

AN INITIATIVE FOR AN ACT

Concerning annual appropriations for the maintenance and repair of state highways, and, in connection therewith, requiring the annual transfer of ten million dollars from the General Fund to the State Highway Maintenance Fund.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of San Andreas:

SECTION 1. Findings and intent.

The People find and declares that:

- (a) Safe and well-maintained highways are essential to the economic prosperity and public safety of the State of San Andreas;
- (b) Deferred maintenance increases long-term repair costs and accelerates deterioration of state transportation infrastructure;
- (c) Providing a dedicated annual appropriation for highway maintenance will improve roadway conditions, reduce vehicle damage, and enhance public safety;
- (d) It is therefore necessary to establish a recurring annual transfer to support the maintenance and repair of state highways.

SECTION 2. In the San Andreas Revised Statutes, add Part 25 to Article 1 of Title 43 as follows:

PART 25

STATE HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE FUNDING

43-1-2501. State Highway Maintenance Fund.

- (1) There is hereby created in the State Treasury the State Highway Maintenance Fund, referred to in this part as the "fund."
- (2) The Department of Transportation shall administer the fund.

- (3) Money in the fund shall be continuously appropriated for the purposes specified in this part.
- (4) Interest earned on money in the fund shall remain in the fund and shall not revert to the General Fund.

43-1-2502. Annual transfer.

- (1) Beginning with the 2027-2028 fiscal year, and each fiscal year thereafter, the State Treasurer shall transfer ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) from the General Fund to the State Highway Maintenance Fund.
- (2) The transfer required by this section is in addition to any other appropriations made by the General Assembly for transportation purposes.
- (3) The General Assembly shall include the transfer required by this section in the annual general appropriations act.

43-1-2503. Authorized uses.

Money in the fund may be expended only for:

- (a) Repair and resurfacing of state highways;
- (b) Bridge preservation and repair;
- (c) Pavement rehabilitation;
- (d) Guardrail replacement and repair;
- (e) Highway drainage improvements;
- (f) Roadway striping, signage, and traffic control devices;
- (g) Snow and ice damage repairs;
- (h) Emergency repairs resulting from natural disasters or roadway failures.

The fund shall not be used for new highway construction or highway expansion projects except where necessary to complete repairs to existing infrastructure.

43-1-2504. Annual report.

On or before January 31 of each year, the Department of Transportation shall submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly detailing:

- (a) The amount transferred into the fund during the preceding fiscal year;
- (b) Each project receiving funding;
- (c) The amount expended on each project;
- (d) The county in which each project was completed;
- (e) The estimated percentage of state highways in good, fair, and poor condition;
- (f) Any recommendations for future appropriations.

The report shall be made available to the public on the Department's official website.

SECTION 3. Annual Appropriation.

The General Assembly shall annually appropriate the money transferred pursuant to section 43-1-2502 solely for the purposes described in this act.

SECTION 4. Severability.

If any provision of this act or its application is held invalid, such invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of the act that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

SECTION 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect after declaration of the vote thereon by the Governor, if approved by the electors in the November 2026 general election.