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To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2723

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-3-97, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ADD A SEGMENT OF HIGHWAY IN HINDS AND MADISON COUNTIES TO THE
3 FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 65-3-97, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 65-3-97. (1) In addition to and including all other
8 highways designated as a part of the state highway system, there
9 is hereby designated as a part thereof a four-lane highway system
10 to connect various areas of the state with interstate and primary
11 highways. For the segments described in subsection (3) of this
12 section, the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall
13 construct and reconstruct four-lane highways, that is, not less
14 than two (2) lanes for traffic flowing in each direction, along
15 the routes designated in this section.

16 (2) In the construction and reconstruction of the four-lane
17 highway system designated in subsection (3) of this section, the
18 Mississippi Department of Transportation may utilize the roadway
19 of any existing highway under its jurisdiction and control and
20 shall do so when such utilization is feasible, provided that such
21 highways which are utilized shall be constructed to current
22 standards for such roadways. When it is not feasible to utilize
23 existing designated highways, the Transportation Department shall
24 relocate such highways and construct entirely new facilities
25 whether in urban or rural areas.

26 (3) Construction of the four-lane highway system designated
27 in this subsection shall commence, proceed and be performed by the



28 Mississippi Department of Transportation strictly in accordance
29 with the following set of priorities established for the letting
30 of contracts on and along various segments thereof:

31 (a) Of the following group of highway segments not less
32 than fifteen percent (15%) of all contracts necessary to be let
33 for completion of all segments within the group shall be let by
34 June 30, 1988, not less than thirty percent (30%) of such
35 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1989, not less than fifty
36 percent (50%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1990, not
37 less than seventy percent (70%) of such contracts shall be let by
38 June 30, 1991, not less than ninety percent (90%) of such
39 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1992, and one hundred percent
40 (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1993:

41 (i) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45
42 beginning at the Clarke/Lauderdale county line and extending
43 northerly to I-59; then beginning at Macon and extending northerly
44 to Brooksville; then beginning at Columbus Air Force Base and
45 extending northerly to Aberdeen; then beginning at U.S. 278 and
46 extending northerly to Shannon; then beginning at Saltillo and
47 extending northerly to Corinth.

48 (ii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45A
49 beginning at U.S. 82 and extending northerly to West Point; then
50 beginning four (4) miles south of Okolona and extending northerly
51 to Shannon.

52 (iii) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49W
53 beginning at U.S. 49 and extending westerly through Yazoo City to
54 the Yazoo River.

55 (iv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49W
56 beginning at Inverness and extending northerly to Indianola.

57 (v) A highway segment along or near U.S. 61
58 beginning at Port Gibson and extending northerly to the four-lane
59 south of Vicksburg.



60 (vi) Highway segments along or near U.S. 72
61 beginning at or near Mt. Pleasant and extending southeasterly to
62 Mississippi 5; then beginning at Walnut and extending
63 southeasterly to Corinth; then beginning at Strickland and
64 extending southeasterly to Burnsville.

65 (vii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 78
66 beginning at Holly Springs and extending southeasterly to the New
67 Albany bypass; then beginning at Mississippi 25 and extending
68 southeasterly to Tremont.

69 (viii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 82
70 beginning at I-55 and extending easterly to Kilmichael; then
71 beginning at Eupora and extending easterly to Mathiston; then
72 beginning at Mississippi 12 and extending easterly to the Alabama
73 state line.

74 (ix) A highway segment along or near U.S. 84
75 beginning at I-59 and extending easterly to the Jones/Wayne county
76 line.

77 (x) Highway segments along or near U.S. 98
78 beginning at Columbia and extending easterly to the Marion/Lamar
79 county line; then beginning at U.S. 49 and extending southeasterly
80 to the Alabama state line.

81 (b) Of the following group of highway segments not less
82 than five percent (5%) of all contracts necessary to be let for
83 completion of all segments within the group shall be let by June
84 30, 1991, not less than ten percent (10%) of such contracts shall
85 be let by June 30, 1992, not less than twenty-five percent (25%)
86 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1993, not less than
87 forty percent (40%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30,
88 1994, not less than fifty-five percent (55%) of such contracts
89 shall be let by June 30, 1995, not less than seventy percent (70%)
90 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1996, not less than
91 eighty-five percent (85%) of such contracts shall be let by June



92 30, 1997, and one hundred percent (100%) of such contracts shall
93 be let by June 30, 1998:

94 (i) Highway segments along or near Mississippi 25
95 beginning at Mississippi 471 and extending northeasterly to
96 Mississippi 43; then beginning at the Winston/Oktibbeha county
97 line and extending northeasterly to Starkville.

