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Re: Legislative History Project

[AN ACT FINANCING IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL ROADS AND BRIDGES \(2020\)](#)

The act here was the product of a bill that was first sponsored by Governor Charlie Baker (H.4326). The bill was reported to the Committee on Transportation and then was subsequently reported in part by H.4506 (An Act Authorizing and Accelerating Transportation Investment) and reported in residue by H.4803. H.4803 was then eventually adopted at the bill we see here. H.4506 has not passed, but seemed somewhat relevant so I included a bit of procedural history for that bill as well. I included some press releases on that bill, but stopped there so as not to create too much confusion.

Overall, I have had little luck getting more information on this bill. I contacted Senator Boncore, the Chair of the Transportation committee, and set up numerous meetings with his Chief of Staff. However, the Chief of Staff cancelled four times and eventually stopped responding. I also reached out to James Kelcourse, who was a sponsor in the Senate, but their office never reached out as well. I also emailed both Representatives William Straus, House Chair of the Transportation Committee, and Representative Adrian Madara, House Vice Chair of the Transportation Committee, twice, and heard back on December 21. However, Madara referred me to Chair Straus, and then Chair Straus sent me one document detailing testimony given for a bill, by the same name, which passed last year. I clarified what I was looking for, but they said they did not have any information.

I found most of the information on bill procedural history through malegislature.gov and most of the press releases as well as journals and descriptions of what was said on the house floor through the Statehouse News Service. I also found a few journals of the house on H.4803, but no relevant journals were uploaded for the Senate.