

By: Senator(s) Jackson (32nd)

To: Highways and  
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 3013

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 65-3-97, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 ADD A CERTAIN SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 16 TO THE FOUR-LANE  
3 HIGHWAY PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

187 (b) (i) Contracts for the highway segments designated  
188 in this subsection and subsection (5) of this section may be let  
189 after the letting of all contracts necessary for completion of the

190 highway segments designated in subsection (3) of this section;  
191 however, contracts for the highway segments described in this  
192 subsection may be let concurrently with the letting of contracts  
193 for highway segments designated in subsection (3) of this section  
194 if funds are available and are not necessary to be utilized for  
195 the segments designated in subsection (3) of this section.

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

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

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

215 (5) (a) (i) The Transportation Commission shall construct,  
216 upgrade or improve the segments described in paragraphs (f), (g)  
217 and (h) of this subsection, the projects described in Section  
218 65-39-1 and other highway construction under its jurisdiction, in  
219 accordance with a priority schedule based upon a needs analysis  
220 performed by the Mississippi Department of Transportation. The  
221 priority schedule shall be reviewed annually by the Department of  
222 Transportation to determine if the priority schedule is in need of

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



256 Transportation. The priority schedule shall project mid-range  
257 needs which shall include highway corridors that are projected to  
258 reach an unacceptable level of service within ten (10) years after  
259 each annual review of the priority schedule. The priority  
260 schedule shall project long-range needs which shall include  
261 highway corridors that are projected to reach an unacceptable  
262 level of service ten (10) years or more after each annual review  
263 of the priority schedule.

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

276 (b) On or before October 1, 2005, and on or before  
277 October 1 of each year thereafter, the Transportation Commission  
278 shall present to the Highways and Transportation Committee of the  
279 Senate and the Transportation Committee of the House of  
280 Representatives the schedule of priorities developed as provided  
281 for in paragraph (a) of this subsection reflecting the proposed  
282 schedule of construction for segments. The proposed schedule  
283 shall be followed until later modified based on the criteria  
284 established in paragraph (a) of this subsection.

285 (c) The Transportation Commission shall begin letting  
286 projects based upon the prioritized schedule of need not later  
287 than January 1, 2006; however, the commission shall have the

288 flexibility to adjust the sequencing of projects as may be  
289 required in order to maximize the utilization of available funding  
290 or to accommodate the relative requirement of each individual  
291 project. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize  
292 the Transportation Commission to let contracts for projects based  
293 upon the prioritized schedule of need before completion of the  
294 letting of contracts under subsection (3)(c) of this section.

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

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

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

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

314 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
315 304 beginning at or near U.S. 61 and extending easterly to or near  
316 I-55.

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

- 320 (iv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
321 278 beginning at or near Amory and extending westerly to U.S. 45.
- 322 (v) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 41  
323 beginning at U.S. 45 and extending westerly to or near Okolona.
- 324 (vi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 9  
325 beginning at Mississippi 6 north of Pontotoc and extending  
326 northerly to U.S. 78.
- 327 (vii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
328 25 beginning at or near Itawamba county line and extending  
329 northerly to or near U.S. 72.
- 330 (viii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
331 35 beginning at the end of the existing four-lane at Forest and  
332 extending northerly to or near Hillsboro.
- 333 (ix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
334 35 beginning at or near Mississippi 487 and extending northerly to  
335 or near Mississippi 25.
- 336 (x) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 16  
337 beginning at or near I-55 and extending easterly to or near  
338 Philadelphia.
- 339 (xi) An Interstate highway segment along or near  
340 I-20 beginning at the Mississippi River Bridge and extending  
341 easterly to or near U.S. 61 north.
- 342 (xii) A highway segment consisting of two (2)  
343 lanes of construction and two (2) lanes of right-of-way  
344 acquisition beginning at the Port of Vicksburg and extending  
345 easterly to or near U.S. 61.
- 346 (xiii) An Interstate highway segment along or near  
347 I-20 beginning at or near the Clinton Raymond Road Interchange and  
348 extending easterly to or near the Mississippi 18 Interchange.
- 349 (xiv) An Interstate highway segment along or near  
350 I-20 beginning at or near I-55 south and extending easterly to or  
351 near I-55 north.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

384 (xxiv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
385 605 beginning at or near I-10 and extending northerly to or near  
386 Mississippi 67.

387 (xxv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
388 43 beginning at the end of the existing four-lane and extending  
389 northerly to or near Kiln.

390 (xxvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
391 24/Mississippi 48 beginning at or near Mississippi 33 south and  
392 extending easterly to or near Mississippi 33 north.

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

396 (xxviii) A highway segment along or near  
397 Mississippi 27 beginning at or near I-55 and extending northerly  
398 to or near I-20.

399 (xxix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
400 57 beginning at or near I-10 and extending northerly to or near  
401 Vancleave.

