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The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF SPECIAL TAX OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The State Bond Commission shall  
2 have power, in accordance with the provisions of sections 1 to 6,  
3 inclusive, of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of  
4 special tax obligation bonds of the state in one or more series and in  
5 principal amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding two hundred  
6 seventy-five million six hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars.

7 Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds  
8 to the extent hereinafter stated, shall be used for the purpose of  
9 payment of the transportation costs, as defined in subdivision (6) of  
10 section 13b-75 of the general statutes, with respect to the projects and  
11 uses hereinafter described, which projects and uses are hereby found  
12 and determined to be in furtherance of one or more of the authorized

13 purposes for the issuance of special tax obligation bonds set forth in  
14 section 13b-74 of the general statutes.

15 For the Department of Transportation:

16 (a) For the Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations:

17 (1) Interstate Highway Program, not exceeding twelve million  
18 dollars;

19 (2) Urban Systems Projects, not exceeding eight million three  
20 hundred thousand dollars;

21 (3) Intrastate Highway Program, not exceeding one hundred twelve  
22 million nine hundred forty thousand dollars;

23 (4) Soil, water supply and groundwater remediation at or in the  
24 vicinity of various maintenance facilities and former disposal areas,  
25 not exceeding six million dollars; and

26 (5) State bridge improvement, rehabilitation and replacement  
27 projects, not exceeding sixty-five million two hundred forty thousand  
28 dollars.

29 (b) For the Bureau of Aviation and Ports:

30 (1) Reconstruction and improvements to the warehouse and State  
31 Pier, New London including site improvements and improvements to  
32 ferry slips, not exceeding one million four hundred thousand dollars;  
33 and

34 (2) Development and improvement of general aviation airport  
35 facilities including grants-in-aid to municipal airports, excluding  
36 Bradley International Airport, not exceeding two million dollars.

37 (c) For the Bureau of Public Transportation: Bus and rail facilities  
38 and equipment, including rights-of-way, other property acquisition  
39 and related projects, not exceeding forty million one hundred eight  
40 thousand dollars.

41 (d) For the Bureau of Administration:

42 (1) Department facilities, not exceeding six million four hundred  
43 thousand dollars; and

44 (2) Cost of issuance of special tax obligation bonds and debt service  
45 reserve, not exceeding twenty-one million three hundred thousand  
46 dollars.

47 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) None of said bonds shall be authorized  
48 except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has  
49 been filed with it (1) a request for such authorization, which is signed  
50 by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on  
51 behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such  
52 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may  
53 require, and (2) any capital development impact statement and any  
54 human services facility collocation statement required to be filed with  
55 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to  
56 section 4-26b of the general statutes, any advisory report regarding the  
57 state conservation and development policies plan required pursuant to  
58 section 16a-31 of the general statutes, and any statement regarding  
59 farmland required pursuant to subsection (g) of section 3-20 of the  
60 general statutes and section 22-6 of the general statutes, provided the  
61 State Bond Commission may authorize said bonds without a finding  
62 that the reports and statements required by subdivision (2) of this  
63 section have been filed with it if said commission authorizes the  
64 secretary of said commission to accept such reports and statements on  
65 its behalf. No funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized by said  
66 commission without a finding that the reports and statements required  
67 by subdivision (2) of this section have been filed with it shall be  
68 allotted by the Governor for any project until the reports and  
69 statements required by subdivision (2) of this section, with respect to  
70 such project, have been filed with the secretary of said commission.

71 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) For the purposes of sections 1 to 6,  
72 inclusive, of this act, each request filed as provided in section 3 of this  
73 act, for an authorization of bonds, shall identify the project for which

74 the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and expended  
75 and, in addition to any terms and conditions required pursuant to said  
76 section 3, include the recommendation of the person signing such  
77 request as to the extent to which federal, private or other moneys then  
78 available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with  
79 any such project should be added to the state moneys available or  
80 becoming available from the proceeds of bonds and temporary notes  
81 issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of bonds. If the  
82 request includes a recommendation that some amount of such federal,  
83 private or other moneys should be added to such state moneys, then, if  
84 and to the extent directed by the State Bond Commission at the time of  
85 authorization of such bonds, said amount of such federal, private or  
86 other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for  
87 costs in connection with such project shall be added to such state  
88 moneys.

89       Sec. 5. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Any balance of proceeds of the sale of  
90 said bonds authorized for the projects or purposes of section 2 of this  
91 act, in excess of the aggregate costs of all the projects so authorized  
92 shall be used in the manner set forth in sections 13b-74 to 13b-77,  
93 inclusive, of the general statutes, and in the proceedings of the State  
94 Bond Commission respecting the issuance and sale of said bonds.

95       Sec. 6. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Said bonds issued pursuant to sections  
96 1 to 6, inclusive, of this act, shall be special obligations of the state and  
97 shall not be payable from nor charged upon any funds other than  
98 revenues of the state pledged therefor in subsection (b) of section 13b-  
99 61 of the general statutes and section 13b-69 of the general statutes, or  
100 such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged therefor. Said  
101 bonds shall not be payable from nor charged upon any funds other  
102 than such pledged revenues or such other receipts, funds or moneys as  
103 may be pledged therefor, nor shall the state or any political  
104 subdivision thereof be subject to any liability thereon, except to the  
105 extent of such pledged revenues or such other receipts, funds or  
106 moneys as may be pledged therefor. Said bonds shall be issued under  
107 and in accordance with the provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77,

108 inclusive, of the general statutes.

109       Sec. 7. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The State Bond Commission shall have  
110 power, in accordance with the provisions of sections 7 to 12, inclusive,  
111 of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of special tax  
112 obligation bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal  
113 amounts in the aggregate not exceeding one hundred seventy-three  
114 million three hundred thousand dollars.

115       Sec. 8. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds  
116 to the extent hereinafter stated, shall be used for the purpose of  
117 payment of the transportation costs, as defined in subdivision (6) of  
118 section 13b-75 of the general statutes, with respect to the projects and  
119 uses hereinafter described, which projects and uses are hereby found  
120 and determined to be in furtherance of one or more of the authorized  
121 purposes for the issuance of special tax obligation bonds set forth in  
122 section 13b-74 of the general statutes.

