

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3097

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to county road and bridge funding;
8 amending 69 O.S. 2021, Section 507, which relates to
9 the County Improvements for Roads and Bridges Fund;
10 modifying method for distribution of monies;
11 specifying time period; and providing an effective
12 date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 507, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 507. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury
17 a revolving fund to be known as the "County Improvements for Roads
18 and Bridges Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject
19 to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all appropriations
20 and transfers made by the Legislature and the apportionments made
21 pursuant to subsection L of Section 1104 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma
22 Statutes. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby
23 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended beginning with the
24 fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter
pursuant to subsection B of this section. Expenditures from said

1 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer
2 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the
3 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and
4 payment.

5 B. ~~The~~ Effective January 1, 2027, funds apportioned pursuant to
6 subsection L of Section 1104 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes
7 shall be ~~in equal amounts~~ distributed to the various Transportation
8 Commission districts by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation
9 using a methodology similar to the one used by the Department for
10 the development and implementation of the Eight Year Plan.

11 Distributions shall be made using a system that evaluates priority
12 of projects based on factors such as the safety of a road or bridge,
13 traffic volume, circumstances contributing to degradation of road
14 surfaces or bridge structures, recommendations by professional
15 engineers and such other criteria as the Department of
16 Transportation may establish by administrative rule. The priority
17 list for road and bridge projects shall be updated at least
18 annually. The funds shall be used for the sole purpose of
19 construction or reconstruction of county roads or bridges on the
20 county highway system that are of the highest priority as defined by
21 the Transportation Commission. Counties may accumulate annual
22 funding for a period of up to five (5) years for a specific project,
23 with such funding to be held by the Transportation Commission to the
24 credit of the county project. ~~The Transportation Commission shall~~

~~promulgate rules for the administration of the process and the
development of criteria for determining the level of priority for
projects and include such projects in a five-year construction plan
that will be updated annually. Projects in the five-year
construction plan shall be contracted as provided by law and awarded
by the Transportation Commission.~~

C. The fund shall be invested in whatever instruments are
authorized by law for investments by the State Treasurer and the
interest earned by any investment of monies from the fund shall be
credited to the fund which shall earn the same, if there is any
unexpended balance of such fund to which to credit the interest.
The interest credited herein shall be expended pursuant to this
section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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