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An Act To Fund Saco Area Traffic Improvements

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

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Provides one-time Capital Expenditures funding for construction costs for a long-term solution to the morning and evening congestion on Route 112 off I-95, Exit 36. This allocation to the Department of Transportation represents 40% of the estimated \$60,000,000 that will be required for construction costs, with another 40% to be provided by the Maine Turnpike Authority and the remaining 20% to be provided by the City of Saco.

| HIGHWAY FUND | 2019-20 | 2020-21 |
|---------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Capital Expenditures | \$24,000,000 | \$0 |
| HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL | \$24,000,000 | \$0 |

SUMMARY

This bill, based on the recommendations of the study conducted jointly by the Department of Transportation, the Maine Turnpike Authority and the City of Saco, provides 40% of the estimated cost of the construction of a new exit and spur from the Maine Turnpike to serve communities near Exit 36 of the Maine Turnpike, such as Saco, Old Orchard Beach and Hollis. The recommendation of the study was for the cost to be split as follows: 40% to be provided by the Department of Transportation; 40% to be provided by the Maine Turnpike Authority; and 20% to be provided by the City of Saco.