123       For the Department of Transportation:

124       (a) For the Bureau of Engineering and Highway Operations:

125       (1) Interstate Highway Program, not exceeding twelve million  
126 dollars;

127       (2) Urban Systems Projects, not exceeding eight million five  
128 hundred thousand dollars;

129       (3) Intrastate Highway Program, not exceeding forty-two million  
130 thirty thousand dollars;

131       (4) Soil, water supply and groundwater remediation at and/or in  
132 the vicinity of various maintenance facilities and former disposal areas,  
133 not exceeding six million dollars; and

134       (5) State bridge improvement, rehabilitation and replacement  
135 projects, not exceeding thirty-four million three hundred forty  
136 thousand dollars.

137 (b) For the Bureau of Aviation and Ports:

138 (1) Reconstruction and improvements to the warehouse and State  
139 Pier, New London including site improvements and improvements to  
140 ferry slips, not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars; and

141 (2) Development and improvements of general aviation airport  
142 facilities including grants-in-aid to municipal airports, excluding  
143 Bradley International Airport, not exceeding two million dollars.

144 (c) For the Bureau of Public Transportation: Bus and rail facilities  
145 and equipment, including rights-of-way, other property acquisition  
146 and related projects, not exceeding forty million four hundred thirty  
147 thousand dollars.

148 (d) For the Bureau of Administration:

149 (1) Department facilities, not exceeding six million four hundred  
150 thousand dollars; and

151 (2) Cost of issuance of special tax obligation bonds and debt service  
152 reserve, not exceeding twenty-one million three hundred thousand  
153 dollars.

154 Sec. 9. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) None of said bonds shall be authorized  
155 except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has  
156 been filed with it (1) a request for such authorization, which is signed  
157 by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on  
158 behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such  
159 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may  
160 require, and (2) any capital development impact statement and any  
161 human services facility collocation statement required to be filed with  
162 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to  
163 section 4-26b of the general statutes, any advisory report regarding the  
164 state conservation and development policies plan required pursuant to  
165 section 16a-31 of the general statutes, and any statement regarding  
166 farmland required pursuant to subsection (g) of section 3-20 of the  
167 general statutes, and section 22-6 of the general statutes, provided the

168 State Bond Commission may authorize said bonds without a finding  
169 that the reports and statements required by subdivision (2) of this  
170 section have been filed with it if said commission authorizes the  
171 secretary of said commission to accept such reports and statements on  
172 its behalf. No funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized by said  
173 commission without a finding that the reports and statements required  
174 by subdivision (2) of this section have been filed with it shall be  
175 allotted by the Governor for any project until the reports and  
176 statements required by subdivision (2) of this section, with respect to  
177 such project, have been filed with the secretary of said commission.

178       Sec. 10. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) For the purposes of sections 7 to 12,  
179 inclusive, of this act, each request filed as provided in section 9 of this  
180 act, for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for which  
181 the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and expended  
182 and, in addition to any terms and conditions required pursuant to said  
183 section 9, include the recommendation of the person signing such  
184 request as to the extent to which federal, private or other moneys then  
185 available or thereafter to be made available for costs in connection with  
186 any such project should be added to the state moneys available or  
187 becoming available from the proceeds of bonds and temporary notes  
188 issued in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of bonds. If the  
189 request includes a recommendation that some amount of such federal,  
190 private or other moneys should be added to such state moneys, then, if  
191 and to the extent directed by the State Bond Commission at the time of  
192 authorization of such bonds, said amount of such federal, private or  
193 other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available for  
194 costs in connection with such project shall be added to such state  
195 moneys.

196       Sec. 11. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) Any balance of proceeds of the sale of  
197 said bonds authorized for the projects or purposes of section 8 of this  
198 act, in excess of the aggregate costs of all the projects so authorized  
199 shall be used in the manner set forth in sections 13b-74 to 13b-77,  
200 inclusive, of the general statutes, and in the proceedings of the State  
201 Bond Commission respecting the issuance and sale of said bonds.

202       Sec. 12. (*Effective July 1, 2008*) Said bonds issued pursuant to sections  
203 7 to 12, inclusive, of this act, shall be special obligations of the state and  
204 shall not be payable from nor charged upon any funds other than  
205 revenues of the state pledged therefor in subsection (b) of section 13b-  
206 61, and section 13b-69 of the general statutes, or such other receipts,  
207 funds or moneys as may be pledged therefor. Said bonds shall not be  
208 payable from nor charged upon any funds other than such pledged  
209 revenues or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged  
210 therefor, nor shall the state or any political subdivision thereof be  
211 subject to any liability thereon, except to the extent of such pledged  
212 revenues or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged  
213 therefor. Said bonds shall be issued under and in accordance with the  
214 provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the general  
215 statutes.

216       Sec. 13. (*Effective May 1, 2008*) The State Bond Commission shall  
217 have power, in accordance with the provisions of sections 13 to 17,  
218 inclusive, of this act, from time to time to authorize the issuance of  
219 special tax obligation bonds of the state in one or more series and in  
220 principal amounts in the aggregate not exceeding fifty-nine million  
221 dollars for capital resurfacing and related reconstruction projects.

222       Sec. 14. (*Effective May 1, 2008*) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds  
223 to the extent hereinafter stated, shall be used for the purpose of  
224 payment of the transportation costs, as defined in subdivision (6) of  
225 section 13b-75 of the general statutes, with respect to the projects and  
226 uses hereinafter described, which projects and uses are hereby found  
227 and determined to be in furtherance of one or more of the authorized  
228 purposes for the issuance of special tax obligation bonds set forth in  
229 section 13b-74 of the general statutes. Any proceeds of the bonds shall  
230 be used by the Department of Transportation for the Bureau of  
231 Engineering and Highway Operations for capital resurfacing and  
232 related reconstruction projects.