98 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
99 63 beginning at the Jackson/George county line and extending
100 northerly to Lucedale.

101 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
102 302 beginning at I-55 in Southaven and extending easterly to U.S.
103 72 at or near Mt. Pleasant.

104 (iv) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45
105 beginning at the Alabama state line and extending northerly to the
106 Clarke/Lauderdale county line; then beginning at Lauderdale and
107 extending northerly to Macon; then beginning at Aberdeen and
108 extending northerly to U.S. 278.

109 (v) A highway segment along or near U.S. 45A
110 beginning at West Point and extending northerly to four (4) miles
111 south of Okolona.

112 (vi) A highway segment beginning at Brooksville
113 along or near U.S. 45 or U.S. 45A and extending northerly to U.S.
114 82, such segment having been designated by the Transportation
115 Commission pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1)(c) of this
116 section.

117 (vii) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49W
118 beginning at the Yazoo River and extending northerly to Inverness.

119 (viii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 61
120 beginning at the Louisiana state line and extending northerly to
121 the Wilkinson/Adams county line; then beginning at Washington and
122 extending northerly to Port Gibson; then beginning at Merigold and
123 extending northerly to Shelby; then beginning at the north end of



124 the Clarksdale bypass and extending northerly to the Tennessee
125 state line.

126 (ix) A highway segment along or near U.S. 72
127 beginning at Mississippi 5 and extending southeasterly to Walnut.

128 (x) A highway segment along or near U.S. 78
129 beginning at Tremont and extending southeasterly to the Alabama
130 state line.

131 (xi) Highway segments along or near U.S. 82
132 beginning at the Montgomery/Webster county line and extending
133 easterly to Eupora; then beginning at Mathiston and extending
134 easterly to Starkville.

135 (xii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 84
136 beginning at Leesdale and extending easterly to Roxie; then
137 beginning at Auburn Road and extending easterly to I-55; then
138 beginning at the east end of the Brookhaven bypass and extending
139 easterly to Prentiss; then beginning at the Jones/Covington county
140 line and extending easterly to Horse Creek; then beginning at the
141 Jones/Wayne county line and extending easterly to Waynesboro.

142 (xiii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 98
143 beginning at the Pike/Walthall county line and extending easterly
144 to Columbia; then beginning at the Marion/Lamar county line and
145 extending easterly to the four-lane west of Hattiesburg.

146 (c) Of the following group of highway segments not less
147 than ten percent (10%) of all contracts necessary to be let for
148 completion of all segments within the group shall be let by June
149 30, 1996, not less than twenty percent (20%) of such contracts
150 shall be let by June 30, 1997, not less than forty percent (40%)
151 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1998, and one hundred
152 percent (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1999:

153 (i) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 25
154 beginning at Mississippi 43 and extending northeasterly to the
155 Winston/Oktibbeha county line.



156 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
157 63 beginning at Lucedale and extending northerly to U.S. 45 at
158 State Line.

159 (iii) A highway segment along or near U.S. 61
160 beginning at Shelby and extending northerly to U.S. 49.

161 (iv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 82
162 beginning at Kilmichael and extending easterly to the
163 Montgomery/Webster county line.

164 (v) Highway segments along or near U.S. 84
165 beginning at Eddiceton and extending easterly to Auburn Road; then
166 beginning at Prentiss and extending easterly to Collins; then
167 beginning at Waynesboro and extending easterly to the Alabama
168 state line.

169 (4) (a) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall
170 construct and reconstruct four-lane highways, that is, not less
171 than two (2) lanes for traffic flowing in each direction along the
172 following routes:

173 (i) Highway segments along or near Mississippi 15
174 beginning at I-10 and extending northerly to the
175 Mississippi/Tennessee state line.

176 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 6
177 beginning at or near U.S. 61 and extending easterly to or near
178 I-55 at or near Batesville.

179 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
180 6 beginning at or near Mississippi 9 and extending easterly to
181 U.S. 45.

182 (iv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
183 25 beginning at or near U.S. 45 and extending northerly to or near
184 Iuka, and the portion of such segment that is described in Section
185 65-3-137 shall be constructed in compliance with such section.

186 (v) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 43
187 beginning at or near the Stennis Airport and extending northerly
188 and northwesterly to the Hancock/Pearl River county line.



189 (vi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
190 22 beginning at I-55 and extending southwesterly to I-20.

191 (b) (i) Contracts for the highway segments designated
192 in this subsection and subsection (5) of this section may be let
193 after the letting of all contracts necessary for completion of the
194 highway segments designated in subsection (3) of this section;
195 however, contracts for the highway segments described in this
196 subsection may be let concurrently with the letting of contracts
197 for highway segments designated in subsection (3) of this section
198 if funds are available and are not necessary to be utilized for
199 the segments designated in subsection (3) of this section.

