

CS for SB 832

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Monday, February 23, 2009

3 Committee Substitute for
4 Senate Bill No. 832

5 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 832 - By: Bingman of the
6 Senate and Shannon of the House.

7 [county bridges - bridge replacement projects -
8 emergency]

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

10 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2001, Section 660, as
11 amended by Section 1, Chapter 157, O.S.L. 2006 (69 O.S. Supp. 2008,
12 Section 660), is amended to read as follows:

13 Section 660. A. The Local Government Division of the
14 Department of Transportation shall immediately establish a program
15 to aid counties in replacing or reconstructing bridges and roads.
16 The bridges and roads to be replaced or reconstructed shall be those
17 that are structurally inadequate, functionally obsolete or have been
18 destroyed or rendered unusable.

19 B. Funds made available for the purposes of the County Bridge
20 and Road Improvement Act may be used to pay the cost of county
21 bridge inspections, classifications, and evaluations, and county
22 road inspections, classifications, and evaluations for federal and
23 state purposes and to match federal or state funds, provided the
24 applicable federal or state funds are available.

1 C. Except as otherwise specified in ~~this act~~ the County Bridge
2 and Road Improvement Act, the county collector system, including any
3 future revisions thereto, shall constitute the system of roads
4 wherein the bridges and roads are located that are eligible for
5 project funding under ~~this act~~ the County Bridge and Road
6 Improvement Act. Official maps showing the county collector system
7 in each county shall be maintained on file by the Department of
8 Transportation and shall be furnished each county at no cost.

9 D. The Department of Transportation may approve the utilization
10 of up to ninety percent (90%) of the estimated four-year
11 apportionment to the county for county projects. However, no
12 additional projects may be approved for the county until the county
13 has accumulated a surplus of three (3) months of apportionments and
14 repaid all funds advanced from the State Highway Construction and
15 Maintenance Fund.

16 E. When a county bridge sustains damage, whether caused by a
17 natural or artificial event, and consequently requires immediate
18 repair, the board of county commissioners may by resolution direct
19 the transfer, by the Department of Transportation, of any
20 unencumbered monies in that county's account in the County Bridge
21 and Road Improvement Fund, to that county's highway fund, for the
22 sole purpose of repairing or reconstructing said bridge.

1 F. The Department of Transportation may enter into cooperative
2 agreements with the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority for the purpose of
3 replacement, expansion or repair of functionally obsolete and
4 structurally deficient bridges which cross over turnpikes. The
5 Department's expenditures for such projects will be from any
6 federal, state or county public funds appropriated and earmarked for
7 such purpose. Counties may apply for the expenditure of these
8 earmarked funds for projects that have been requested by the board
9 of county commissioners of the county where the bridge is located.
10 Once approved by the Department, the Department will select and
11 prioritize the bridge replacement projects based on criteria which
12 shall include, but not be limited to, high traffic volume and
13 current bridge safety assessments.

14 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
15 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
16 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
17 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-18-09 - DO
19 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.