233       Sec. 15. (*Effective May 1, 2008*) None of said bonds shall be  
234 authorized except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that

235 there has been filed with it (1) a request for such authorization, which  
236 is signed by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or  
237 by or on behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating  
238 such terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may  
239 require, and (2) any capital development impact statement and any  
240 human services facility collocation statement required to be filed with  
241 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to  
242 section 4-26b of the general statutes, any advisory report regarding the  
243 state conservation and development policies plan required pursuant to  
244 section 16a-31 of the general statutes, and any statement regarding  
245 farmland required pursuant to subsection (g) of section 3-20 of the  
246 general statutes, and section 22-6 of the general statutes, provided the  
247 State Bond Commission may authorize said bonds without a finding  
248 that the reports and statements required by subdivision (2) of this  
249 section have been filed with it if said commission authorizes the  
250 secretary of said commission to accept such reports and statements on  
251 its behalf. No funds derived from the sale of bonds authorized by said  
252 commission without a finding that the reports and statements required  
253 by subdivision (2) of this section have been filed with it shall be  
254 allotted by the Governor for any project until the reports and  
255 statements required by subdivision (2) of this section with respect to  
256 such project have been filed with the secretary of said commission.

257       Sec. 16. (*Effective May 1, 2008*) For the purposes of sections 13 to 17,  
258 inclusive, of this act, each request filed as provided in section 15 of this  
259 act, for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for which  
260 the proceeds of the sale of such bonds are to be used and expended  
261 and, in addition to any terms and conditions required pursuant to said  
262 section 15, include the recommendation of the person signing such  
263 request as to the extent to which federal, private or other moneys then  
264 available for costs in connection with any such project should be  
265 added to the state moneys available or becoming available from the  
266 proceeds of bonds and temporary notes issued in anticipation of the  
267 receipt of the proceeds of bonds. If the request includes a  
268 recommendation that some amount of such federal, private or other  
269 moneys should be added to such state moneys, then, if and to the

270 extent directed by the State Bond Commission at the time of  
271 authorization of such bonds, said amount of such federal, private or  
272 other moneys then available or thereafter to be made available, for  
273 costs in connection with such project shall be added to such state  
274 moneys.

275 Sec. 17. (*Effective May 1, 2008*) Said bonds issued pursuant to  
276 sections 13 to 17, inclusive, of this act, shall be special obligations of the  
277 state and shall not be payable from nor charged upon any funds other  
278 than revenues of the state pledged therefor in subsection (b) of section  
279 13b-61 of the general statutes and section 13b-69 of the general statutes,  
280 or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged therefore.  
281 Said bonds shall not be payable from nor charged upon any funds  
282 other than such pledged revenues or such other receipts, funds or  
283 moneys as may be pledged therefor, nor shall the state or any political  
284 subdivision thereof be subject to any liability thereon, except to the  
285 extent of such pledged revenues or such other receipts, funds or  
286 moneys as may be pledged therefor. Said bonds shall be issued under  
287 and in accordance with the provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77,  
288 inclusive, of the general statutes.

289 Sec. 18. Section 13b-79p of the general statutes is repealed and the  
290 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2007*):

291 (a) The Commissioner of Transportation shall implement the  
292 following strategic transportation projects and initiatives:

293 (1) Restoring commuter rail service on the New Haven-Hartford-  
294 Springfield line, including providing shuttle bus service between the  
295 rail line and Bradley International Airport;

296 (2) Implementing the New Britain-Hartford busway, subject to the  
297 availability of federal funds;

298 (3) Rehabilitating rail passenger coaches for use on Shore Line East,  
299 the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield line and the branch lines;

300 (4) Developing a new commuter rail station between New Haven

301 and Milford;

302 (5) Meeting the costs of capital improvements on the branch lines,  
303 not to exceed forty-five million dollars;

304 (6) Meeting the capital costs of parking and rail station  
305 improvements on the New Haven Line, Shore Line East and the  
306 branch lines, not to exceed sixty million dollars;

307 (7) Funding the local share of the Southeast Area Transit federal  
308 pilot project;

309 (8) Completing the Norwich Intermodal Transit Hub Roadway  
310 improvements;

311 (9) Conducting environmental planning and assessment for the  
312 expansion of Interstate 95 between Branford and the Rhode Island  
313 border;

314 (10) Completing preliminary design and engineering for Interstate  
315 84 widening between Waterbury and Danbury;

316 (11) Funding the Commercial Vehicle Information System Network;

317 (12) Purchasing not less than twenty-four electric rail cars for use on  
318 the Shore Line East commuter rail services;

319 (13) Improving bike access to and storage facilities at transportation  
320 centers;

321 [(12)] (14) Funding the capital costs of the greater Hartford highway  
322 infrastructure improvements in support of economic development;  
323 [and]

324 [(13)] (15) Completing a rail link to the port of New Haven;

325 (16) Specifying, funding and purchasing new rolling stock for use  
326 on the New Haven-Hartford-Springfield line;

327 (17) Funding the Waterbury Intermodal Transportation Center;

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328 (18) Constructing a bus maintenance and storage facility for the  
329 Windham and Torrington Regional Transit Districts;

330 (19) Funding the state share of Tweed Airport's Runway Safety  
331 Area, not to exceed one million fifty-five thousand dollars;

332 (20) Developing and funding a comprehensive analysis of the  
333 potential for enhanced rail freight service to and through Connecticut,  
334 including, but not limited to, (A) the market for enhanced rail services;  
335 (B) the impact of enhanced rail freight service on traffic and  
336 congestion; (C) obstacles to enhanced rail freight service and ways to  
337 address them; and (D) the impact of enhanced rail freight service on  
338 commuter rail service, including scheduling and track availability,  
339 safety and physical infrastructure;

340 (21) Funding a comprehensive study of electronic tolls and  
341 congestion pricing as a method of managing transportation demand  
342 and raising revenue;

343 (22) Funding a comprehensive study that will inventory and  
344 prioritize state-wide dredging needs and develop an estimate of the  
345 nonfederal funding required for each such project;

346 (23) Designating not more than five preapproved transit-oriented  
347 development sites and provide funding, expertise and resources to  
348 ensure successful development of such sites;

349 (24) Funding the expansion of Shore Line East, including increased  
350 parking, bridge repair, locomotive and rail car purchase, not to exceed  
351 twenty-four million dollars; and

352 (25) Funding a comprehensive study of a transportation center in  
353 New London.