200 (ii) Contracts for highway segments designated in
201 this subsection shall have priority over contracts for highway
202 segments that have the same level of service in any priority
203 schedule adopted by the Transportation Commission under subsection
204 (5) of this section.

205 (iii) It is the intention of the Legislature that
206 no contracts for highway segments in subsections (4) and (5) of
207 this section may be let before all highway segments under
208 subsection (3) of this section have been let for contract.

209 (c) In the construction and reconstruction of the
210 four-lane highway segments designated in this subsection, the
211 Mississippi Department of Transportation may utilize the roadway
212 of any existing highway under its jurisdiction and control and
213 shall do so when such utilization is feasible, provided that such
214 highways which are utilized shall be constructed to current
215 standards for such roadways. When it is not feasible to utilize
216 existing designated highways, the Transportation Department shall
217 relocate such highways and construct entirely new facilities
218 whether in urban or rural areas.

219 (5) (a) (i) The Transportation Commission shall construct,
220 upgrade or improve the segments described in paragraphs (f), (g)
221 and (h) of this subsection, the projects described in Section



222 65-39-1 and other highway construction under its jurisdiction, in
223 accordance with a priority schedule based upon a needs analysis
224 performed by the Mississippi Department of Transportation. The
225 priority schedule shall be reviewed annually by the Department of
226 Transportation to determine if the priority schedule is in need of
227 revision. The analytic methods and procedures utilized by the
228 Mississippi Department of Transportation to perform the needs
229 analysis shall conform to current standards and practices of the
230 transportation sciences and industry as promulgated in appropriate
231 documentation of the United States Department of Transportation,
232 the Transportation Research Board, the American Association of
233 Highway and Transportation Officials, and other recognized and
234 relevant bodies. Such conforming methodologies shall be applied
235 utilizing considerations appropriate to the specific situation and
236 may include capacity analysis, traffic counting, traffic
237 projection, cost estimation, benefit-cost analysis, user cost
238 analysis, land use projections and similar analyses and
239 projections, so that all analyses are completed with the best
240 tools available at the time of the analysis. The Transportation
241 Commission may establish and publish standards for setting the
242 priorities and in so doing shall consider other factors, not in
243 violation of federal law, as the Transportation Commission may
244 consider relevant, including, but not limited to, economic
245 development, safety and highways that may serve as hurricane
246 evacuation routes. The first determinant for construction of
247 highway segments shall be the year of need. "Year of need" for
248 purposes of this section is the year in which the level of service
249 on a segment is projected to deteriorate to an unacceptable level.
250 For segments with the same year of need, prioritization shall be
251 based on the volume to capacity ratio and the daily traffic
252 volume. In the event that the Transportation Commission deviates
253 from the recommended priorities presented through the needs
254 analysis, the commission shall spread the specific reasons for the



255 deviation on its minutes. The priority schedule shall reflect
256 immediate needs which shall be construction, upgrades and
257 improvements to the state highway system needed over a five-year
258 period based upon the criteria established in this paragraph which
259 shall be reviewed annually by the Mississippi Department of
260 Transportation. The priority schedule shall project mid-range
261 needs which shall include highway corridors that are projected to
262 reach an unacceptable level of service within ten (10) years after
263 each annual review of the priority schedule. The priority
264 schedule shall project long-range needs which shall include
265 highway corridors that are projected to reach an unacceptable
266 level of service ten (10) years or more after each annual review
267 of the priority schedule.

268 (ii) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this
269 section to the contrary, projects for the construction,
270 reconstruction, improvement or modification of any highway or
271 highway segment required to be performed by the Mississippi
272 Transportation Commission and/or the Mississippi Department of
273 Transportation by any act of the Legislature that was enacted and
274 became effective before July 1, 2002, shall be given priority over
275 any other projects that are authorized or directed to be performed
276 by the Mississippi Transportation Commission and/or the
277 Mississippi Department of Transportation under the provisions of
278 this act or under the provisions of any other legislation that is
279 enacted or becomes effective after July 1, 2002.

280 (b) On or before October 1, 2005, and on or before
281 October 1 of each year thereafter, the Transportation Commission
282 shall present to the Highways and Transportation Committee of the
283 Senate and the Transportation Committee of the House of
284 Representatives the schedule of priorities developed as provided
285 for in paragraph (a) of this subsection reflecting the proposed
286 schedule of construction for segments. The proposed schedule



287 shall be followed until later modified based on the criteria
288 established in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

289 (c) The Transportation Commission shall begin letting
290 projects based upon the prioritized schedule of need not later
291 than January 1, 2006; however, the commission shall have the
292 flexibility to adjust the sequencing of projects as may be
293 required in order to maximize the utilization of available funding
294 or to accommodate the relative requirement of each individual
295 project. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize
296 the Transportation Commission to let contracts for projects based
297 upon the prioritized schedule of need before completion of the
298 letting of contracts under subsection (3)(c) of this section.

