

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 258

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to appropriations; making certain appropriations to the County Improvements for Roads and Bridges Fund; creating eligibility and selection criteria for certain funds; providing for noncodification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby appropriated to the County Improvements for Roads and Bridges Fund created pursuant to Section 507 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the sum of Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary for the reconstruction of county bridges on the portion of the county highway system defined as Major Collector routes in accordance with the provisions of Section 654 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Projects proposed by the counties will be submitted to, evaluated,

1 and prioritized by the Department of Transportation in accordance
2 with the criteria provided for in this subsection.

3 B. Bridges proposed for reconstruction will be generally
4 evaluated based on the state of project innovation, readiness,
5 structural adequacy, safety, serviceability, functional
6 obsolescence, essentiality for public use, and special reductions
7 for characteristics such as detour length, traffic safety features,
8 and current school bus routes.

9 C. The direct or indirect financial participation by the county
10 proposing the project shall be an additional selection factor for
11 proposed projects, along with the objective distribution of funding.

12 D. Any approved projects awarded by the Transportation
13 Commission shall be contracted as provided by law.

14 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
15 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

16 A. There is hereby appropriated to the County Improvements for
17 Roads and Bridges Fund created pursuant to Section 507 of Title 69
18 of the Oklahoma Statutes from any monies not otherwise appropriated
19 from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal
20 year ending June 30, 2026, the sum of Twenty-five Million Dollars
21 (\$25,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary for the
22 reconstruction of county roads on the portion of the county highway
23 system defined as Major Collector routes in accordance with the
24 provisions of Section 654 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1 Projects proposed by the counties will be submitted to, evaluated,
2 and prioritized by the Department of Transportation in accordance
3 with the criteria provided for in this subsection.

4 B. Roads proposed for reconstruction will be generally
5 evaluated based on the state of project innovation, readiness, the
6 state of operation and repair of any bridge infrastructure within
7 the proposed project limits, drainage characteristics, subgrade and
8 pavement condition, safety, serviceability, essentiality for public
9 use, percentage of truck traffic, and special reductions for
10 characteristics such as detour length, traffic safety features, and
11 current school bus routes.

12 C. The direct or indirect financial participation by the county
13 proposing the project shall be an additional selection factor for
14 proposed projects, along with the objective distribution of funding.

15 D. Any approved projects awarded by the Transportation
16 Commission shall be contracted as provided by law.

17 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2025.

18 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
19 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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