HOUSE BILL NO. 853

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CONSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS OR SHARED-USE PATHS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO SCHOOLS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Appropriation.** (1) There is appropriated $5 million from the general fund to the department of transportation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, for the construction of sidewalks, as defined in 61-8-102, and shared-use paths, as defined in 60-3-302, within state rights-of-way to provide improved access to schools.

(2) The $5 million appropriation must be divided equally between the five transportation districts created in 2-15-2502.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2023

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