354 (b) The commissioner shall evaluate and plan the implementation of  
355 the following projects:

356 (1) Improving Routes 2 and 2A in the towns of Preston, North

357 Stonington and Montville;

358 (2) Upgrading the Pequot Bridge in Montville;

359 (3) Evaluating rail links to other ports;

360 (4) Supporting and encouraging the dredging of the state's  
361 commercial ports;

362 (5) Developing a second rail passenger station between New Haven  
363 and Milford; and

364 (6) Expanding Route 9.

365 (c) The commissioner shall, in consultation with the board,  
366 recommend the implementation of additional transportation  
367 improvement projects. Upon the approval of the Governor and  
368 allocation by the State Bond Commission, the proceeds of bonds issued  
369 pursuant to section 13b-79q may be used to support such projects.

370 [(d) The commissioner shall identify obstacles to improved rail  
371 service on Shore Line East, including, but not limited to, increased  
372 frequency of service, reverse commute service and weekend service.  
373 The commissioner shall report his findings and recommendations to  
374 the General Assembly not later than January 1, 2007.]

375 [(e)] (d) The commissioner shall ensure that the state's  
376 transportation plans, including, but not limited to, the master  
377 transportation plan, are consistent with the strategy adopted pursuant  
378 to section 13b-57g.

379 [(f)] (e) The rail station and parking initiative identified in  
380 subsection (a) of this section shall include at least four Shore Line East  
381 stations east of New Haven.

382 [(g)] (f) The commissioner is authorized to enter into grant and cost-  
383 sharing agreements with local governments, transit districts, regional  
384 planning agencies and councils of governments in connection with the  
385 implementation of projects funded pursuant to subsections (a) and (c)

386 of this section.

387 [(h) If, within two years of July 1, 2006,] (g) Not later than June 6,  
388 2008, if the Department of Transportation is unable to implement the  
389 intermodal connection between port and rail facilities at the port of  
390 New Haven pursuant to subdivision [(13)] (15) of subsection (a) of this  
391 section, the commissioner shall submit a report, pursuant to section 11-  
392 4a, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
393 cognizance of matters relating to transportation and finance, revenue  
394 and bonding. Such report shall describe (1) the reasons the connection  
395 cannot be completed, and (2) alternative ways to facilitate intermodal  
396 shipping at the port.

397 Sec. 19. Subsection (b) of section 13b-79q of the general statutes is  
398 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
399 *1, 2007*):

400 (b) The proceeds of the sale of the bonds to the extent hereinafter  
401 stated shall be used for the purpose of payment of the transportation  
402 costs, as defined in subdivision (6) of section 13b-75, with respect to (1)  
403 strategic transportation projects identified in subsection (a) of section  
404 13b-79p, as amended by this act; (2) transportation improvement  
405 projects approved pursuant to subsection (b) of section 13b-79p, as  
406 amended by this act, and sections 19, 24 and 25 of public act 06-136\*;  
407 and (3) project planning pursuant to sections 19, 24 and 25 of public act  
408 06-136\*, which projects and uses are hereby found and determined to  
409 be in furtherance of one or more of the authorized purposes for the  
410 issuance of special tax obligation bonds set forth in section 13b-74.

411 Sec. 20. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The State Bond Commission  
412 shall have power, in accordance with the provisions of sections 20 to  
413 24, inclusive, of this act, to authorize the issuance of special tax  
414 obligation bonds of the state in one or more series and in principal  
415 amounts in the aggregate, not exceeding forty million dollars.

416 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent hereinafter  
417 stated, shall be used for the purpose of payment of transportation

418 costs, as defined in subdivision (6) of section 13b-75 of the general  
419 statutes, with respect to the projects and uses hereinafter described.  
420 Said projects and uses are hereby found and determined to be in  
421 furtherance of one or more of the authorized purposes for the issuance  
422 of special tax obligation bonds set forth in section 13b-74 of the general  
423 statutes, for the Department of Transportation for the Bureau of Public  
424 Transportation:

425 (1) Parking garage at the Stamford Transportation Center, including  
426 rights-of-way, alternative temporary parking, other property  
427 acquisition and related projects, not exceeding thirty-five million  
428 dollars;

429 (2) Capital improvements to rail stations on the New Haven Line,  
430 the branch lines and Shore Line East, not exceeding five million  
431 dollars; and

432 (3) Capital funds for the acquisition of new clean diesel buses for  
433 use by transit districts to increase frequency and reach of our transit  
434 system.

435 Sec. 21. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) None of the bonds issued  
436 pursuant to sections 20 to 24, inclusive, of this act, shall be authorized  
437 except upon a finding by the State Bond Commission that there has  
438 been filed with it (1) a request for such authorization, which is signed  
439 by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management or by or on  
440 behalf of such state officer, department or agency and stating such  
441 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may  
442 require, and (2) any capital development impact statement and any  
443 human services facility location statement required to be filed with the  
444 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to section  
445 4b-23 of the general statutes, any advisory report regarding the state  
446 conservation and development policies plan required pursuant to  
447 section 16a-31 of the general statutes, and any statement regarding  
448 farmland required pursuant to subsection (g) of section 3-20 of the  
449 general statutes and section 22-6 of the general statutes, provided the  
450 State Bond Commission may authorize the bonds without a finding

451 that the reports and statements required by this section have been filed  
452 with it if the commission authorizes the secretary of the commission to  
453 accept the reports and statements on its behalf. No funds derived from  
454 the sale of bonds authorized by the commission without a finding that  
455 the reports and statements required by this section have been filed  
456 with it shall be allotted by the Governor for any project until the  
457 reports and statements required by this section, with respect to the  
458 project, have been filed with the secretary of the commission.