299 (d) Funds deposited into the special funds created in
300 Section 65-39-3 or 65-39-17 may only be expended as provided for
301 in Sections 65-39-1 through 65-39-37; however, funds otherwise
302 generated may be expended on segments included in Section 65-39-1
303 that are in the prioritized schedule established pursuant to this
304 subsection, as well as other projects included in such schedule.

305 (e) For fiscal year 2006 and each fiscal year
306 thereafter, the Transportation Commission shall dedicate not less
307 than Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00) in state and/or
308 federal funds to fund the program established by subsections (4)
309 and (5) of this section.

310 (f) The Transportation Commission and the Mississippi
311 Department of Transportation shall, in addition to all other
312 projects, consider the following as immediate needs when
313 establishing the initial priority schedule pursuant to paragraph
314 (a) of this subsection:

315 (i) An Interstate highway segment along or near
316 I-55 beginning at or near Hernando and extending northerly to the
317 Tennessee state line.



318 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
319 304 beginning at or near U.S. 61 and extending easterly to or near
320 I-55.

321 (iii) A highway segment along or near U.S. 82
322 beginning at the east end of the proposed Greenville River Bridge
323 and extending northeasterly to or near Stoneville.

324 (iv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
325 278 beginning at or near Amory and extending westerly to U.S. 45.

326 (v) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 41
327 beginning at U.S. 45 and extending westerly to or near Okolona.

328 (vi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 9
329 beginning at Mississippi 6 north of Pontotoc and extending
330 northerly to U.S. 78.

331 (vii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
332 25 beginning at or near Itawamba county line and extending
333 northerly to or near U.S. 72.

334 (viii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
335 35 beginning at the end of the existing four-lane at Forest and
336 extending northerly to or near Hillsboro.

337 (ix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
338 35 beginning at or near Mississippi 487 and extending northerly to
339 or near Mississippi 25.

340 (x) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 16
341 beginning at or near I-55 and extending easterly to or near
342 Philadelphia.

343 (xi) An Interstate highway segment along or near
344 I-20 beginning at the Mississippi River Bridge and extending
345 easterly to or near U.S. 61 north.

346 (xii) A highway segment consisting of two (2)
347 lanes of construction and two (2) lanes of right-of-way
348 acquisition beginning at the Port of Vicksburg and extending
349 easterly to or near U.S. 61.



350 (xiii) An Interstate highway segment along or near
351 I-20 beginning at or near the Clinton Raymond Road Interchange and
352 extending easterly to or near the Mississippi 18 Interchange.

353 (xiv) An Interstate highway segment along or near
354 I-20 beginning at or near I-55 south and extending easterly to or
355 near I-55 north.

356 (xv) An Interstate highway segment along or near
357 I-55 beginning at or near I-20 and extending northerly to or near
358 the High Street Interchange.

359 (xvi) An Interstate highway segment along or near
360 I-55 beginning at or near the Elton Road Interchange and extending
361 northerly to or near I-20.

362 (xvii) An Interstate highway segment along or near
363 I-59 beginning at or near U.S. 98 and extending northerly to or
364 near U.S. 49.

365 (xviii) A highway segment along or near
366 Mississippi 43 beginning at or near the Hancock county line and
367 extending westerly to or near I-59.

368 (xix) An Interstate highway segment along or near
369 Canal Road (Mississippi 601) beginning at or near U.S. 90 and
370 extending northerly to or near I-10.

371 (xx) An Interstate highway segment consisting of
372 four (4) lanes along or near U.S. 49 beginning at or near I-10 and
373 extending northerly to or near Lyman; then beginning at or near
374 I-59 and extending westerly to or near U.S. 49; then beginning at
375 or near I-59 and extending northwesterly to U.S. 49; then
376 beginning at or near Florence and extending northerly to or near
377 I-20.

378 (xxi) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49
379 beginning along or near Lyman and extending northerly to I-20 with
380 geometric type improvements along the entire corridor at or near
381 the One Hundred Million Dollar (\$100,000,000.00) estimate.



382 (xxii) An Interstate highway along or near I-20/59
383 beginning at or near the merger of I-20 and I-59 and extending
384 easterly to or near Mississippi 39.

