

HB 833 -- Multimodal Transportation Capital Improvement Bonds

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This bill allows the Highways and Transportation Commission to issue bonds for the purpose of providing funds for the planning, design, development, acquisition, construction, reconstruction, and improvement of public transportation facilities or non-highway capital improvement projects. These bonds will be offered at a public sale or a negotiated sale and will be for a period of 35 years. The proceeds from the sale of these bonds will go into the State Transportation Fund.

Bonds may be issued for the purpose of refunding of these bonds. The proceeds of refunding bonds may be applied to the payment of the bonds being refunded or deposited in trust and maintained in cash or investment for the retirement of the bonds being refunded, as specified by the commission and the authorizing resolution or trust indenture securing these refunding bonds. Refunding bonds will be for a period of not more than 35 years.

Beginning January 1, 2006, and terminating January 1, 2016, for the purpose of providing additional moneys to be used to pay the principal and interest on any outstanding state multimodal capital improvement bonds issued and for the purpose of assisting local public transportation providers to meet local match requirements for federal transit capital grants as part of any state or local transportation program, the Department of Revenue will be directed to deposit to the fund, less a 1% collection fee, all proceeds derived from the imposition of the state sales tax and the state use tax on construction materials intended for use on state highway construction projects.

The following will be deposited into the fund:

- (1) Certain proceeds from the motor vehicle sales tax;
- (2) Proceeds derived from the sale of state multimodal capital improvement bonds;
- (3) Any proceeds derived from the imposition of the state sales and use tax on construction materials intended for use on state highway system projects; and
- (4) Any other funds made available by appropriation, grants, bequests, or other sources.