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To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1667

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 65-3-97 AND 65-39-1, MISSISSIPPI  
2 CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE HIGHWAY SEGMENTS  
3 IN PHASE FOUR OF THE 1987 FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY PROGRAM AND HIGHWAY  
4 SEGMENTS IN THE GAMING COUNTIES STATE-ASSISTED INFRASTRUCTURE  
5 PROGRAM ARE PRIORITIZED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

113 (vi) A highway segment beginning at Brooksville  
114 along or near U.S. 45 or U.S. 45A and extending northerly to U.S.  
115 82, such segment having been designated by the Transportation  
116 Commission pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1)(c) of this  
117 section.

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 (d) (i) \* \* \* The Transportation Commission shall  
171 specifically consider the following highway segments when  
172 establishing its prioritized schedule of projects:

173 A. A highway segment along or near  
174 Mississippi 6 beginning at the Clarksdale bypass and extending  
175 easterly to Batesville.

176 B. A highway segment along or near  
177 Mississippi 12 beginning at I-55 and extending easterly to  
178 Kosciusko.

179 C. A highway segment along or near  
180 Mississippi 15 beginning at I-10 and extending northerly to  
181 Mississippi 26; then beginning at U.S. Highway 98 and extending  
182 northerly to the Mississippi/Tennessee state line.

183 D. A highway segment consisting of two (2)  
184 lanes of construction and two (2) lanes of right-of-way  
185 acquisition along or near Mississippi 15 beginning at Mississippi  
186 26 and extending northerly to U.S. Highway 98.

187 E. A highway segment along or near  
188 Mississippi 19 beginning at Collinsville and extending  
189 northwesterly to Kosciusko.



190 F. Highway segments along or near Mississippi  
191 25 beginning at Aberdeen and extending northerly to Fulton; then  
192 beginning at the Alabama state line and extending northerly to  
193 U.S. Highway 72.

194 G. A highway segment along or near U.S.  
195 Highway 61 beginning at Redwood and extending northerly to Leland.

196 H. A highway segment along or near U.S.  
197 Highway 98 beginning at Meadville and extending southeasterly to  
198 Summit.

199 I. A highway segment along or near  
200 Mississippi Highway 24/48 beginning at Woodville and extending  
201 easterly to McComb.

202 J. A highway segment along or near  
203 Mississippi 35 beginning at the Mississippi/Louisiana state line  
204 and extending northerly to or near Foxworth.

205 K. A highway segment along or near  
206 Mississippi 27 beginning at I-20 and extending southeasterly to  
207 I-55.

208 L. A highway segment along or near  
209 Mississippi 57 beginning at I-10 and extending northerly ten (10)  
210 miles to just north of the community of Van Cleave.

211 (ii) Projects for the construction and/or  
212 reconstruction of highway segments designated within this group  
213 shall be designed by the department based upon the level of  
214 service of the highway segment as defined by the Transportation  
215 Research Board, or any successor board or agency. If the level of  
216 service of a highway segment is less than the level of service  
217 threshold at which the Transportation Department recommends the  
218 construction of a four-lane highway, then the Transportation  
219 Department shall make other improvements and highway modifications  
220 to such highway segment as needed, such as straightening and  
221 realignment of the existing roadway, the addition of passing lanes  
222 and the widening of existing lanes, and may acquire any necessary



223 right-of-way for such purposes and for the purpose of future  
224 construction of four-lane highways along such segments.

225 (iii) With respect to the segments authorized in  
226 this paragraph (d), the Transportation Commission shall consider  
227 the level of service of the projects together with all projects  
228 authorized in Section 65-39-1 and nonprogram highway construction  
229 and shall devise a priority schedule for preliminary engineering,  
230 right-of-way acquisition and construction which establishes a  
231 schedule for completion of these projects and reflects the  
232 relative need for the projects authorized in this paragraph (d)  
233 and in Section 65-39-1 and nonprogram highways. The commission  
234 shall establish and publish standards for setting priorities and  
235 also may consider other factors, not in violation of federal law,  
236 such as economic development and safety, as the commission  
237 considers relevant. No funds deposited into the special funds  
238 created in Section 65-39-3 or 65-39-17 may be expended on any  
239 project authorized in this paragraph (d); however, funds generated  
240 for the highway segments listed in this section may be expended on  
241 any project within the prioritized schedule. The Transportation  
242 Commission shall begin letting projects according to a prioritized  
243 schedule of need not later than January 1, 2006.

