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To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1200

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-3-97, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ADVANCE THE PRIORITIES FOR THE LETTING OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
3 PROJECTS FOR CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 12 AND
4 MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 19; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 (a) Of the following group of highway segments not less
33 than fifteen percent (15%) of all contracts necessary to be let
34 for completion of all segments within the group shall be let by
35 June 30, 1988, not less than thirty percent (30%) of such
36 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1989, not less than fifty
37 percent (50%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1990, not
38 less than seventy percent (70%) of such contracts shall be let by
39 June 30, 1991, not less than ninety percent (90%) of such
40 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1992, and one hundred percent
41 (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1993:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

102 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
103 302 beginning at I-55 in Southaven and extending easterly to U.S.
104 72 at or near Mt. Pleasant.

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

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

113 (vi) A highway segment beginning at Brooksville
114 along or near U.S. 45 or U.S. 45A and extending northerly to U.S.
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116 (vii) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49W
117 beginning at the Yazoo River and extending northerly to Inverness.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

188 (vi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
189 12 beginning at or near U.S. 51 and extending to or near
190 Kosciusko.

191 (vii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
192 19 beginning at or near Collinsville and extending northerly to or
193 near Philadelphia.

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

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

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

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

222 (5) (a) (i) The Transportation Commission shall construct,
223 upgrade or improve the segments described in paragraphs (f), (g)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

321 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
322 304 beginning at or near U.S. 61 and extending easterly to or near
323 I-55.

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

327 (iv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
328 278 beginning at or near Amory and extending westerly to U.S. 45.

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

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

334 (vii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
335 25 beginning at or near Itawamba county line and extending
336 northerly to or near U.S. 72.

337 (viii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
338 35 beginning at the end of the existing four-lane at Forest and
339 extending northerly to or near Hillsboro.

340 (ix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
341 35 beginning at or near Mississippi 487 and extending northerly to
342 or near Mississippi 25.

343 (x) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 16
344 beginning at or near I-55 and extending easterly to or near
345 Philadelphia.

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

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

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

356 (xiv) An Interstate highway segment along or near
357 I-20 beginning at or near I-55 south and extending easterly to or
358 near I-55 north.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

391 (xxiv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
392 605 beginning at or near I-10 and extending northerly to or near
393 Mississippi 67.

394 (xxv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
395 43 beginning at the end of the existing four-lane and extending
396 northerly to or near Kiln.

397 (xxvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
398 24/Mississippi 48 beginning at or near Mississippi 33 south and
399 extending easterly to or near Mississippi 33 north.

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

403 (xxviii) A highway segment along or near
404 Mississippi 27 beginning at or near I-55 and extending northerly
405 to or near I-20.

406 (xxix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
407 57 beginning at or near I-10 and extending northerly to or near
408 Vancleave.

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410 (xxx) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
411 12 beginning at or near I-55 and extending to or near U.S. 51.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

514 (xix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
515 24 beginning at or near Gloster and extending to or near Liberty.

516 (xx) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
517 19 beginning at or near Mississippi 15 and extending northwesterly
518 to or near Kosciusko.

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

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525 (i) An Interstate highway segment along or near
526 I-55 beginning at or near Senatobia and extending northerly to
527 Hernando.

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

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

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

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

541 (vi) An Interstate highway along or near I-20
542 beginning at or near Chunky and extending easterly to or near
543 I-59.

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

547 (viii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
548 16 beginning at or near I-55 and extending to or near U.S. 49.

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

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

555 (xi) A highway segment beginning at or near
556 Ellisville and extending northerly to or near the northern city
557 limits of Laurel.

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

561 (xiii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
562 16 beginning at or near Scooba and extending westerly to or near
563 DeKalb.

564 (xiv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49 East
565 beginning at or near Yazoo City and extending northerly to or near
566 U.S. 82.

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

570 (xvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
571 57 beginning at or near Vancleave and extending northerly to or
572 near U.S. 98.

573 (xvii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
574 35 beginning at or near I-55 and extending northerly to
575 Mississippi 6.

576 (xviii) A highway segment along or near
577 Mississippi 35 beginning at or near U.S. 98 and extending
578 northerly to I-20.

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

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

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

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

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

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

590 (f) Mississippi 9 from Mississippi 7 to U.S. Highway
591 82.

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

593 (h) Mississippi 9 from Mississippi 7 to Mississippi
594 300.

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

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

598 (k) Mississippi 12 from the city limits of Ackerman to
599 the city limits of Sturgis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

606 (r) Mississippi 18 from U.S. 61 to the city limits of
607 Utica.

608 (s) Mississippi 18 from U.S. 45 to U.S. 80.