459       Sec. 22. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) For the purposes of sections 20  
460 to 24, inclusive, of this act, each request filed as provided in section 21  
461 of this act for an authorization of bonds shall identify the project for  
462 which the proceeds of the sale of the bonds are to be used and  
463 expended and, in addition to any terms and conditions required  
464 pursuant to section 21 of this act, include the recommendation of the  
465 person signing the request as to the extent to which federal, private or  
466 other money then available or thereafter to be made available for costs  
467 in connection with any such project should be added to the state  
468 money available or becoming available from the proceeds of bonds  
469 and temporary notes issued in anticipation of the receipt of the  
470 proceeds of bonds. If the request includes a recommendation that some  
471 amount of the federal, private or other money should be added to the  
472 state money, then, if and to the extent directed by the State Bond  
473 Commission at the time of authorization of the bonds, the amount of  
474 the federal, private or other money then available or thereafter to be  
475 made available for costs in connection with the project shall be added  
476 to the state money.

477       Sec. 23. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) Any balance of proceeds of the  
478 sale of the bonds authorized for the projects or purposes of section 20  
479 of this act in excess of the aggregate costs of all the projects so  
480 authorized shall be used in the manner set forth in sections 13b-74 to  
481 13b-77, inclusive, of the general statutes, and in the proceedings of the  
482 State Bond Commission respecting the issuance and sale of the bonds.

483       Sec. 24. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The bonds issued pursuant to

484 sections 20 to 24, inclusive, of this act, shall be special obligations of the  
485 state and shall neither be payable from nor charged upon any funds  
486 other than revenues of the state pledged therefor in subsection (b) of  
487 section 13b-61 of the general statutes, and section 13b-69 of the general  
488 statutes, or such other receipts, funds or moneys as may be pledged  
489 therefor. The bonds shall neither be payable from nor charged upon  
490 any funds other than the pledged revenues or such other receipts,  
491 funds or money as may be pledged therefor. The state or any political  
492 subdivision of the state shall not be subject to any liability thereon,  
493 except to the extent of the pledged revenues or such other receipts,  
494 funds or money as may be pledged therefor. The bonds shall be issued  
495 under and in accordance with the provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-  
496 77, inclusive, of the general statutes.

497 Sec. 25. Subsection (j) of section 13b-57g of the general statutes is  
498 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
499 *October 1, 2007*):

500 (j) Not later than January 1, 2007, and biennially thereafter, the  
501 board shall review and, if necessary, revise the strategy adopted  
502 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. A report describing any  
503 revisions and the reasons for them shall be submitted to the Governor  
504 and, pursuant to section 11-4a, the General Assembly. Such report  
505 shall include a prioritized list of projects which the board, in  
506 consultation with the commissioner, determines are necessary to  
507 implement the recommended strategy, including the estimated capital  
508 and operating costs and time frame of such projects. Not later than  
509 January 31, 2007, and biennially thereafter, the joint standing  
510 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
511 relating to transportation, finance, revenue and bonding and planning  
512 and development shall meet with the Commissioners of  
513 Transportation and Economic and Community Development, the  
514 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, the chairperson of  
515 the Transportation Strategy Board and such other persons as they  
516 deem appropriate to consider the report required by this subsection.

517 Sec. 26. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,  
518 "long lead time item" means transportation equipment or rolling stock  
519 which (1) has a capital cost of more than one million dollars; and (2)  
520 will not be delivered until at least two years after the adoption of the  
521 resolution required by subsection (b) of this section.

522 (b) The Commissioner of Transportation may, with the approval of  
523 the Governor and the State Bond Commission, enter into contracts for  
524 long lead time items prior to the allocation of any or all bond funds for  
525 such purpose, provided sufficient funds have been authorized and will  
526 be available for use at the time when payment is contractually  
527 required. The State Bond Commission resolution of approval shall  
528 specify the item or items to be purchased, the time or times when  
529 payment will be due and payable, and the source of funds for such  
530 purpose. No funds so identified shall be used for any other purpose.

531 Sec. 27. Section 13b-79x of the general statutes is repealed and the  
532 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

533 Not later than the day on which the Governor's proposed biennial  
534 budget is required to be submitted to the General Assembly pursuant  
535 to section 4-71, the Governor shall recommend to the General  
536 Assembly (1) any projects which the Governor believes are necessary  
537 to implement the [recommended] transportation strategy adopted  
538 pursuant to section 13b-57g; and (2) a financing plan for such projects.

539 Sec. 28. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in  
540 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
541 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
542 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
543 the aggregate three hundred thousand dollars.

544 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
545 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
546 Department of Transportation for the purpose of conducting a  
547 drainage study on all state roads in East Hartford.

548 (c) All provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the  
549 general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby,  
550 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are  
551 hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State  
552 Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in  
553 anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such  
554 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said sections  
555 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and from time to time renewed. Such  
556 bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years  
557 from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the  
558 resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing  
559 such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a  
560 finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it  
561 a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the  
562 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such  
563 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may  
564 require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be special tax  
565 obligations of the state and all pledged revenues, as defined in  
566 subdivision (4) of section 13b-75 of the general statutes, are pledged for  
567 the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same  
568 become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state  
569 with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts from the  
570 special transportation fund created under section 13b-68 of the general  
571 statutes necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest  
572 is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and  
573 interest as the same become due.

574 Sec. 29. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in  
575 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
576 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
577 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
578 the aggregate four million two hundred ninety-four thousand dollars.

579 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
580 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
581 Department of Transportation for the purpose of repairing the State

582 Street Bridge in New Haven.

583 (c) All provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the  
584 general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby,  
585 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are  
586 hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State  
587 Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in  
588 anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such  
589 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said sections  
590 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and from time to time renewed. Such  
591 bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years  
592 from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the  
593 resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing  
594 such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a  
595 finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it  
596 a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the  
597 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such  
598 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may  
599 require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be special tax  
600 obligations of the state and all pledged revenues, as defined in  
601 subdivision (4) of section 13b-75 of the general statutes, are pledged for  
602 the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same  
603 become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state  
604 with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts from the  
605 special transportation fund created under section 13b-68 of the general  
606 statutes necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest  
607 is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and  
608 interest as the same become due.

609 Sec. 30. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in  
610 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
611 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
612 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
613 the aggregate one hundred thousand dollars.

614 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the

615 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
616 Department of Transportation for the purpose of conducting a traffic  
617 calming study on Route 5 in East Hartford.

