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Vote provides crucial funding for Kansas

Senate action late Wednesday to shore up the federal Highway Trust Fund will keep Kansas highway and bridge projects on track.

The Senate approved an \$8 billion transfer of money into the federal fund from which states are reimbursed for highway projects. The House of Representatives, which approved earlier legislation to make the fund transfer, is expected to pass the Senate version this week and send it to the President, who has indicated he will sign the bill. The Federal Highway Administration late last week had put states on notice that the because of the low balance in the fund, reimbursements would be delayed beginning this week and potentially reduced.

“Fixing the Highway Trust Fund is crucial to our ability to proceed with long-planned projects now under way or scheduled to be started later this year,” said Kansas Secretary of Transportation Deb Miller. “Failure to pass this legislation also would have adversely impacted cities and counties who also are dependent on federal funds to pay for road projects.”

Secretary Miller expressed gratitude to members of the Kansas Congressional delegation for their continued support of a fix for the Highway Trust Fund.

“While I’m pleased that we can count on full federal funding for the final year of the state’s current transportation program, the transportation needs of the state and nation greatly exceed the funding. I encourage our delegation to continue their support for transportation as they begin the challenge of crafting a new federal transportation program,” Miller said.

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