244 (4) The construction priorities established in this section  
245 shall not be construed as prohibiting the completion of highway  
246 segments which, on July 1, 1987, are included in the current  
247 three-year plan under Section 65-1-141, and for which, on July 1,  
248 1987, grade and drainage has been completed or contracts for grade  
249 and drainage have been let.

250 (5) Contracts may be let and construction may commence and  
251 be performed concurrently on any of the highway segments  
252 designated in subsection (3) of this section, notwithstanding the  
253 priorities established for the letting of contracts on the various  
254 segments designated therein, provided that funds are available  
255 and, provided that, at all times, the percentages of all contracts





256 required to be let on the segments designated in paragraphs  
257 (3) (a), (3) (b), (3) (c) and (3) (d), respectively, are, in fact, let  
258 no later than the dates established therein.

259 (6) (a) All highway construction and reconstruction  
260 authorized under this section shall be performed by contract let  
261 on competitive bid in the manner provided by statute; however,  
262 highway segments shall be constructed in lengths of not less than  
263 ten (10) miles.

264 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that not less  
265 than ten percent (10%) of the amounts authorized to be expended  
266 for construction and reconstruction of the four-lane highway  
267 segments designated in this section shall be expended with small  
268 business concerns owned and controlled by socially and  
269 economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and  
270 economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning  
271 ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act  
272 (15 USCS, Section 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations  
273 promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed  
274 to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the  
275 purposes of this paragraph (b).

276 (7) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6) (a)  
277 of this section, the Mississippi Transportation Commission may  
278 construct highway segments of less than ten (10) miles in length  
279 if:

280 (i) The segment as described in subsection (3) of  
281 this section is less than ten (10) miles in length;

282 (ii) The segment will connect two (2) existing  
283 four-lane highways;

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

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



289                   (v) For a particular project, the costs of  
290 constructing a single segment of at least ten (10) miles in length  
291 would greatly exceed the aggregate costs of constructing two (2)  
292 or more segments; or

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

296                   (b) In any case in which the Transportation Commission  
297 authorizes the construction of a highway segment of less than ten  
298 (10) miles in length, the commission shall set forth and record in  
299 its official minutes explanation and justification therefor based  
300 upon one or more of the conditions prescribed in paragraph (7) (a)  
301 of this section.

302                   (8) To assist in defraying the costs and expenses for  
303 construction, reconstruction and relocation of the four-lane  
304 highway system described in this section, the following revenues  
305 shall be paid out of such funds made available to the  
306 Transportation Commission and the Transportation Department:

307                   (a) From matched federal funds or other federal funds,  
308 Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00) for fiscal year 1988,  
309 Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) for fiscal year 1989,  
310 Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) for fiscal year 1990 and  
311 fifty percent (50%) of such federal funds for fiscal year 1991 and  
312 each fiscal year thereafter; and

313                   (b) Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from matched  
314 federal bridge replacement funds for fiscal year 1988 and each  
315 fiscal year thereafter when the segments proposed for construction  
316 contain bridges that are eligible for replacement under the  
317 Federal Aid Bridge Replacement Program.

318                   (9) The Transportation Department shall submit a report to  
319 the Legislature by January 10 of each calendar year setting forth  
320 the current status of the construction program set forth in this



321 section to include, but not be limited to, the following  
322 information:

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

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

327 (c) Specific segments for which construction contracts  
328 have been let;

329 (d) Specific segments on which construction is in  
330 progress;

331 (e) Specific segments on which construction has been  
332 completed;

333 (f) Projections for completion of the next step on each  
334 segment;

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

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

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

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

347 (k) A complete recap of all program receipts by source,  
348 and of all disbursements for the prior fiscal year and cumulative  
349 totals since the inception of the program as compared to  
350 projections; and

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



354 The report shall be deemed submitted when ten (10) copies are  
355 submitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives and ten  
356 (10) copies are submitted to the Secretary of the Senate.