618 (c) All provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the  
619 general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby,  
620 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are  
621 hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State  
622 Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in  
623 anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such  
624 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said sections  
625 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and from time to time renewed. Such  
626 bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years  
627 from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the  
628 resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing  
629 such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a  
630 finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it  
631 a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the  
632 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such  
633 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may  
634 require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be special tax  
635 obligations of the state and all pledged revenues, as defined in  
636 subdivision (4) of section 13b-75 of the general statutes, are pledged for  
637 the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same  
638 become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state  
639 with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts from the  
640 special transportation fund created under section 13b-68 of the general  
641 statutes necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest  
642 is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and  
643 interest as the same become due.

644 Sec. 31. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in  
645 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
646 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
647 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in  
648 the aggregate one hundred thousand dollars.

649 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
650 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
651 Department of Transportation for the purpose of repairing the  
652 Stonington town dock.

653 (c) All provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the  
654 general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby,  
655 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are  
656 hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State  
657 Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in  
658 anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such  
659 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said sections  
660 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and from time to time renewed. Such  
661 bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years  
662 from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the  
663 resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing  
664 such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a  
665 finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it  
666 a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the  
667 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such  
668 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may  
669 require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be special tax  
670 obligations of the state and all pledged revenues, as defined in  
671 subdivision (4) of section 13b-75 of the general statutes, are pledged for  
672 the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same  
673 become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state  
674 with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts from the  
675 special transportation fund created under section 13b-68 of the general  
676 statutes necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest  
677 is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and  
678 interest as the same become due.

679 Sec. 32. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the purposes described in  
680 subsection (b) of this section, the State Bond Commission shall have  
681 the power, from time to time, to authorize the issuance of bonds of the  
682 state in one or more series and in principal amounts not exceeding in

683 the aggregate forty-three million dollars for capital costs for the fiscal  
684 year ending June 30, 2008, and for the next five fiscal years thereafter.

685 (b) The proceeds of the sale of said bonds, to the extent of the  
686 amount stated in subsection (a) of this section, shall be used by the  
687 Department of Transportation for the purpose of improving bus  
688 connectivity and service, including cleaner buses, expanded parking  
689 for express service, increases in service frequency, new enhanced  
690 facilities and bus rapid transit.

691 (c) All provisions of sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, of the  
692 general statutes, or the exercise of any right or power granted thereby,  
693 which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this section are  
694 hereby adopted and shall apply to all bonds authorized by the State  
695 Bond Commission pursuant to this section, and temporary notes in  
696 anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of any such  
697 bonds so authorized may be issued in accordance with said sections  
698 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and from time to time renewed. Such  
699 bonds shall mature at such time or times not exceeding thirty years  
700 from their respective dates as may be provided in or pursuant to the  
701 resolution or resolutions of the State Bond Commission authorizing  
702 such bonds. None of said bonds shall be authorized except upon a  
703 finding by the State Bond Commission that there has been filed with it  
704 a request for such authorization which is signed by or on behalf of the  
705 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management and states such  
706 terms and conditions as said commission, in its discretion, may  
707 require. Said bonds issued pursuant to this section shall be special tax  
708 obligations of the state and all pledged revenues, as defined in  
709 subdivision (4) of section 13b-75 of the general statutes, are pledged for  
710 the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same  
711 become due, and accordingly and as part of the contract of the state  
712 with the holders of said bonds, appropriation of all amounts from the  
713 special transportation fund created under section 13b-68 of the general  
714 statutes necessary for punctual payment of such principal and interest  
715 is hereby made, and the State Treasurer shall pay such principal and  
716 interest as the same become due.

|   |                        |             |
|---|------------------------|-------------|
| This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections: |                        |             |
| Section 1   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 2  | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 3  | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 4  | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 5  | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 6  | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 7  | <i>July 1, 2008</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 8  | <i>July 1, 2008</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 9  | <i>July 1, 2008</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 10   | <i>July 1, 2008</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 11   | <i>July 1, 2008</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 12   | <i>July 1, 2008</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 13   | <i>May 1, 2008</i>     | New section |
| Sec. 14   | <i>May 1, 2008</i>     | New section |
| Sec. 15   | <i>May 1, 2008</i>     | New section |
| Sec. 16   | <i>May 1, 2008</i>     | New section |
| Sec. 17   | <i>May 1, 2008</i>     | New section |
| Sec. 18   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | 13b-79p     |
| Sec. 19   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | 13b-79q(b)  |
| Sec. 20   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 21   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 22   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 23   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 24   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 25   | <i>October 1, 2007</i> | 13b-57g(j)  |
| Sec. 26   | <i>from passage</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 27   | <i>October 1, 2007</i> | 13b-79x     |
| Sec. 28   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 29   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 30   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 31   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |
| Sec. 32   | <i>July 1, 2007</i>    | New section |

**FIN**      *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:**

| Agency Affected       | Fund-Effect | FY 08 \$  | FY 09 \$  |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Treasurer, Debt Serv. | TF - Cost   | See Below | See Below |

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The table below summarizes the Special Tax Obligation (STO) bond authorizations in the bill. The fiscal impact of issuing \$363.5 million in FY 08 over 20 years at a 5.5% interest rate will result in a Special Transportation Fund (STF) debt service cost of \$608.3 million. The impact of issuing \$275.3 million in FY 09 over 20 years at a 5.5% interest rate will result in an STF debt service cost of \$460.7 million.

| Special Tax Obligation (STO) Bond Authorizations |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Projects   | FY 08<br>(\$ mil.) | FY 09<br>(\$ mil.) | FY 10<br>(\$ mil.) | FY 11<br>(\$ mil.) | FY 12<br>(\$ mil.) |
| Transportation infrastructure program            | 275.7              | 232.3              | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                |
| <u>Individual projects:</u>                      |                    |                    |                    |                    |                    |
| Stamford Parking Garage                          | 35.0               | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                |
| Rail station improvements                        | 5.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                |
| Clean diesel buses                               | Not specified      | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                |
| Drainage study of East Htfd. roads               | 0.3                | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                |
| State Street Bridge, New Haven                   | 4.3                | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                |
| Rte 5 traffic calming study, East Htfd           | 0.1                | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                |
| Stonington town dock                             | 0.1                | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                | 0.0                |
| Bus connectivity and service                     | <u>43.0</u>        | <u>43.0</u>        | <u>43.0</u>        | <u>43.0</u>        | <u>43.0</u>        |
| <b>Total STO Authorizations</b>                  | <b>363.5</b>       | <b>275.3</b>       | <b>43.0</b>        | <b>43.0</b>        | <b>43.0</b>        |

Section 18 adds several programs and initiatives to the list of strategic transportation projects. This has no immediate fiscal impact because it does not authorize additional STO bonds for these purposes. However, to the degree that this causes bond funds to be expended more rapidly than they otherwise would have been, it will increase

debt service costs to the Special Transportation Fund.

