

By: Representative Johnson

To: Gaming; Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1097
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-39-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 INCLUDE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY PROJECTS IN AND NEAR THE CITY
3 OF NATCHEZ WITHIN THE GAMING COUNTIES INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; TO
4 DESIGNATE A CERTAIN PORTION OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 1 WITHIN THE
5 CITY OF ROSEDALE AS "JOE POPE BOULEVARD"; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

30 Mississippi Department of Transportation for construction and
31 maintenance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

98 (u) At various locations on, along and approaching U.S.
99 Highway 90 in Harrison, Hancock and Jackson Counties, which the
100 Mississippi Transportation Commission determines will alleviate
101 traffic congestion in Harrison, Hancock and Jackson Counties.

102 (v) At various locations in the City of Natchez on,
103 along and approaching U.S. Highway 61 (St. Catherine Street and
104 Franklin Street), and including Mississippi Highway 555 beginning
105 at Franklin Street and extending northerly and easterly to the
106 Natchez Trace.

107 (3) Authorization for the project described in paragraph
108 (2)(s) of this section is conditioned upon receipt by the
109 Mississippi Transportation Commission of a written commitment by
110 the Mississippi Development Authority to make available for such
111 project not less than Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00).

112 (4) If a project authorized in this section is also included
113 in the four-lane highway program under Section 65-3-97(3), then
114 all contracts necessary to be let for the completion of the
115 project under this section shall be let not later than the
116 priorities established for the letting of contracts for the
117 project under Section 65-3-97(3). Prioritization of construction
118 for all other projects authorized in this section shall be
119 conducted as provided for in Section 65-3-97(4).

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

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

131 **SECTION 2.** (1) That segment of Mississippi Highway 1 within
132 the corporate limits of the City of Rosedale, Bolivar County, is
133 designated and shall be known as "Joe Pope Boulevard."

134 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall erect
135 and maintain appropriate signs along and approaching the segment
136 of highway.

137 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
138 and after July 1, 2006.