402 (xxx) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
403 19 beginning at or near Collinsville and extending northerly to or  
404 near Philadelphia.

405 (xxxii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
406 12 beginning at or near I-55 and extending to or near U.S. 51.

407 (xxxiii) A highway segment along or near  
408 Mississippi 18 beginning at or near Mississippi 27 and extending  
409 northerly to or near the end of the four-lane at or near Raymond.

410 (xxxiiii) A highway segment along or near  
411 Mississippi 28 beginning at or near Fayette and extending easterly  
412 to I-55.

413 (xxxv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 61  
414 beginning at or near Redwood and extending northerly to or near  
415 Leland.

416 (xxxv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
417 24/Mississippi 48 beginning at or near Woodville and extending  
418 easterly to or near Mississippi 569.

419 (xxxvi) A highway segment along or near  
420 Mississippi 18 beginning at or near U.S. 61 and extending  
421 northerly to or near Mississippi 27.

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

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

428 (xxxix) A highway segment along or near  
429 Mississippi 25 beginning at U.S. 45 Alternate and extending  
430 northeasterly to or near Aberdeen.

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

433 (xli) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
434 7 beginning at Greenwood and extending northeasterly to Grenada.

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

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

441 (xliv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
442 53 beginning at or near U.S. 49 and extending northwesterly to or  
443 near I-59.

444 (xlv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
445 603 beginning at or near Mississippi 43 and extending northerly to  
446 or near Mississippi 53.

447 (g) The Transportation Commission and the Mississippi  
448 Department of Transportation shall, in addition to all other

449 projects, consider the following as mid-range needs when  
450 establishing the initial priority schedule pursuant to paragraph  
451 (a) of this section:

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

455 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 8  
456 beginning at or near Rosedale and extending easterly to or near  
457 Grenada.

458 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
459 25 beginning at the end of the existing four-lane and extending  
460 northerly to or near the Tishomingo county line.

461 (iv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
462 25 beginning at or near Mississippi 23 and extending northerly to  
463 or near U.S. 78.

464 (v) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 12  
465 beginning at or near Kosciusko and extending northeasterly to or  
466 near Ethel; then beginning at or near Weir and extending  
467 northeasterly to or near Mississippi 15; then beginning at or near  
468 Longview and extending northeasterly to or near Starkville.

469 (vi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
470 35 beginning at or near Hillsboro and extending northerly to or  
471 near Mississippi 487.

472 (vii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
473 35 beginning at or near Mississippi 25 and extending northerly to  
474 or near I-55.

475 (viii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
476 16 beginning at or near Mississippi 25 and extending easterly to  
477 or near BIA 22.

478 (ix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
479 22 beginning at or near Edwards and extending northeasterly to or  
480 near Canton.

481                   (x) An Interstate highway segment along or near  
482 I-55 beginning at or near I-220 and extending northerly to or near  
483 Canton.

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

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

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

493                   (xiv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
494 43 beginning at or near Kiln and extending northwesterly to or  
495 near the Pearl River county line.

496                   (xv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
497 12 beginning at or near Ethel and extending northeasterly to or  
498 near Weir; then beginning at or near Mississippi 15 and extending  
499 northeasterly to Longview.

500                   (xvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
501 27 beginning at the Mississippi/Louisiana state line and extending  
502 northerly to or near Crystal Springs.

503                   (xvii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
504 33 beginning at or near Fayette and extending southerly to or near  
505 the Mississippi/Louisiana state line.

506                   (xviii) A highway segment along or near  
507 Mississippi 18 beginning at or near Bay Springs and extending  
508 northeasterly to or near Brandon.

509                   (xix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
510 24 beginning at or near Gloster and extending to or near Liberty.

511                   (h) The Transportation Commission and the Mississippi  
512 Department of Transportation shall, in addition to all other  
513 projects, consider the following as long-range needs when



514 establishing the initial priority schedule pursuant to paragraph  
515 (a) of this section:

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

519 (ii) An Interstate highway segment along or near  
520 I-55 beginning at or near Senatobia and extending northerly to  
521 Hernando.

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

525 (iv) An Interstate highway segment along or near  
526 I-20 beginning at or near the Brandon Crossgates Interchange and  
527 extending easterly to or near the Pelahatchie Mississippi 43  
528 Interchange.

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

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

535 (vii) An Interstate highway along or near I-20  
536 beginning at or near Chunky and extending easterly to or near  
537 I-59.

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

541 (ix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
542 16 beginning at or near I-55 and extending to or near U.S. 49.

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

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

549 (xii) A highway segment beginning at or near  
550 Ellisville and extending northerly to or near the northern city  
551 limits of Laurel.

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

555 (xiv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
556 16 beginning at or near Scooba and extending westerly to or near  
557 DeKalb, and continuing westerly to the Neshoba/Kemper county line.

558 (xv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49 East  
559 beginning at or near Yazoo City and extending northerly to or near  
560 U.S. 82.