### **Further Explanation**

| <b>Special Tax Obligation (STO) Bond Authorizations</b>   |               |              |  |
|---|---------------|--------------|--|
| (\$ millions)   |               |              |  |
| Description   | <u>FY 08</u>  | <u>FY 09</u> |  |
| <b>Transportation Infrastructure Program (Secs. 1 – 17)</b>   |               |              |  |
| <b>Bureau of Highways</b>   |               |              |  |
| Interstate Highway Program  | 12.00         | 12.00        |  |
| Urban Systems Projects  | 8.30          | 8.50         |  |
| Intrastate Highway Program  | 112.94        | 42.03        |  |
| Soil, water supply and groundwater remediation at and/or in the vicinity of various maintenance facilities and former disposal areas                        | 6.00          | 6.00         |  |
| State bridge improvement, rehabilitation and replacement projects   | 65.24         | 34.34        |  |
| Capital resurfacing and related reconstruction projects   | 0             | 59.00        |  |
| <b>Bureau of Aviation and Ports</b>   |               |              |  |
| Reconstruction and improvements to the warehouse and State Pier, New London including site improvements and improvements to ferry slips                     | 1.40          | 0.30         |  |
| Development and improvements of general aviation airport facilities including grants-in-aid to municipal airports (excluding Bradley International Airport) | 2.00          | 2.00         |  |
| <b>Bureau of Public Transportation</b>  |               |              |  |
| Bus and rail facilities and equipment, including rights-of-way, other property acquisition and related projects   | 40.11         | 40.43        |  |
| <b>Bureau of Administration</b>   |               |              |  |
| Department facilities including acquisition, alterations, repairs and improvements  | 6.40          | 6.40         |  |
| Cost of issuance of Special Tax Obligation Bonds and debt service reserve   | <u>21.30</u>  | <u>21.30</u> |  |
| Subtotal  | 275.69        | 232.30       |  |
| <b>Authorizations for specific projects</b>   |               |              |  |
| Transportation projects (Sec. 20)   | 40.00         | 0            |  |
| • Stamford Transportation Ctr. parking garage   | 35.00         | 0            |  |
| • Various rail station improvements   | 5.00          | 0            |  |
| • Clean diesel buses for transit districts  | Not specified | 0            |  |

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**Special Tax Obligation (STO) Bond Authorizations**

(\$ millions)

| Description  | <u>FY 08</u>  | <u>FY 09</u>  |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Drainage study of state roads in East Htfd. (Sec. 28)  | 0.30          | 0             |
| Repair of State Street Bridge in East Haven (Sec. 29)  | 4.29          | 0             |
| Traffic calming study on Rte 5 in East Htfd. (Sec. 30) | 0.10          | 0             |
| Repairs to Stonington town dock (Sec. 31)              | 0.10          | 0             |
| Bus connectivity and service - capital costs (Sec. 32) | <u>43.00</u>  | <u>43.00</u>  |
| Subtotal   | 87.79         | 43.00         |
| <b>Total STO Bonds</b>                                 | <b>363.48</b> | <b>275.30</b> |

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**The Out Years**

The bill authorizes \$43 million in STO bonds in each of FY 10, FY 11, FY 12 and FY 13 for capital costs associated with bus connectivity and service. The STF debt service cost in each year to issue \$43 million over 20 years at a 5.5% interest rate is \$72.0 million.

**OLR Bill Analysis****sSB 1133*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORIZATION OF SPECIAL TAX OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes special tax obligation (STO) bonds for (1) Department of Transportation (DOT) projects for FY 08 and 09, (2) capital road resurfacing projects for FY 09, and (3) specific transportation purposes and projects for FY 08. It also:

1. adds several programs and initiatives to the list of strategic transportation projects already authorized for funding;
2. authorizes the transportation commissioner to enter into contracts for long-lead-time transportation equipment acquisitions under certain conditions;
3. provides capital funds for improving bus connectivity over the next six years;
4. makes permanent a requirement that the Transportation Strategy Board (TSB) chairperson and state transportation officials meet with three legislative committees to consider TSB's biennial transportation strategy update; and
5. makes technical changes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2007 for most sections. The provision concerning long-lead-time equipment acquisitions takes effect upon passage; the transportation strategy update meeting requirement and the technical changes take effect October 1, 2007; the bond authorization for FY 09 capital resurfacing projects takes effect May 1,

2008; and the bond authorizations for FY 09 DOT projects take effect July 1, 2008.

### §§ 1-12 – STO BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR DOT PROJECTS

The bill authorizes \$275.688 million in STO bonds in FY 08 and \$173.3 million in FY 09 for DOT's capital improvement program as shown in Table 1. Authorizations for FY 09 take effect July 1, 2008.

