

By: Representative Reynolds

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1125

1 AN ACT TO DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
 2 AND MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO UTILIZE ALL FUNDS
 3 AVAILABLE TO THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI THROUGH THE FEDERAL
 4 INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT; TO BRING FORWARD SECTION
 5 65-3-97, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, WHICH CONSISTS OF MISSISSIPPI'S
 6 FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY PROGRAMS, FOR PURPOSES OF POSSIBLE AMENDMENT;
 7 AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

9 **SECTION 1.** The Mississippi Transportation Commission and
 10 Mississippi Department of Transportation shall utilize all funds
 11 available to the State of Mississippi through the federal
 12 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

13 **SECTION 2.** Section 65-3-97, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
 14 brought forward as follows:

15 65-3-97. (1) In addition to and including all other
 16 highways designated as a part of the state highway system, there
 17 is hereby designated as a part thereof a four-lane highway system
 18 to connect various areas of the state with interstate and primary
 19 highways. For the segments described in subsection (3) of this
 20 section, the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall



21 construct and reconstruct four-lane highways, that is, not less
22 than two (2) lanes for traffic flowing in each direction, along
23 the routes designated in this section.

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

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

39 (a) Of the following group of highway segments not less
40 than fifteen percent (15%) of all contracts necessary to be let
41 for completion of all segments within the group shall be let by
42 June 30, 1988, not less than thirty percent (30%) of such
43 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1989, not less than fifty
44 percent (50%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1990, not
45 less than seventy percent (70%) of such contracts shall be let by



46 June 30, 1991, not less than ninety percent (90%) of such
47 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1992, and one hundred percent
48 (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1993:

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

56 (ii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45A
57 beginning at U.S. 82 and extending northerly to West Point; then
58 beginning four (4) miles south of Okolona and extending northerly
59 to Shannon.

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

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

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

68 (vi) Highway segments along or near U.S. 72
69 beginning at or near Mt. Pleasant and extending southeasterly to
70 Mississippi 5; then beginning at Walnut and extending



71 southeasterly to Corinth; then beginning at Strickland and
72 extending southeasterly to Burnsville.

73 (vii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 78
74 beginning at Holly Springs and extending southeasterly to the New
75 Albany bypass; then beginning at Mississippi 25 and extending
76 southeasterly to Tremont.

77 (viii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 82
78 beginning at I-55 and extending easterly to Kilmichael; then
79 beginning at Eupora and extending easterly to Mathiston; then
80 beginning at Mississippi 12 and extending easterly to the Alabama
81 state line.

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

85 (x) Highway segments along or near U.S. 98
86 beginning at Columbia and extending easterly to the Marion/Lamar
87 county line; then beginning at U.S. 49 and extending southeasterly
88 to the Alabama state line.

89 (b) Of the following group of highway segments not less
90 than five percent (5%) of all contracts necessary to be let for
91 completion of all segments within the group shall be let by June
92 30, 1991, not less than ten percent (10%) of such contracts shall
93 be let by June 30, 1992, not less than twenty-five percent (25%)
94 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1993, not less than
95 forty percent (40%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30,



96 1994, not less than fifty-five percent (55%) of such contracts
97 shall be let by June 30, 1995, not less than seventy percent (70%)
98 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1996, not less than
99 eighty-five percent (85%) of such contracts shall be let by June
100 30, 1997, and one hundred percent (100%) of such contracts shall
101 be let by June 30, 1998:

102 (i) Highway segments along or near Mississippi 25
103 beginning at Mississippi 471 and extending northeasterly to
104 Mississippi 43; then beginning at the Winston/Oktibbeha county
105 line and extending northeasterly to Starkville.

106 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
107 63 beginning at the Jackson/George county line and extending
108 northerly to Lucedale.

109 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
110 302 beginning at I-55 in Southaven and extending easterly to U.S.
111 72 at or near Mt. Pleasant.

112 (iv) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45
113 beginning at the Alabama state line and extending northerly to the
114 Clarke/Lauderdale county line; then beginning at Lauderdale and
115 extending northerly to Macon; then beginning at Aberdeen and
116 extending northerly to U.S. 278.

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



120 (vi) A highway segment beginning at Brooksville
121 along or near U.S. 45 or U.S. 45A and extending northerly to U.S.
122 82, such segment having been designated by the Transportation
123 Commission pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1(c) of this
124 section.

