

By: Senator(s) Furniss

To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2803

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-39-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SEGMENTS OF HIGHWAY IN COAHOMA COUNTY IN THE
3 GAMING COUNTIES STATE-ASSISTED INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; AND FOR
4 RELATED PURPOSES. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE
5 OF MISSISSIPPI:

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7 SECTION 1. Section 65-39-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
8 amended as follows:

9 65-39-1. (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission is
10 authorized, subject to the availability of funds in the Gaming
11 Counties State-Assisted Infrastructure Fund created in Section
12 65-39-17, to conduct feasibility studies and, pursuant to
13 information gathered in such studies, select routes and locations,
14 perform preliminary engineering, acquire necessary right-of-way
15 and property, construct and/or reconstruct and improve existing or
16 new highways, roads, streets and bridges, including two-lane,
17 four-lane and multi-lane roads (or segments thereof), perform
18 intersection improvements, provide signal retiring, turnbay
19 extensions, additional interchanges and other traffic
20 modifications, within and approaching those counties in this state
21 where legal gaming is being conducted or is authorized. Any
22 highway, road, street or bridge that is authorized to be
23 constructed, reconstructed or improved shall meet design standards
24 established by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, shall
25 be constructed to bear a load limit of at least eighty thousand
26 (80,000) pounds and, upon completion, shall become a part of the
27 state highway system, and thereafter shall be under the
28 jurisdiction of the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the

29 Mississippi Department of Transportation for construction and
30 maintenance.

31 (2) The projects authorized in subsection (1) of this
32 section shall include, but shall not be limited to, highways,
33 roads, streets and bridges on and along the following locations:

34 (a) U.S. Highway 90 from its intersection with
35 Mississippi 607 in Hancock County to Ocean Springs, and including
36 Lakeshore Road in Hancock County from its intersection with U.S.
37 Highway 90 to Beach Boulevard;

38 (b) Mississippi 4 from U.S. Highway 61 to Mississippi
39 3;

40 (c) Mississippi 4 from Mississippi 3 to Senatobia;

41 (d) Lorraine/Cowan Road from U.S. Highway 90 to I-10;

42 (e) U.S. Highway 49 from U.S. Highway 90 to I-10 in
43 Gulfport;

44 (f) Mississippi 304 beginning at the Tennessee State
45 Line at or near U.S. 72 and thence running in a southwesterly
46 direction to intersect with U.S. 78 at or near Byhalia and thence
47 running in a westerly direction to intersect I-55 at or near
48 Hernando and thence running in a westerly direction to intersect
49 with U.S. 61 in DeSoto County, with a spur extending southwesterly
50 to or near Robinsonville in Tunica County;

51 (g) I-10 from Exit 28 to Exit 57;

52 (h) A new location from the northernmost point on I-110
53 to U.S. 49;

54 (i) U.S. Highway 61 from the Tunica County line to the
55 Tennessee state line;

56 (j) (i) Four-lanes for traffic along Mississippi 16
57 beginning at its intersection with Mississippi 25 and extending
58 easterly to join the existing four-lane on the west side of
59 Carthage within the corporate boundaries;

60 (ii) Passing lanes and turn lanes, as needed,
61 along Mississippi 16 beginning at a point on the east side of
62 Carthage within the corporate boundaries where the existing
63 four-lane ends and extending easterly to the Leake/Neshoba County
64 line; and

65 (iii) Four-lanes for traffic along Mississippi 16

66 beginning at the Leake/Neshoba County line and extending easterly
67 to not more than ten (10) miles east of Mississippi 15;

68 (k) Lorraine/Cowan Road Extension from I-10 North to
69 relocated/reconstructed Mississippi 67;

70 (l) At various locations on and along U.S. Highway 82
71 and Mississippi 1 in the City of Greenville;

72 (m) At various locations on and along I-20, U.S.
73 Highway 61 and U.S. Highway 80 in the City of Vicksburg, including
74 a truck route from Harbor Industrial Park to U.S. Highway 61 north
75 and an extension of South Frontage Road with railroad bridge to
76 Interstate Highway 20;

77 (n) At various locations on and along U.S. Highway 61,
78 U.S. Highway 65 and Washington Street in the City of Natchez;

79 (o) At various locations on and along U.S. Highway 90
80 in the City of Pass Christian;

81 (p) Mississippi 43/603 beginning where the existing
82 four-lane ends north of I-10 and extending northerly to a point
83 approximately one (1) mile north of Kiln where Mississippi 43/603
84 divides into Mississippi 43 and Mississippi 603;

85 (q) Mississippi 43 beginning where Mississippi 43 and
86 Mississippi 603 divide and extending northwesterly to or near
87 Picayune;

88 (r) U.S. 49 from U.S. 61 west to the Mississippi River
89 bridge;

90 (s) Subject to the conditions prescribed in subsection
91 (3) of this section, a central Harrison County connector from I-10
92 to U.S. 90 in the vicinity of Canal Road to the Mississippi State
93 Port at Gulfport; * * *

94 (t) An east Harrison County connector from U.S. 90 to
95 I-10 to be located between the Cowan-Lorraine Road interchange and
96 the I-110 interchange;

97 (u) U.S. Highway 49 from Clarksdale to Dublin; and

98 (v) Mississippi 6 from U.S. Highway 61 to the

99 Quitman-Panola County Line.

100 (3) Authorization for the project described in paragraph
101 (2)(s) of this section is conditioned upon receipt by the
102 Mississippi Transportation Commission of a written commitment by
103 the Department of Economic and Community Development to make
104 available for such project not less than Six Million Dollars
105 (\$6,000,000.00).

106 (4) All planning, construction, reconstruction and
107 performance of the projects authorized under this section,
108 including the letting of contracts, shall commence, proceed and be
109 performed by the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the
110 Mississippi Department of Transportation according to priorities
111 based on volume capacity and traffic congestion in comparative
112 project areas; however, if a project authorized in this section is
113 also included in the four-lane highway program under Section
114 65-3-97, then all contracts necessary to be let for the completion
115 of the project under this section shall be let not later than the
116 priorities established for the letting of contracts for the
117 project under Section 65-3-97.

118 (5) (a) Funds for the projects authorized under this
119 section may be provided through the issuance of bonds under
120 Sections 65-39-5 through 65-39-33, through the issuance of notes
121 for such purposes under Section 31-17-127 or from such monies as
122 may be available in the Gaming Counties State-Assisted
123 Infrastructure Fund created under Section 65-39-17.

124 (b) In addition to the funds provided for under
125 paragraph (a) of this subsection, funds for the project described
126 in subsection (2)(s) of this section also may be provided from any
127 available federal, state, county or municipal funds authorized for
128 such project, including the Economic Development Highway Act.

129 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
130 and after July 1, 1999.