561 (xvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
562 7 beginning at or near Oxford and extending northerly to the  
563 Mississippi/Tennessee state line.

564 (xvii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
565 57 beginning at or near Vancleave and extending northerly to or  
566 near U.S. 98.

567 (xviii) A highway segment along or near  
568 Mississippi 35 beginning at or near I-55 and extending northerly  
569 to Mississippi 6.

570 (xix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
571 35 beginning at or near U.S. 98 and extending northerly to I-20.

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

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

- 579 (b) Mississippi 3 from Tutwiler to U.S. 61.
- 580 (c) Mississippi 7 from Mississippi 9 West to I-55.
- 581 (d) Mississippi 7 from U.S. 82 to I-55.
- 582 (e) Mississippi 8 from U.S. 49 West to I-55.
- 583 (f) Mississippi 9 from Mississippi 7 to U.S. Highway  
584 82.
- 585 (g) Mississippi 9 from Mississippi 6 to U.S. 78.
- 586 (h) Mississippi 9 from Mississippi 7 to Mississippi  
587 300.
- 588 (i) Mississippi 12 from U.S. 61 to I-55.
- 589 (j) Mississippi 12 from U.S. 82 to the  
590 Mississippi/Alabama state line.
- 591 (k) Mississippi 12 from the city limits of Ackerman to  
592 the city limits of Sturgis.
- 593 (l) Mississippi 12 from U.S. 49 West to U.S. 61.
- 594 (m) Mississippi 12 from Kosciusko to I-55.
- 595 (n) Mississippi 15 from I-10 to U.S. 98.
- 596 (o) Mississippi 15 from Mississippi 18 to I-20.
- 597 (p) Mississippi 16 from Mississippi 39 to U.S. 45.
- 598 (q) Mississippi 16 from Mississippi 39 to Philadelphia.
- 599 (r) Mississippi 18 from U.S. 61 to the city limits of  
600 Utica.
- 601 (s) Mississippi 18 from U.S. 45 to U.S. 80.
- 602 (t) Mississippi 24 from Mississippi 33 to Mississippi  
603 48.
- 604 (u) Mississippi 24 from U.S. 61 to Fort Adams.
- 605 (v) Mississippi 26 from Mississippi 43 to Mississippi  
606 63.
- 607 (w) Mississippi 27 from the Mississippi/Louisiana state  
608 line to I-55.
- 609 (x) Mississippi 28 from Mississippi 33 to I-55.
- 610 (y) Mississippi 28 from U.S. 51 to U.S. 49.
- 611 (z) Mississippi 28 from U.S. 84 to U.S. 49.

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

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

615           (cc) Mississippi 39 from DeKalb to the Meridian Naval  
616 Air Station.

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

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

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

620           (gg) Mississippi 50 from Mississippi 15 to the  
621 Mississippi/Alabama state line.

622           (hh) Mississippi 69 from Columbus to the  
623 Mississippi/Alabama state line.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

632           (qq) Mississippi 570 from Summitt to Smithdale.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

678           (11) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection  
679 (10)(a) of this section, the Mississippi Transportation Commission  
680 may construct highway segments of less than ten (10) miles in  
681 length if:

682                   (i) The segment as described in subsection (3) or  
683 (4) of this section or the schedule of priorities established in  
684 subsection (5) of this section is less than ten (10) miles in  
685 length;

686                   (ii) The segment will connect two (2) existing  
687 four-lane highways;

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

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

693                   (v) For a particular project, the costs of  
694 constructing a single segment of at least ten (10) miles in length  
695 would greatly exceed the aggregate costs of constructing two (2)  
696 or more segments; or

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

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

706           (12) (a) To assist in defraying the costs and expenses for  
707 construction, reconstruction and relocation of the four-lane  
708 highway system described in this section, the following revenues  
709 shall be paid out of such funds made available to the

710 Transportation Commission and the Mississippi Department of  
711 Transportation:

712 (i) From matched federal funds or other federal  
713 funds, Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00) for fiscal year  
714 1988, Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) for fiscal year  
715 1989, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) for fiscal year 1990  
716 and fifty percent (50%) of such federal funds for fiscal year 1991  
717 and each fiscal year thereafter; and

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

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

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

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

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

742 (c) Specific segments for which construction contracts  
743 have been let;

744 (d) Specific segments on which construction is in  
745 progress;

746 (e) Specific segments on which construction has been  
747 completed;

748 (f) Projections for completion of the next step on each  
749 segment;

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

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

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

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

762 (k) A complete recap of all program receipts by source,  
763 and of all disbursements for the prior fiscal year and cumulative  
764 totals since the inception of the program as compared to  
765 projections; and

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

769 The report shall be deemed submitted when ten (10) copies are  
770 submitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives and ten  
771 (10) copies are submitted to the Secretary of the Senate.

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