

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORTATION CARBON BUDGET  
FOR THE STATE.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) Not later than July 1,  
2 2030, and annually thereafter, the Commissioner of Transportation, in  
3 consultation with the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental  
4 Protection, shall establish a transportation carbon budget for the state  
5 that sets the maximum amount of greenhouse gas emissions permitted  
6 from the transportation sector. The commissioners shall consider the  
7 long-term emission reductions required by section 22a-200a of the  
8 general statutes when establishing the transportation carbon budget.

9 (b) The Commissioner of Transportation shall adopt regulations, in  
10 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to  
11 ensure transportation projects undertaken by the Department of  
12 Transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, as defined in 23  
13 USC 134, as amended from time to time, or municipalities adhere to the  
14 transportation carbon budget for the state. The regulations shall include,  
15 but need not be limited to, (1) a definition of "transportation project" that  
16 excludes transportation projects that are necessary for safety reasons or  
17 maintenance, (2) the methodology to calculate the greenhouse gas  
18 emissions expected from future transportation projects, (3) where such  
19 projects are estimated to increase net greenhouse gas emissions, the  
20 ways to offset such emissions by undertaking greenhouse gas mitigation  
21 transportation projects that will reduce such emission, and (4) a  
22 description of such greenhouse gas mitigation transportation projects,

23 including, but not limited to, improving public transportation,  
24 constructing bikeways, pedestrian walkways or other multiuse trails or  
25 paths and installing electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Not later  
26 than July 1, 2028, the commissioner shall submit the regulations to the  
27 standing legislative regulation review committee for consideration  
28 under section 4-170 of the general statutes.

29 (c) The Commissioner of Transportation, in consultation with the  
30 Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall  
31 implement a public outreach plan to ensure sufficient public and  
32 stakeholder engagement in the development of the transportation  
33 carbon budget and the regulations required under subsection (b) of this  
34 section.

35 (d) On or before January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter until  
36 January 1, 2030, the Commissioner of Transportation shall submit, in  
37 accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes,  
38 a report to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
39 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation and the  
40 environment. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the  
41 status of the development of the transportation carbon budget for the  
42 state and the regulations required under subsection (b) of this section,  
43 the level of collaboration among various stakeholders, and a description  
44 of and the results of any public outreach conducted pursuant to  
45 subsection (c) of this section.

46 (e) On or before July 1, 2030, and annually thereafter, the  
47 Commissioner of Transportation shall submit, in accordance with the  
48 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing  
49 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
50 relating to transportation and the environment a copy of the  
51 transportation carbon budget for the state and any recommendations for  
52 legislation to implement such budget.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section
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