**TABLE 1: AUTHORIZATIONS FOR DOT PROJECTS**

| <b>Authorized Program Areas</b>   | <b>Maximum Authorization (millions)</b> |              |
|---|---|--------------|
|   | <b>FY 08</b>                            | <b>FY 09</b> |
| Interstate highway program  | \$12.0                                  | 12.0         |
| Urban systems   | 8.3                                     | 8.5          |
| Interstate highway program  | 112.94                                  | 42.03        |
| Soil, water supply, and groundwater remediation at or near DOT maintenance facilities and former disposal areas                         | 6.0                                     | 6.0          |
| State bridge improvement, rehabilitation, and replacement   | 65.24                                   | 34.34        |
| Reconstruction and improvements to the warehouse and State Pier in New London, including site and ferry slip improvements               | 1.4                                     | 0.3          |
| Developing and improving general aviation airports, including grants to municipal airports, but excluding Bradley International Airport | 2.0                                     | 2.0          |
| Bus and rail facilities and equipment, including rights-of-way, other property acquisition, and related projects                        | 40.108                                  | 40.43        |
| DOT facilities  | 6.4                                     | 6.4          |
| Cost of issuing STO bonds and debt service  | 21.3                                    | 21.3         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>275.688</b>                          | <b>173.3</b> |

### §§ 13-17 – FY 09 CAPITAL RESURFACING PROGRAM

The bill authorizes up to \$59 million in STO bonds for DOT's capital highway resurfacing program for FY 09. The funds may be issued for road resurfacing and related projects. The authorization is effective on May 1, 2008.

### §§ 20-24 & 28-31 – STO BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS

The bill authorizes STO bonds for the specific projects and studies shown in Table 2. The authorizations are for DOT and are effective for FY 08.

TABLE 2: STO BOND AUTHORIZATIONS FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS

| §§    | Maximum Authorization | Purpose   |
|-------|-----------------------|---|
| 20-24 | \$40,000,000          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stamford Transportation Center parking garage, including right-of-way, alternative temporary parking, and related projects (up to \$35 million)</li> <li>Capital improvements to rail stations on the Shore Line East rail service and the New Canaan, Danbury, and Waterbury branch lines of the New Haven Line rail service (up to \$5 million)</li> <li>Acquiring new clean diesel buses for use by transit districts to increase services, but only if there are funds remaining from the two authorizations above.</li> </ul> |
| 28    | 300,000               | Drainage study of all state roads in East Hartford  |
| 29    | 4,294,000             | Repair State Street Bridge in New Haven   |
| 30    | 100,000               | Traffic calming study on Route 5 in East Hartford   |
| 31    | 100,000               | Repairs to Stonington town dock   |

### § 18 & 19 – STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PROJECT LIST ADDITIONS

Certain specific transportation projects and initiatives are specified by law as strategic transportation projects and identified for available funding. This bill adds the following projects and initiatives to the list of strategic projects:

1. purchasing at least 24 electric rail cars for use on the Shore Line East commuter rail service;
2. funding the expansion of Shore Line East rail service, including more parking, bridge repair, and buying locomotives and rail cars, up to \$24 million (it is not clear if this provision includes or is in addition to the 24 rail cars listed above or if the \$24 million limit applies to the purchase of the 24 rail cars above);
3. improving bike access to, and storage facilities at, transportation centers;
4. specifying, funding, and purchasing new rail equipment for use on the proposed New Haven-Hartford-Springfield rail service;
5. funding the Waterbury Intermodal Transportation Center;

6. constructing a bus maintenance and storage facility for the Windham and Torrington regional transit districts;
7. funding the state share of Tweed New Haven Airport's Runway Safety Area, up to \$1.055 million;
8. developing and funding a comprehensive analysis of the potential for enhanced rail freight service to and through Connecticut including, at least, the market for service, its impact on traffic and congestion, obstacles to implementation and ways to address them, and the impact such services might have on scheduling, track availability, safety, and infrastructure as it relates to commuter rail service;
9. funding a comprehensive study of electronic tolls and congestion pricing as a way to manage transportation demand and raise revenue;
10. funding a comprehensive study to inventory and rank state dredging needs and develop an estimate of the non-federal funding required for these dredging projects;
11. designating up to five pre-approved transit-oriented development sites and providing funding, expertise, and resources to ensure their successful development; and
12. funding a comprehensive study of a transportation center in New London.

In addition, the bill eliminates the requirement that DOT conduct a study to identify obstacles to improving service on Shore Line East, as the study was completed and submitted on January 1, 2007. It also gives DOT until June 6, 2008, rather than July 1, 2006, to report to the Transportation and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees should it be unable to implement the intermodal connection between the port and rail facilities in New Haven the law requires.

**§ 26 – LONG-LEAD-TIME TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT ACQUISITIONS**

The bill authorizes the transportation commissioner, with the approval of the governor and the State Bond Commission, to enter into contracts for long-lead-time transportation equipment items before any bond funds for these acquisitions have been allocated, provided sufficient funds have been authorized and will be available for use by the time payment is contractually required. The bond commission must adopt a resolution of approval that specifies the items being purchased, the time the payment is due, and the source of the funds. Funds identified in the resolution may not be used for any other purpose.

The bill defines a long-lead-time item of transportation equipment as one that (1) has a capital cost exceeding \$1 million and (2) will not be delivered until at least two years after the bond commission adopts the approval resolution.

**§ 32 – IMPROVING BUS CONNECTIVITY**

The bill provides capital funds for improving bus connectivity and service, including cleaner buses, expanded parking for express service, increased service frequency, new and enhanced facilities, and bus rapid transit. It authorizes an aggregate of \$43 million in STO bonds for capital costs for FY 08 and over the five subsequent fiscal years.

**§ 25 & 27 – BIENNIAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY MEETING**

By law, the TSB must review and submit a revised state transportation strategy to the governor and legislature every two years by January 1. Currently, the TSB chairperson, the transportation and economic and community development commissioners, the Office of Policy and Management secretary, and any others deemed appropriate must meet with the Transportation; Planning and Development; and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees by January 31, 2007 to consider its report on the strategy. The bill makes the meeting a permanent requirement to occur by January 31, 2009 and biennially thereafter.

**BACKGROUND**

***Related Bill***

sHB 6366, approved by the Transportation and Finance, Revenue and Bonding committees, contains the same bond authorizations for DOT projects, FY 09 capital road resurfacing projects, the Stamford Transportation Center parking garage, and capital costs for improving bus connectivity. That bill also adds the Shore Line East commuter rail service rail car purchases and expansion projects to the strategic transportation projects list.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 53 Nay 0 (04/17/2007)