

By: Representative Zuber

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 846

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-39-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REVISE THE PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE GAMING COUNTIES INFRASTRUCTURE
3 PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ANY PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON, ALONG AND
4 APPROACHING U.S. HIGHWAY 90 IN THE CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS WHICH THE
5 MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION DETERMINES WILL ALLEVIATE
6 TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN THE CITY OF OCEAN SPRINGS; AND FOR RELATED
7 PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

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

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



30 jurisdiction of the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the
31 Mississippi Department of Transportation for construction and
32 maintenance.

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

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

40 (b) Mississippi 4 from U.S. Highway 61 to Mississippi
41 3;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

67 (iii) Four-lanes for traffic along Mississippi 16
68 beginning at the Leake/Neshoba county line and extending easterly
69 to not more than ten (10) miles east of Mississippi 15;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

92 (s) Subject to the conditions prescribed in subsection
93 (3) of this section, a central Harrison County connector from I-10



94 to U.S. 90 in the vicinity of Canal Road to the Mississippi State
95 Port at Gulfport; * * *

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

99 (u) At various locations on, along and approaching U.S.
100 Highway 90 in the City of Ocean Springs which the Mississippi
101 Transportation Commission determines will alleviate traffic
102 congestion in the City of Ocean Springs.

103 (3) Authorization for the project described in paragraph
104 (2)(s) of this section is conditioned upon receipt by the
105 Mississippi Transportation Commission of a written commitment by
106 the Department of Economic and Community Development to make
107 available for such project not less than Six Million Dollars
108 (\$6,000,000.00).

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

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



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

132 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
133 and after July 1, 2001.