385 (xxiii) A highway segment along or near
386 Mississippi 67 beginning at or near I-10 and extending
387 northwesterly to or near U.S. 49.

388 (xxiv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
389 605 beginning at or near I-10 and extending northerly to or near
390 Mississippi 67.

391 (xxv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
392 43 beginning at the end of the existing four-lane and extending
393 northerly to or near Kiln.

394 (xxvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
395 24/Mississippi 48 beginning at or near Mississippi 33 south and
396 extending easterly to or near Mississippi 33 north.

397 (xxvii) A highway segment along or near
398 Mississippi 24/Mississippi 48 beginning at or near Mississippi 569
399 and extending easterly to or near I-55.

400 (xxviii) A highway segment along or near
401 Mississippi 27 beginning at or near I-55 and extending northerly
402 to or near I-20.

403 (xxix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
404 57 beginning at or near I-10 and extending northerly to or near
405 Vancleave.

406 (xxx) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
407 19 beginning at or near Collinsville and extending northerly to or
408 near Philadelphia.

409 (xxxi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
410 12 beginning at or near I-55 and extending to or near U.S. 51.

411 (xxxii) A highway segment along or near
412 Mississippi 18 beginning at or near Mississippi 27 and extending
413 northerly to or near the end of the four-lane at or near Raymond.



414 (xxxiii) A highway segment along or near
415 Mississippi 28 beginning at or near Fayette and extending easterly
416 to I-55.

417 (xxxiv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 61
418 beginning at or near Redwood and extending northerly to or near
419 Leland.

420 (xxxv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
421 24/Mississippi 48 beginning at or near Woodville and extending
422 easterly to or near Mississippi 569.

423 (xxxvi) A highway segment along or near
424 Mississippi 18 beginning at or near U.S. 61 and extending
425 northerly to or near Mississippi 27.

426 (xxxvii) A highway segment consisting of four (4)
427 lanes along or near Mississippi 12 beginning at or near U.S. 51
428 and extending to or near Kosciusko.

429 (xxxviii) A highway segment along or near
430 Mississippi 25 beginning at Iuka and extending northerly to the
431 Mississippi/Tennessee state line.

432 (xxxix) A highway segment along or near
433 Mississippi 25 beginning at U.S. 45 Alternate and extending
434 northeasterly to or near Aberdeen.

435 (xl) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 7
436 beginning at I-55 and extending northeasterly to Mississippi 9W.

437 (xli) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
438 7 beginning at Greenwood and extending northeasterly to Grenada.

439 (xlii) A highway segment along or near U.S. 98
440 beginning at or near U.S. 84 at or near Meadville and extending
441 easterly to or near I-55.

442 (xliii) A highway segment along or near
443 Mississippi 35 beginning at the Mississippi/Louisiana state line
444 and extending northerly to or near U.S. 98 at or near Foxworth.



445 (xliv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
446 53 beginning at or near U.S. 49 and extending northwesterly to or
447 near I-59.

448 (xlv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
449 603 beginning at or near Mississippi 43 and extending northerly to
450 or near Mississippi 53.

451 (g) The Transportation Commission and the Mississippi
452 Department of Transportation shall, in addition to all other
453 projects, consider the following as mid-range needs when
454 establishing the initial priority schedule pursuant to paragraph
455 (a) of this section:

456 (i) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49
457 beginning at U.S. 61 and extending northwesterly to the Arkansas
458 state line.

459 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 8
460 beginning at or near Rosedale and extending easterly to or near
461 Grenada.

462 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
463 25 beginning at the end of the existing four-lane and extending
464 northerly to or near the Tishomingo county line.

465 (iv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
466 25 beginning at or near Mississippi 23 and extending northerly to
467 or near U.S. 78.

468 (v) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 12
469 beginning at or near Kosciusko and extending northeasterly to or
470 near Ethel; then beginning at or near Weir and extending
471 northeasterly to or near Mississippi 15; then beginning at or near
472 Longview and extending northeasterly to or near Starkville.

473 (vi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
474 35 beginning at or near Hillsboro and extending northerly to or
475 near Mississippi 487.



476 (vii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
477 35 beginning at or near Mississippi 25 and extending northerly to
478 or near I-55.

479 (viii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
480 16 beginning at or near Mississippi 25 and extending easterly to
481 or near BIA 22.

482 (ix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
483 22 beginning at or near Edwards and extending northeasterly to or
484 near Canton.

485 (x) An Interstate highway segment along or near
486 I-55 beginning at or near I-220 and extending northerly to or near
487 Canton.

488 (xi) An Interstate highway segment along or near
489 I-20 beginning at or near U.S. 61 north and extending easterly to
490 or near the Flowers Interchange.