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

127 (viii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 61
128 beginning at the Louisiana state line and extending northerly to
129 the Wilkinson/Adams county line; then beginning at Washington and
130 extending northerly to Port Gibson; then beginning at Merigold and
131 extending northerly to Shelby; then beginning at the north end of
132 the Clarksdale bypass and extending northerly to the Tennessee
133 state line.

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

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

139 (xi) Highway segments along or near U.S. 82
140 beginning at the Montgomery/Webster county line and extending
141 easterly to Eupora; then beginning at Mathiston and extending
142 easterly to Starkville.

143 (xii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 84
144 beginning at Leesdale and extending easterly to Roxie; then



145 beginning at Auburn Road and extending easterly to I-55; then
146 beginning at the east end of the Brookhaven bypass and extending
147 easterly to Prentiss; then beginning at the Jones/Covington county
148 line and extending easterly to Horse Creek; then beginning at the
149 Jones/Wayne county line and extending easterly to Waynesboro.

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

154 (c) Of the following group of highway segments not less
155 than ten percent (10%) of all contracts necessary to be let for
156 completion of all segments within the group shall be let by June
157 30, 1996, not less than twenty percent (20%) of such contracts
158 shall be let by June 30, 1997, not less than forty percent (40%)
159 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1998, and one hundred
160 percent (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1999:

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

164 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
165 63 beginning at Lucedale and extending northerly to U.S. 45 at
166 State Line.

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



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

172 (v) Highway segments along or near U.S. 84
173 beginning at Eddiceton and extending easterly to Auburn Road; then
174 beginning at Prentiss and extending easterly to Collins; then
175 beginning at Waynesboro and extending easterly to the Alabama
176 state line.

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

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

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

187 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
188 6 beginning at or near Mississippi 9 and extending easterly to
189 U.S. 45.

190 (iv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
191 25 beginning at or near U.S. 45 and extending northerly to or near
192 Iuka, and the portion of such segment that is described in Section
193 65-3-137 shall be constructed in compliance with such section.



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

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

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

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

215 (c) In the construction and reconstruction of the
216 four-lane highway segments designated in this subsection, the
217 Mississippi Department of Transportation may utilize the roadway
218 of any existing highway under its jurisdiction and control and



219 shall do so when such utilization is feasible, provided that such
220 highways which are utilized shall be constructed to current
221 standards for such roadways. When it is not feasible to utilize
222 existing designated highways, the Transportation Department shall
223 relocate such highways and construct entirely new facilities
224 whether in urban or rural areas.

225 (5) (a) (i) The Transportation Commission shall construct,
226 upgrade or improve the segments described in paragraphs (f), (g)
227 and (h) of this subsection, the projects described in Section
228 65-39-1 and other highway construction under its jurisdiction, in
229 accordance with a priority schedule based upon a needs analysis
230 performed by the Mississippi Department of Transportation. The
231 priority schedule shall be reviewed annually by the Department of
232 Transportation to determine if the priority schedule is in need of
233 revision. The analytic methods and procedures utilized by the
234 Mississippi Department of Transportation to perform the needs
235 analysis shall conform to current standards and practices of the
236 transportation sciences and industry as promulgated in appropriate
237 documentation of the United States Department of Transportation,
238 the Transportation Research Board, the American Association of
239 Highway and Transportation Officials, and other recognized and
240 relevant bodies. Such conforming methodologies shall be applied
241 utilizing considerations appropriate to the specific situation and
242 may include capacity analysis, traffic counting, traffic
243 projection, cost estimation, benefit-cost analysis, user cost



244 analysis, land use projections and similar analyses and
245 projections, so that all analyses are completed with the best
246 tools available at the time of the analysis. The Transportation
247 Commission may establish and publish standards for setting the
248 priorities and in so doing shall consider other factors, not in
249 violation of federal law, as the Transportation Commission may
250 consider relevant, including, but not limited to, economic
251 development, safety and highways that may serve as hurricane
252 evacuation routes. The first determinant for construction of
253 highway segments shall be the year of need. "Year of need" for
254 purposes of this section is the year in which the level of service
255 on a segment is projected to deteriorate to an unacceptable level.
256 For segments with the same year of need, prioritization shall be
257 based on the volume to capacity ratio and the daily traffic
258 volume. In the event that the Transportation Commission deviates
259 from the recommended priorities presented through the needs
260 analysis, the commission shall spread the specific reasons for the
261 deviation on its minutes. The priority schedule shall reflect
262 immediate needs which shall be construction, upgrades and
263 improvements to the state highway system needed over a five-year
264 period based upon the criteria established in this paragraph which
265 shall be reviewed annually by the Mississippi Department of
266 Transportation. The priority schedule shall project mid-range
267 needs which shall include highway corridors that are projected to
268 reach an unacceptable level of service within ten (10) years after



