

By: Representative Perkins

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1365

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-3-97, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 ADD A SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 7 AND A SEGMENT OF
3 MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 7/MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 8 IN LEFLORE, CARROLL
4 AND GRANADA COUNTIES TO THE LIST OF HIGHWAYS SCHEDULED FOR HIGH
5 PRIORITY UNDER THE FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED
6 PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

29 (3) Construction of the four-lane highway system designated
30 in this subsection shall commence, proceed and be performed by the
31 Mississippi Department of Transportation strictly in accordance
32 with the following set of priorities established for the letting
33 of contracts on and along various segments thereof:

34 (a) Of the following group of highway segments not less
35 than fifteen percent (15%) of all contracts necessary to be let
36 for completion of all segments within the group shall be let by
37 June 30, 1988, not less than thirty percent (30%) of such
38 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1989, not less than fifty
39 percent (50%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1990, not
40 less than seventy percent (70%) of such contracts shall be let by
41 June 30, 1991, not less than ninety percent (90%) of such
42 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1992, and one hundred percent
43 (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1993:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

93 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1996, not less than
94 eighty-five percent (85%) of such contracts shall be let by June
95 30, 1997, and one hundred percent (100%) of such contracts shall
96 be let by June 30, 1998:

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

101 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
102 63 beginning at the Jackson/George county line and extending
103 northerly to Lucedale.

104 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
105 302 beginning at I-55 in Southaven and extending easterly to U.S.
106 72 at or near Mt. Pleasant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

183 (iv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
184 25 beginning at or near U.S. 45 and extending northerly to or near
185 Iuka, and the portion of such segment that is described in Section
186 65-3-137 shall be constructed in compliance with such section.

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

190 (vi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 7
191 beginning at its intersection with U.S. 82 and extending
192 northeasterly to its intersection with Mississippi 8 at or near
193 Holcomb, thence easterly along or near Mississippi 7/Mississippi 8
194 to I-55.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

284 (b) On or before October 1, 2005, and on or before
285 October 1 of each year thereafter, the Transportation Commission
286 shall present to the Highways and Transportation Committee of the
287 Senate and the Transportation Committee of the House of
288 Representatives the schedule of priorities developed as provided

289 for in paragraph (a) of this subsection reflecting the proposed
290 schedule of construction for segments. The proposed schedule
291 shall be followed until later modified based on the criteria
292 established in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

328 (iv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
329 278 beginning at or near Amory and extending westerly to U.S. 45.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

410 (xxx) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
411 19 beginning at or near Collinsville and extending northerly to or
412 near Philadelphia.

413 (xxxi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
414 12 beginning at or near I-55 and extending to or near U.S. 51.

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

418 (xxxiii) A highway segment along or near
419 Mississippi 28 beginning at or near Fayette and extending easterly
420 to I-55.

421 (xxxiv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 61
422 beginning at or near Redwood and extending northerly to or near
423 Leland.

424 (xxxv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
425 24/Mississippi 48 beginning at or near Woodville and extending
426 easterly to or near Mississippi 569.

427 (xxxvi) A highway segment along or near
428 Mississippi 18 beginning at or near U.S. 61 and extending
429 northerly to or near Mississippi 27.

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

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

436 (xxxix) A highway segment along or near
437 Mississippi 25 beginning at U.S. 45 Alternate and extending
438 northeasterly to or near Aberdeen.

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

441 (xli) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
442 7 beginning at Greenwood and extending northeasterly to Grenada.

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

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

449 (xliv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
450 53 beginning at or near U.S. 49 and extending northwesterly to or
451 near I-59.

452 (xlv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
453 603 beginning at or near Mississippi 43 and extending northerly to
454 or near Mississippi 53.

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

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

463 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 8
464 beginning at or near Rosedale and extending easterly to or near
465 Grenada.

466 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
467 25 beginning at the end of the existing four-lane and extending
468 northerly to or near the Tishomingo county line.

469 (iv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
470 25 beginning at or near Mississippi 23 and extending northerly to
471 or near U.S. 78.

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

477 (vi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
478 35 beginning at or near Hillsboro and extending northerly to or
479 near Mississippi 487.

480 (vii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
481 35 beginning at or near Mississippi 25 and extending northerly to
482 or near I-55.

483 (viii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
484 16 beginning at or near Mississippi 25 and extending easterly to
485 or near BIA 22.

486 (ix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
487 22 beginning at or near Edwards and extending northeasterly to or
488 near Canton.

489 (x) An Interstate highway segment along or near
490 I-55 beginning at or near I-220 and extending northerly to or near
491 Canton.

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

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

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

501 (xiv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
502 43 beginning at or near Kiln and extending northwesterly to or
503 near the Pearl River county line.

504 (xv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
505 12 beginning at or near Ethel and extending northeasterly to or
506 near Weir; then beginning at or near Mississippi 15 and extending
507 northeasterly to Longview.

508 (xvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
509 27 beginning at the Mississippi/Louisiana state line and extending
510 northerly to or near Crystal Springs.

511 (xvii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
512 33 beginning at or near Fayette and extending southerly to or near
513 the Mississippi/Louisiana state line.

514 (xviii) A highway segment along or near
515 Mississippi 18 beginning at or near Bay Springs and extending
516 northeasterly to or near Brandon.

517 (xix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
518 24 beginning at or near Gloster and extending to or near Liberty.

