SENATE BILL SB-33

Introduced by Senator Bob Archuleta (D-30)

An act relating to Infrastructure improvement.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB-33, Bob Archuleta (D-30). Infrastructure improvement.

My bill, the Local Infrastructure and Road Safety Improvement Act, creates a state grant program to help cities and counties pay for important infrastructure projects. The program would provide funding for road and bridge repairs, traffic signals, sidewalks, drainage systems, and public transportation infrastructure. The goal is to help local governments address safety concerns and improve transportation infrastructure.

My bill would change current California law by creating a new state funded grant program specifically for local infrastructure improvements. Instead of relying only on existing local and state transportation funding programs, my bill would establish a dedicated fund that local governments could apply to for additional financial assistance. The Department of Transportation would administer the program, monitor how the money is used, and report the results to the Legislature.

Vote: Majority. **Appropriations/fiscal:** yes. **Local program:** no.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the Local Infrastructure and Road Safety Improvement Act.

SEC. 2.
(a) Safe and reliable infrastructure is important to public safety, transportation, and economic activity.
(b) Many local roads, bridges, sidewalks, and traffic systems require repair and improvement.
(c) The state should provide financial assistance to local governments for necessary infrastructure projects.

SEC. 3.
(a) The Department of Transportation shall establish and administer the Local Infrastructure Improvement Grant Program.
(b) The program shall provide grants to cities and counties for eligible infrastructure projects.

SEC. 4.
(a) Eligible projects may include:

(1) Road and bridge repairs.
(2) Traffic signal and intersection improvements.
(3) Sidewalk and pedestrian safety improvements.
(4) Drainage and stormwater improvements.
(5) Public transportation infrastructure.

SEC. 5.
(a) Priority shall be given to projects that address significant safety concerns, deteriorating infrastructure, or transportation needs.
(b) Grant applications shall include the project's cost, timeline, and expected public benefit.

SEC. 6.
(a) The Local Infrastructure Improvement Fund is hereby established in the State Treasury.
(b) Subject to appropriation, the Legislature shall provide funding for the grant program.

SEC. 7.
(a) The Department of Transportation shall monitor funded projects and ensure that grant money is used for approved purposes.
(b) The department shall submit an annual report to the Legislature describing funded projects and program expenditures.

SEC. 8.
The Department of Transportation shall work with cities, counties, and regional transportation agencies to implement this act.