609 (t) Mississippi 24 from Mississippi 33 to Mississippi
610 48.
611 (u) Mississippi 24 from U.S. 61 to Fort Adams.
612 (v) Mississippi 26 from Mississippi 43 to Mississippi
613 63.
614 (w) Mississippi 27 from the Mississippi/Louisiana state
615 line to I-55.
616 (x) Mississippi 28 from Mississippi 33 to I-55.
617 (y) Mississippi 28 from U.S. 51 to U.S. 49.
618 (z) Mississippi 28 from U.S. 84 to U.S. 49.
619 (aa) Mississippi 33 from U.S. 61 to the
620 Mississippi/Louisiana state line.
621 (bb) Mississippi 35 from U.S. 98 to I-20.
622 (cc) Mississippi 39 from DeKalb to the Meridian Naval
623 Air Station.
624 (dd) Mississippi 42 from U.S. 84 to U.S. 49.
625 (ee) Mississippi 43 from Mississippi 26 to Picayune.
626 (ff) Mississippi 48 from Mississippi 35 to U.S. 51.
627 (gg) Mississippi 50 from Mississippi 15 to the
628 Mississippi/Alabama state line.
629 (hh) Mississippi 69 from Columbus to the
630 Mississippi/Alabama state line.
631 (ii) Mississippi 389 from Starkville to Mississippi 15.
632 (jj) Mississippi 469 from U.S. 49 to Mississippi 28.
633 (kk) Mississippi 469 from U.S. 49 to Mississippi 468.
634 (ll) Mississippi 547 from Mississippi 28 to U.S. 61.
635 (mm) Mississippi 550 from Mississippi 28 to I-55.
636 (nn) Mississippi 563 from U.S. 61 to Mississippi 33.
637 (oo) Mississippi 567 from Mississippi 24 to U.S. 98.
638 (pp) Mississippi 569 from Liberty to Mississippi 570.
639 (qq) Mississippi 570 from Summitt to Smithdale.
640 (rr) Mississippi 589 from Liberty to I-55.
641 (ss) Mississippi 589 from U.S. 98 to I-59.

642 (tt) Mississippi 603 from I-10 to Kiln/Delisle Road.

643 (uu) Old U.S. 45 beginning in the City of Meridian at
644 or near the old Coca-Cola Company and extending northerly
645 approximately two (2) miles to just beyond the Town of Marion.

646 (vv) U.S. 49 East from Yazoo City to Tutwiler.

647 (ww) U.S. 49 from Tutwiler to Clarksdale.

648 (xx) U.S. 49 from Indianola to Clarksdale.

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

652 (8) The construction priorities established in this section
653 shall not be construed as prohibiting the completion of highway
654 segments which, on July 1, 1987, are included in the current
655 three-year plan under Section 65-1-141, and for which, on July 1,
656 1987, grade and drainage has been completed or contracts for grade
657 and drainage have been let. Nothing shall preclude the
658 construction of fully controlled access highways.

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

668 (10) (a) All highway construction and reconstruction
669 authorized under this section shall be performed by contract let
670 on competitive bid in the manner provided by statute; however,
671 highway segments shall be constructed in lengths of not less than
672 ten (10) miles.

673 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that not less
674 than ten percent (10%) of the amounts authorized to be expended

675 for construction and reconstruction of the four-lane highway
676 segments designated in this section shall be expended with small
677 business concerns owned and controlled by socially and
678 economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and
679 economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning
680 ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act
681 (15 USCS, Section 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations
682 promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed
683 to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the
684 purposes of this paragraph (b).

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

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

693 (ii) The segment will connect two (2) existing
694 four-lane highways;

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

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

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

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

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

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

719 (i) From matched federal funds or other federal
720 funds, Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00) for fiscal year
721 1988, Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) for fiscal year
722 1989, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) for fiscal year 1990
723 and fifty percent (50%) of such federal funds for fiscal year 1991
724 and each fiscal year thereafter; and

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

730 (b) Federal funds in addition to the federal funds
731 specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection may be used for the
732 construction, reconstruction and relocation of the four-lane
733 highway system described in this section. Such federal funds may
734 be utilized in lieu of state funding that would otherwise be
735 utilized for such system; provided, however, that the annual total
736 amount of funding for the construction, reconstruction and
737 relocation of the highway system described in this section shall
738 not be less than it would have otherwise been without the
739 utilization of such additional federal funds.

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

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

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

749 (c) Specific segments for which construction contracts
750 have been let;

751 (d) Specific segments on which construction is in
752 progress;

753 (e) Specific segments on which construction has been
754 completed;

755 (f) Projections for completion of the next step on each
756 segment;

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

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

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

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

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

773 (1) A statement from the Department of Transportation
774 regarding the status of the funding of the program based on agency
775 cost experience and projections for the future.

776 The report shall be deemed submitted when ten (10) copies are
777 submitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives and ten
778 (10) copies are submitted to the Secretary of the Senate.

779 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
780 and after July 1, 2004.