491 (xii) An Interstate highway segment along or near
492 I-20 beginning at or near the Mississippi 18 Interchange and
493 extending easterly to or near I-55 south.

494 (xiii) An Interstate highway segment along or near
495 I-20 beginning at or near I-55 north and extending easterly to or
496 near U.S. 49.

497 (xiv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
498 43 beginning at or near Kiln and extending northwesterly to or
499 near the Pearl River county line.

500 (xv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
501 12 beginning at or near Ethel and extending northeasterly to or
502 near Weir; then beginning at or near Mississippi 15 and extending
503 northeasterly to Longview.

504 (xvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
505 27 beginning at the Mississippi/Louisiana state line and extending
506 northerly to or near Crystal Springs.



507 (xvii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
508 33 beginning at or near Fayette and extending southerly to or near
509 the Mississippi/Louisiana state line.

510 (xviii) A highway segment along or near
511 Mississippi 18 beginning at or near Bay Springs and extending
512 northeasterly to or near Brandon.

513 (xix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
514 24 beginning at or near Gloster and extending to or near Liberty.

515 (h) The Transportation Commission and the Mississippi
516 Department of Transportation shall, in addition to all other
517 projects, consider the following as long-range needs when
518 establishing the initial priority schedule pursuant to paragraph
519 (a) of this section:

520 (i) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 19
521 beginning at or near Mississippi 15 and extending northwesterly to
522 or near Kosciusko.

523 (ii) An Interstate highway segment along or near
524 I-55 beginning at or near Senatobia and extending northerly to
525 Hernando.

526 (iii) An Interstate highway segment along or near
527 I-20 beginning at or near the Flowers Interchange and extending
528 easterly to or near Clinton Raymond Road Interchange.

529 (iv) An Interstate highway segment along or near
530 I-20 beginning at or near the Brandon Crossgates Interchange and
531 extending easterly to or near the Pelahatchie Mississippi 43
532 Interchange.

533 (v) An Interstate highway segment along or near
534 I-55 beginning at or near the High Street Interchange and
535 extending northerly to or near Mississippi 25.

536 (vi) An Interstate highway segment along or near
537 I-55 beginning at or near Terry and extending northerly to or near
538 the Elton Road Interchange.



539 (vii) An Interstate highway along or near I-20
540 beginning at or near Chunky and extending easterly to or near
541 I-59.

542 (viii) An Interstate highway along or near I-20/59
543 beginning at or near Mississippi 39 and extending easterly to or
544 near Toomsuba.

545 (ix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
546 16 beginning at or near I-55 and extending to or near U.S. 49.

547 (x) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 4
548 beginning at or near U.S. 61 and extending easterly to or near
549 I-55 at or near Senatobia.

550 (xi) A roadway segment along or near Lakeshore
551 Road beginning at or near U.S. 90 and extending northerly to or
552 near South Beach Boulevard.

553 (xii) A highway segment beginning at or near
554 Ellisville and extending northerly to or near the northern city
555 limits of Laurel.

556 (xiii) An Interstate highway segment along or near
557 I-110 beginning at or near U.S. 90 and extending northerly to or
558 near I-10.

559 (xiv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
560 16 beginning at or near Scooba and extending westerly to or near
561 DeKalb.

562 (xv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49 East
563 beginning at or near Yazoo City and extending northerly to or near
564 U.S. 82.

565 (xvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
566 7 beginning at or near Oxford and extending northerly to the
567 Mississippi/Tennessee state line.

568 (xvii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
569 57 beginning at or near Vancleave and extending northerly to or
570 near U.S. 98.



571 (xviii) A highway segment along or near
572 Mississippi 35 beginning at or near I-55 and extending northerly
573 to Mississippi 6.

574 (xix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
575 35 beginning at or near U.S. 98 and extending northerly to I-20.

576 (6) The commission shall, in addition to other projects,
577 consider the following highway segments for improvements and
578 highway modifications, including, but not limited to,
579 straightening and realignment of the existing roadway, the
580 addition of passing lanes and the widening of existing lanes, the
581 addition of turn lanes and improvement of shoulders:

582 (a) Mississippi 3 from U.S. 61 to U.S. 49 West.

583 (b) Mississippi 3 from Tutwiler to U.S. 61.

584 (c) Mississippi 7 from Mississippi 9 West to I-55.

585 (d) Mississippi 7 from U.S. 82 to I-55.

586 (e) Mississippi 8 from U.S. 49 West to I-55.

587 (f) Mississippi 9 from Mississippi 7 to U.S. Highway
588 82.

589 (g) Mississippi 9 from Mississippi 6 to U.S. 78.

