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Section 1	Creates new Code chapter 312A and defines terms used in the new Code chapter.
Section 2	Creates new Code section 312A.2 and establishes the Transportation Investment Moves the Economy in the Twenty-First Century (TIME-21) Fund in the state treasury under the control of the DOT.
Section 3	Creates new Code section 312A.3 and establishes allocation and use of the TIME-21 Fund as follows:

- Allocates 60% to the Primary Road Fund to be used exclusively for highway maintenance and construction projects, including purchase of right-of-way but not including planning and design. Identifies eligible projects and establishes the following funding priorities:

  1) Projects on primary highways designated as Access Iowa highways pursuant to 2005 Iowa Acts, chapter 178, section 41;

  2) Projects on the Commercial and Industrial Network of highways that are included in the DOT's five-year Iowa Transportation Improvement Program or in the long-range transportation plan; and

  3) Projects on interstate highways.

- Allocates 20% to the Secondary Road Fund for construction and maintenance projects on secondary road bridges and on highways in the Farm-to-Market road system. At least 10% must be used for bridge construction, repair and maintenance, with priority given to projects that support economic development and job creation.

- Allocates 20% to the city street construction fund to sustain and improve the municipal street system.

Section 4	Repeals Code chapter 312A on June 30, 2028.

Section 5	Creates new Code section 307.31; requires the DOT to periodically review the revenue levels of the Road Use Tax Fund (RUTF) and the ability of those revenues to meet projected city, county, and state government construction and maintenance needs; and requires the DOT to submit a written report to the General Assembly every five years, beginning in 2011. The report shall address the DOT's findings and may include recommendations. Also requires the DOT to evaluate alternative funding sources for road maintenance and construction and report to the General Assembly at least every five years on the advantages and disadvantages and the viability of alternative funding mechanisms.
Sections 6 and 7	Amend Code sections 312.2 and 315.4 to revise the Revitalize Iowa's Sound Economy (RISE) Fund distribution formula to direct a portion of the existing Secondary Road Fund to the county's portion of the RISE Fund.
Section 8	Requires the Legislative Council to establish a 2007 legislative interim study committee to address the revenue needs of the TIME-21 Fund created in this Act. The study committee consists of four members of the Senate and four members of the House. The committee may consider the revenue options proposed in the 2006 report prepared by the DOT entitled "Study of Iowa's Current Road Use Tax Funds (RUTF) and Future Road Maintenance and Construction Needs," as well as any other revenue options and related issues. The committee is to report its findings and recommendations, including a proposal to fund the TIME-21 Fund, to the General Assembly by January 15, 2008.