269 each annual review of the priority schedule. The priority
270 schedule shall project long-range needs which shall include
271 highway corridors that are projected to reach an unacceptable
272 level of service ten (10) years or more after each annual review
273 of the priority schedule.

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

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



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

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

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

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

316 (f) The Transportation Commission and the Mississippi
317 Department of Transportation shall, in addition to all other



318 projects, consider the following as immediate needs when
319 establishing the initial priority schedule pursuant to paragraph
320 (a) of this subsection:

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

324 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
325 304 beginning at or near U.S. 61 and extending easterly to or near
326 I-55.

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

330 (iv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
331 278 beginning at or near Amory and extending westerly to U.S. 45.

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

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

337 (vii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
338 25 beginning at or near Itawamba county line and extending
339 northerly to or near U.S. 72.

340 (viii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
341 35 beginning at the end of the existing four-lane at Forest and
342 extending northerly to or near Hillsboro.



343 (ix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
344 35 beginning at or near Mississippi 487 and extending northerly to
345 or near Mississippi 25.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

394 (xxiv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
395 605 beginning at or near I-10 and extending northerly to or near
396 Mississippi 67.

397 (xxv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
398 43 beginning at the end of the existing four-lane and extending
399 northerly to or near Kiln.

400 (xxvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
401 24/Mississippi 48 beginning at or near Mississippi 33 south and
402 extending easterly to or near Mississippi 33 north.

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

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

409 (xxix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
410 57 beginning at or near I-10 and extending northerly to or near
411 Vanleave.

412 (xxx) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
413 19 beginning at or near Collinsville and extending northerly to or
414 near Philadelphia.



415 (xxxvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
416 12 beginning at or near I-55 and extending to or near U.S. 51.

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

420 (xxxviii) A highway segment along or near
421 Mississippi 28 beginning at or near Fayette and extending easterly
422 to I-55.

423 (xxxix) A highway segment along or near U.S. 61
424 beginning at or near Redwood and extending northerly to or near
425 Leland.

426 (xl) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
427 24/Mississippi 48 beginning at or near Woodville and extending
428 easterly to or near Mississippi 569.

429 (xli) A highway segment along or near
430 Mississippi 18 beginning at or near U.S. 61 and extending
431 northerly to or near Mississippi 27.

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

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



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

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

443 (xli) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
444 7 beginning at Greenwood and extending northeasterly to Grenada.

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

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

451 (xliv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
452 53 beginning at or near U.S. 49 and extending northwesterly to or
453 near I-59.

454 (xlv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
455 603 beginning at or near Mississippi 43 and extending northerly to
456 or near Mississippi 53.

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



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

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

468 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
469 25 beginning at the end of the existing four-lane and extending
470 northerly to or near the Tishomingo county line.

471 (iv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
472 25 beginning at or near Mississippi 23 and extending northerly to
473 or near U.S. 78.

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

479 (vi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
480 35 beginning at or near Hillsboro and extending northerly to or
481 near Mississippi 487.

482 (vii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
483 35 beginning at or near Mississippi 25 and extending northerly to
484 or near I-55.



485 (viii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
486 16 beginning at or near Mississippi 25 and extending easterly to
487 or near BIA 22.

488 (ix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
489 22 beginning at or near Edwards and extending northeasterly to or
490 near Canton.

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

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

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

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

503 (xiv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
504 43 beginning at or near Kiln and extending northwesterly to or
505 near the Pearl River county line.

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



510 (xvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
511 27 beginning at the Mississippi/Louisiana state line and extending
512 northerly to or near Crystal Springs.

513 (xvii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
514 33 beginning at or near Fayette and extending southerly to or near
515 the Mississippi/Louisiana state line.

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

519 (xix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
520 24 beginning at or near Gloster and extending to or near Liberty.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

551 (ix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
552 16 beginning at or near I-55 and extending to or near U.S. 49.