590 (h) Mississippi 9 from Mississippi 7 to Mississippi
591 300.

592 (i) Mississippi 12 from U.S. 61 to I-55.

593 (j) Mississippi 12 from U.S. 82 to the
594 Mississippi/Alabama state line.

595 (k) Mississippi 12 from the city limits of Ackerman to
596 the city limits of Sturgis.

597 (l) Mississippi 12 from U.S. 49 West to U.S. 61.

598 (m) Mississippi 12 from Kosciusko to I-55.

599 (n) Mississippi 15 from I-10 to U.S. 98.

600 (o) Mississippi 15 from Mississippi 18 to I-20.

601 (p) Mississippi 16 from Mississippi 39 to U.S. 45.

602 (q) Mississippi 16 from Mississippi 39 to Philadelphia.



- 603 (r) Mississippi 18 from U.S. 61 to the city limits of
604 Utica.
- 605 (s) Mississippi 18 from U.S. 45 to U.S. 80.
- 606 (t) Mississippi 24 from Mississippi 33 to Mississippi
607 48.
- 608 (u) Mississippi 24 from U.S. 61 to Fort Adams.
- 609 (v) Mississippi 26 from Mississippi 43 to Mississippi
610 63.
- 611 (w) Mississippi 27 from the Mississippi/Louisiana state
612 line to I-55.
- 613 (x) Mississippi 28 from Mississippi 33 to I-55.
- 614 (y) Mississippi 28 from U.S. 51 to U.S. 49.
- 615 (z) Mississippi 28 from U.S. 84 to U.S. 49.
- 616 (aa) Mississippi 33 from U.S. 61 to the
617 Mississippi/Louisiana state line.
- 618 (bb) Mississippi 35 from U.S. 98 to I-20.
- 619 (cc) Mississippi 39 from DeKalb to the Meridian Naval
620 Air Station.
- 621 (dd) Mississippi 42 from U.S. 84 to U.S. 49.
- 622 (ee) Mississippi 43 from Mississippi 26 to Picayune.
- 623 (ff) Mississippi 48 from Mississippi 35 to U.S. 51.
- 624 (gg) Mississippi 50 from Mississippi 15 to the
625 Mississippi/Alabama state line.
- 626 (hh) Mississippi 69 from Columbus to the
627 Mississippi/Alabama state line.
- 628 (ii) Mississippi 389 from Starkville to Mississippi 15.
- 629 (jj) Mississippi 469 from U.S. 49 to Mississippi 28.
- 630 (kk) Mississippi 469 from U.S. 49 to Mississippi 468.
- 631 (ll) Mississippi 547 from Mississippi 28 to U.S. 61.
- 632 (mm) Mississippi 550 from Mississippi 28 to I-55.
- 633 (nn) Mississippi 563 from U.S. 61 to Mississippi 33.
- 634 (oo) Mississippi 567 from Mississippi 24 to U.S. 98.
- 635 (pp) Mississippi 569 from Liberty to Mississippi 570.



636 (qq) Mississippi 570 from Summitt to Smithdale.
637 (rr) Mississippi 589 from Liberty to I-55.
638 (ss) Mississippi 589 from U.S. 98 to I-59.
639 (tt) Mississippi 603 from I-10 to Kiln/Delisle Road.
640 (uu) Old U.S. 45 beginning in the City of Meridian at
641 or near the old Coca-Cola Company and extending northerly
642 approximately two (2) miles to just beyond the Town of Marion.
643 (vv) U.S. 49 East from Yazoo City to Tutwiler.
644 (ww) U.S. 49 from Tutwiler to Clarksdale.
645 (xx) U.S. 49 from Indianola to Clarksdale.

646 (7) The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall conduct
647 a feasibility study and prepare a conceptual design for a
648 thoroughfare that encircles the City of Hattiesburg.

649 (8) The construction priorities established in this section
650 shall not be construed as prohibiting the completion of highway
651 segments which, on July 1, 1987, are included in the current
652 three-year plan under Section 65-1-141, and for which, on July 1,
653 1987, grade and drainage has been completed or contracts for grade
654 and drainage have been let. Nothing shall preclude the
655 construction of fully controlled access highways.

656 (9) Contracts may be let and construction may commence and
657 be performed concurrently on any of the highway segments
658 designated in subsections (3), (4) and (5) of this section,
659 notwithstanding the priorities established for the letting of
660 contracts on the various segments designated therein, provided
661 that funds are available and, provided that, at all times, the
662 percentages of all contracts required to be let on the segments
663 designated in subsection (3) of this section are, in fact, let no
664 later than the dates established therein.

