

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 726

Introduced by Assembly Members Nielsen and Arambula

February 26, 2009

An act to amend Section 164 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 726, as introduced, Nielsen. Transportation capital improvement projects.

Existing law generally provides for allocation of transportation capital improvement funds pursuant to the State Transportation Improvement Program process. Existing law provides for 75% of funds available for transportation capital improvement projects to be made available for regional projects, and 25% for interregional projects. Existing law describes the types of projects that may be funded with the regional share of funds, and includes local road projects as a category of eligible projects.

This bill would state that local road rehabilitation projects are eligible for these funds.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 164 of the Streets and Highways Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 164. (a) Funds made available for transportation capital
- 4 improvement projects under subdivision (e) of Section 163 shall

1 be programmed and expended for the following program
2 categories:

3 (1) Twenty-five percent for interregional improvements.

4 (2) Seventy-five percent for regional improvements.

5 (b) Sixty percent of the funds available for interregional
6 improvements under paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) shall be
7 programmed and expended for improvements to state highways
8 that are specified in Sections 164.10 to 164.20, inclusive, and that
9 are outside the boundaries of an urbanized area with a population
10 of more than 50,000, and for intercity rail improvements.

11 (c) Not less than 15 percent of the amount of funds programmed
12 under subdivision (b) shall be programmed for intercity rail
13 improvement projects, including separation of grade projects.

14 (d) Funds made available under paragraph (1) of subdivision
15 (a) shall be used for transportation improvement projects that are
16 needed to facilitate interregional movement of people and goods.
17 The projects may include state highway, intercity passenger rail,
18 mass transit guideway, or grade separation projects.

19 (e) Funds made available under paragraph (2) of subdivision
20 (a) shall be used for transportation improvement projects that are
21 needed to improve transportation within the region. The projects
22 may include, but shall not be limited to, improving state highways,
23 local roads (*including local rehabilitation projects*), public transit,
24 intercity rail, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities, and grade
25 separation, transportation system management, transportation
26 demand management, soundwall projects, intermodal facilities,
27 safety, and providing funds to match federal funds.