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

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



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

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

565 (xiv) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
566 16 beginning at or near Scooba and extending westerly to or near
567 DeKalb.

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

571 (xvi) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
572 7 beginning at or near Oxford and extending northerly to the
573 Mississippi/Tennessee state line.

574 (xvii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
575 57 beginning at or near Vancleave and extending northerly to or
576 near U.S. 98.

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

580 (xix) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
581 35 beginning at or near U.S. 98 and extending northerly to I-20.

582 (6) The commission shall, in addition to other projects,
583 consider the following highway segments for improvements and



584 highway modifications, including, but not limited to,
585 straightening and realignment of the existing roadway, the
586 addition of passing lanes and the widening of existing lanes, the
587 addition of turn lanes and improvement of shoulders:

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

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

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

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

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

593 (f) Mississippi 9 from Mississippi 7 to U.S. Highway
594 82.

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

596 (h) Mississippi 9 from Mississippi 7 to Mississippi
597 300.

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

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

601 (k) Mississippi 12 from the city limits of Ackerman to
602 the city limits of Sturgis.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

612 (t) Mississippi 24 from Mississippi 33 to Mississippi
613 48.

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

615 (v) Mississippi 26 from Mississippi 43 to Mississippi
616 63.

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

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

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

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

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

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

625 (cc) Mississippi 39 from DeKalb to the Meridian Naval
626 Air Station.

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

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

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

630 (gg) Mississippi 50 from Mississippi 15 to the
631 Mississippi/Alabama state line.

632 (hh) Mississippi 69 from Columbus to the
633 Mississippi/Alabama state line.



- 634 (ii) Mississippi 389 from Starkville to Mississippi 15.
635 (jj) Mississippi 469 from U.S. 49 to Mississippi 28.
636 (kk) Mississippi 469 from U.S. 49 to Mississippi 468.
637 (ll) Mississippi 547 from Mississippi 28 to U.S. 61.
638 (mm) Mississippi 550 from Mississippi 28 to I-55.
639 (nn) Mississippi 563 from U.S. 61 to Mississippi 33.
640 (oo) Mississippi 567 from Mississippi 24 to U.S. 98.
641 (pp) Mississippi 569 from Liberty to Mississippi 570.
642 (qq) Mississippi 570 from Summitt to Smithdale.
643 (rr) Mississippi 589 from Liberty to I-55.
644 (ss) Mississippi 589 from U.S. 98 to I-59.
645 (tt) Mississippi 603 from I-10 to Kiln/Delisle Road.
646 (uu) Old U.S. 45 beginning in the City of Meridian at
647 or near the old Coca-Cola Company and extending northerly
648 approximately two (2) miles to just beyond the Town of Marion.
649 (vv) U.S. 49 East from Yazoo City to Tutwiler.
650 (ww) U.S. 49 from Tutwiler to Clarksdale.
651 (xx) U.S. 49 from Indianola to Clarksdale.

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

655 (8) The construction priorities established in this section
656 shall not be construed as prohibiting the completion of highway
657 segments which, on July 1, 1987, are included in the current
658 three-year plan under Section 65-1-141, and for which, on July 1,



659 1987, grade and drainage has been completed or contracts for grade
660 and drainage have been let. Nothing shall preclude the
661 construction of fully controlled access highways.

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

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

676 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that not less
677 than ten percent (10%) of the amounts authorized to be expended
678 for construction and reconstruction of the four-lane highway
679 segments designated in this section shall be expended with small
680 business concerns owned and controlled by socially and
681 economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and
682 economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning
683 ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act



684 (15 USCS, Section 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations
685 promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed
686 to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the
687 purposes of this paragraph (b).

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

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

696 (ii) The segment will connect two (2) existing
697 four-lane highways;

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

728 (ii) Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from
729 matched federal bridge replacement funds for fiscal year 1988 and
730 each fiscal year thereafter when the segments proposed for



731 construction contain bridges that are eligible for replacement
732 under the Federal Aid Bridge Replacement Program.

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

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

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

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

752 (c) Specific segments for which construction contracts
753 have been let;

754 (d) Specific segments on which construction is in
755 progress;



756 (e) Specific segments on which construction has been
757 completed;

758 (f) Projections for completion of the next step on each
759 segment;

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

782 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
783 and after July 1, 2022.