665 (10) (a) All highway construction and reconstruction
666 authorized under this section shall be performed by contract let
667 on competitive bid in the manner provided by statute; however,



668 highway segments shall be constructed in lengths of not less than
669 ten (10) miles.

670 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that not less
671 than ten percent (10%) of the amounts authorized to be expended
672 for construction and reconstruction of the four-lane highway
673 segments designated in this section shall be expended with small
674 business concerns owned and controlled by socially and
675 economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and
676 economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning
677 ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act
678 (15 USCS, Section 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations
679 promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed
680 to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the
681 purposes of this paragraph (b).

682 (11) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection
683 (10)(a) of this section, the Mississippi Transportation Commission
684 may construct highway segments of less than ten (10) miles in
685 length if:

686 (i) The segment as described in subsection (3) or
687 (4) of this section or the schedule of priorities established in
688 subsection (5) of this section is less than ten (10) miles in
689 length;

690 (ii) The segment will connect two (2) existing
691 four-lane highways;

692 (iii) The segment will connect an existing
693 four-lane highway with an incorporated municipality;

694 (iv) The segment will connect an existing
695 four-lane highway with a river, the state boundary or any other
696 natural or man-made barrier;

697 (v) For a particular project, the costs of
698 constructing a single segment of at least ten (10) miles in length
699 would greatly exceed the aggregate costs of constructing two (2)
700 or more segments; or



701 (vi) The segment is in an urban area and involves
702 the completion of bypasses or other construction which will
703 facilitate and accommodate major traffic movement.

704 (b) In any case in which the Transportation Commission
705 authorizes the construction of a highway segment of less than ten
706 (10) miles in length, the commission shall set forth and record in
707 its official minutes explanation and justification therefor based
708 upon one or more of the conditions prescribed in paragraph (a) of
709 this subsection.

710 (12) (a) To assist in defraying the costs and expenses for
711 construction, reconstruction and relocation of the four-lane
712 highway system described in this section, the following revenues
713 shall be paid out of such funds made available to the
714 Transportation Commission and the Mississippi Department of
715 Transportation:

716 (i) From matched federal funds or other federal
717 funds, Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00) for fiscal year
718 1988, Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) for fiscal year
719 1989, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) for fiscal year 1990
720 and fifty percent (50%) of such federal funds for fiscal year 1991
721 and each fiscal year thereafter; and

722 (ii) Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from
723 matched federal bridge replacement funds for fiscal year 1988 and
724 each fiscal year thereafter when the segments proposed for
725 construction contain bridges that are eligible for replacement
726 under the Federal Aid Bridge Replacement Program.

727 (b) Federal funds in addition to the federal funds
728 specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be used for the
729 construction, reconstruction and relocation of the four-lane
730 highway system described in this section. Such federal funds may
731 be utilized in lieu of state funding that would otherwise be
732 utilized for such system; provided, however, that the annual total
733 amount of funding for the construction, reconstruction and



734 relocation of the highway system described in this section shall
735 not be less than it would have otherwise been without the
736 utilization of such additional federal funds.

737 (13) The Transportation Department shall submit a report to
738 the Legislature by January 10 of each calendar year setting forth
739 the current status of the construction program set forth in this
740 section to include, but not be limited to, the following
741 information:

742 (a) Specific segments on which engineering is being
743 performed or has been completed;

744 (b) Specific segments for which right-of-way has been
745 acquired or is being acquired;

746 (c) Specific segments for which construction contracts
747 have been let;

748 (d) Specific segments on which construction is in
749 progress;

750 (e) Specific segments on which construction has been
751 completed;

752 (f) Projections for completion of the next step on each
753 segment;

754 (g) Revenue derived for such construction program from
755 each revenue source contained in Chapter 322, Laws, 1987, and in
756 Chapter 557, Laws, 1994;

757 (h) For each fiscal year beginning in 1994, a detailed
758 cash flow projection by source of program activities and an
759 estimate of when the program will encounter a funding shortage due
760 to costs exceeding original projections;

761 (i) A schedule of all complete and open-to-traffic
762 highway segments and the related total cost of each segment;

763 (j) A schedule of all highway segments on which all
764 contracts necessary for completion of the segments were not let as
765 of the date required by law;



766 (k) A complete recap of all program receipts by source,
767 and of all disbursements for the prior fiscal year and cumulative
768 totals since the inception of the program as compared to
769 projections; and

770 (l) A statement from the Department of Transportation
771 regarding the status of the funding of the program based on agency
772 cost experience and projections for the future.

773 The report shall be deemed submitted when ten (10) copies are
774 submitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives and ten
775 (10) copies are submitted to the Secretary of the Senate.

776 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
777 and after July 1, 2003.

