on or before October 15, 2023, the State Controller
24 shall transfer $1,000,000 from the Tourism Marketing Promotion Fund Other Special
25 Revenue Funds account within the Department of Economic and Community Development
26 to the Shoulder and Bicycle Lane Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account
27 within the Department of Transportation.

28   **Sec. 3. Transfer from Parks - General Operations.** Notwithstanding any
29 provision of law to the contrary, on or before October 15, 2023, the State Controller shall
30 transfer $1,000,000 from the Parks - General Operations program, General Fund account
31 within the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to the Shoulder and
32 Bicycle Lane Program Fund Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department
33 of Transportation.

34   **Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
35 allocations are made.

36 **TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF**

37 **Shoulder and Bicycle Lane Program Fund N398**

38 Initiative: Provides allocations to construct shoulders and bicycle lanes on state and state
39 aid highways serving certain state parks and other destinations of statewide or regional
40 significance.

41 **OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**   **2023-24**   **2024-25**

1	Capital Expenditures	$2,500,000	$2,500,000
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3	OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TOTAL	$2,500,000	$2,500,000

4 **SUMMARY**

5   This bill establishes a program to construct wide shoulders and separated bicycle lanes
6 on certain state and state aid highways near state parks and other destinations of statewide
7 or regional significance and a fund for the administration of the program.