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:

524 (i) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 19
525 beginning at or near Mississippi 15 and extending northwesterly to
526 or near Kosciusko.

527 (ii) An Interstate highway segment along or near
528 I-55 beginning at or near Senatobia and extending northerly to
529 Hernando.

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

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

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

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

543 (vii) An Interstate highway along or near I-20
544 beginning at or near Chunky and extending easterly to or near
545 I-59.

546 (viii) An Interstate highway along or near I-20/59
547 beginning at or near Mississippi 39 and extending easterly to or
548 near Toomsaba.

549 (ix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
550 16 beginning at or near I-55 and extending to or near U.S. 49.

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

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

557 (xii) A highway segment beginning at or near
558 Ellisville and extending northerly to or near the northern city
559 limits of Laurel.

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

563 (xiv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
564 16 beginning at or near Scooba and extending westerly to or near
565 DeKalb.

566 (xv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49 East
567 beginning at or near Yazoo City and extending northerly to or near
568 U.S. 82.

569 (xvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
570 7 beginning at or near Oxford and extending northerly to the
571 Mississippi/Tennessee state line.

572 (xvii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
573 57 beginning at or near Vancleave and extending northerly to or
574 near U.S. 98.

575 (xviii) A highway segment along or near
576 Mississippi 35 beginning at or near I-55 and extending northerly
577 to Mississippi 6.

578 (xix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
579 35 beginning at or near U.S. 98 and extending northerly to I-20.

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

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

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

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

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

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

591 (f) Mississippi 9 from Mississippi 7 to U.S. Highway
592 82.

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

594 (h) Mississippi 9 from Mississippi 7 to Mississippi
595 300.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

610 (t) Mississippi 24 from Mississippi 33 to Mississippi
611 48.

612 (u) Mississippi 24 from U.S. 61 to Fort Adams.

613 (v) Mississippi 26 from Mississippi 43 to Mississippi
614 63.

615 (w) Mississippi 27 from the Mississippi/Louisiana state
616 line to I-55.

617 (x) Mississippi 28 from Mississippi 33 to I-55.

618 (y) Mississippi 28 from U.S. 51 to U.S. 49.

619 (z) Mississippi 28 from U.S. 84 to U.S. 49.

620 (aa) Mississippi 33 from U.S. 61 to the
621 Mississippi/Louisiana state line.

622 (bb) Mississippi 35 from U.S. 98 to I-20.

623 (cc) Mississippi 39 from DeKalb to the Meridian Naval
624 Air Station.

625 (dd) Mississippi 42 from U.S. 84 to U.S. 49.

626 (ee) Mississippi 43 from Mississippi 26 to Picayune.

627 (ff) Mississippi 48 from Mississippi 35 to U.S. 51.

628 (gg) Mississippi 50 from Mississippi 15 to the
629 Mississippi/Alabama state line.

630 (hh) Mississippi 69 from Columbus to the
631 Mississippi/Alabama state line.

632 (ii) Mississippi 389 from Starkville to Mississippi 15.

633 (jj) Mississippi 469 from U.S. 49 to Mississippi 28.

634 (kk) Mississippi 469 from U.S. 49 to Mississippi 468.

635 (ll) Mississippi 547 from Mississippi 28 to U.S. 61.

636 (mm) Mississippi 550 from Mississippi 28 to I-55.

637 (nn) Mississippi 563 from U.S. 61 to Mississippi 33.

638 (oo) Mississippi 567 from Mississippi 24 to U.S. 98.

639 (pp) Mississippi 569 from Liberty to Mississippi 570.

640 (qq) Mississippi 570 from Summitt to Smithdale.

641 (rr) Mississippi 589 from Liberty to I-55.

642 (ss) Mississippi 589 from U.S. 98 to I-59.

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

644 (uu) Old U.S. 45 beginning in the City of Meridian at

645 or near the old Coca-Cola Company and extending northerly

646 approximately two (2) miles to just beyond the Town of Marion.

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

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

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

650 (7) The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall conduct

651 a feasibility study and prepare a conceptual design for a

652 thoroughfare that encircles the City of Hattiesburg.

653 (8) The construction priorities established in this section

654 shall not be construed as prohibiting the completion of highway

655 segments which, on July 1, 1987, are included in the current

656 three-year plan under Section 65-1-141, and for which, on July 1,

657 1987, grade and drainage has been completed or contracts for grade

658 and drainage have been let. Nothing shall preclude the

659 construction of fully controlled access highways.

660 (9) Contracts may be let and construction may commence and

661 be performed concurrently on any of the highway segments

662 designated in subsections (3), (4) and (5) of this section,

663 notwithstanding the priorities established for the letting of

664 contracts on the various segments designated therein, provided

665 that funds are available and, provided that, at all times, the

666 percentages of all contracts required to be let on the segments

667 designated in subsection (3) of this section are, in fact, let no

668 later than the dates established therein.

669 (10) (a) All highway construction and reconstruction

670 authorized under this section shall be performed by contract let

671 on competitive bid in the manner provided by statute; however,

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

674 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that not less
675 than ten percent (10%) of the amounts authorized to be expended
676 for construction and reconstruction of the four-lane highway
677 segments designated in this section shall be expended with small
678 business concerns owned and controlled by socially and
679 economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and
680 economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning
681 ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act
682 (15 USCS, Section 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations
683 promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed
684 to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the
685 purposes of this paragraph (b).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

780 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
781 and after July 1, 2007.