357 **SECTION 2.** Section 65-39-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
358 amended as follows:

359 65-39-1. (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission is  
360 authorized, subject to the availability of funds in the Gaming  
361 Counties State-Assisted Infrastructure Fund created in Section  
362 65-39-17, to conduct feasibility studies and, pursuant to  
363 information gathered in such studies, select routes and locations,  
364 perform preliminary engineering, acquire necessary right-of-way  
365 and property, construct and/or reconstruct and improve existing or  
366 new highways, roads, streets and bridges, including two-lane,  
367 four-lane and multi-lane roads (or segments thereof), perform  
368 intersection improvements, provide signal retiring, turnbay  
369 extensions, additional interchanges and other traffic  
370 modifications, within and approaching those counties in this state  
371 where legal gaming is being conducted or is authorized. Any  
372 highway, road, street or bridge that is authorized to be  
373 constructed, reconstructed or improved shall meet design standards  
374 established by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, shall  
375 be constructed to bear a load limit of at least eighty thousand  
376 (80,000) pounds and, upon completion, shall become a part of the  
377 state highway system, and thereafter shall be under the  
378 jurisdiction of the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the  
379 Mississippi Department of Transportation for construction and  
380 maintenance.

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

384 (a) U.S. Highway 90 from its intersection with  
385 Mississippi 607 in Hancock County to Ocean Springs, and including



386 Lakeshore Road in Hancock County from its intersection with U.S.  
387 Highway 90 to Beach Boulevard;

388           (b) Mississippi 4 from U.S. Highway 61 to Mississippi  
389 3;

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

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

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

394           (f) Mississippi 304 beginning at the Tennessee state  
395 line at or near U.S. 72 and thence running in a southwesterly  
396 direction to intersect with U.S. 78 at or near Byhalia and thence  
397 running in a westerly direction to intersect I-55 at or near  
398 Hernando and thence running in a westerly direction to intersect  
399 with U.S. 61 in DeSoto County, with a spur extending southwesterly  
400 to or near Robinsonville in Tunica County;

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

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

404           (i) U.S. Highway 61 from the Tunica County line to the  
405 Tennessee state line;

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

410                   (ii) Passing lanes and turn lanes, as needed,  
411 along Mississippi 16 beginning at a point on the east side of  
412 Carthage within the corporate boundaries where the existing  
413 four-lane ends and extending easterly to the Leake/Neshoba County  
414 line; and

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



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

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

422 (m) At various locations on and along I-20, U.S.  
423 Highway 61 and U.S. Highway 80 in the City of Vicksburg, including  
424 a truck route from Harbor Industrial Park to U.S. Highway 61 north  
425 and an extension of South Frontage Road with railroad bridge to  
426 I-20;

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

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

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

435 (q) Mississippi 43 beginning where Mississippi 43 and  
436 Mississippi 603 divide and extending northwesterly to or near  
437 Picayune;

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

440 (s) Subject to the conditions prescribed in subsection  
441 (3) of this section, a central Harrison County connector from I-10  
442 to U.S. 90 in the vicinity of Canal Road to the Mississippi State  
443 Port at Gulfport; and

444 (t) An east Harrison County connector from U.S. 90 to  
445 I-10 to be located between the Cowan/Lorraine Road interchange and  
446 the I-110 interchange.

447 (3) Authorization for the project described in paragraph  
448 (2)(s) of this section is conditioned upon receipt by the  
449 Mississippi Transportation Commission of a written commitment by



450 the Mississippi Development Authority to make available for such  
451 project not less than Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00).

452 (4) All planning, construction, reconstruction and  
453 performance of the projects authorized under this section,  
454 including the letting of contracts, shall commence, proceed and be  
455 performed by the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the  
456 Mississippi Department of Transportation according to priorities  
457 based on volume capacity and traffic congestion in comparative  
458 project areas; however, if a project authorized in this section is  
459 also included in the four-lane highway program under Section  
460 65-3-97, then all contracts necessary to be let for the completion  
461 of the project under this section shall be let not later than the  
462 priorities established for the letting of contracts for the  
463 project under Section 65-3-97. Prioritization of construction for  
464 the projects authorized in this section shall be conducted as  
465 provided for in Section 65-3-97(3)(d)(iii).

466 (5) (a) Funds for the projects authorized under this  
467 section may be provided through the issuance of bonds under  
468 Sections 65-39-5 through 65-39-33, through the issuance of notes  
469 for such purposes under Section 31-17-127 or from such monies as  
470 may be available in the Gaming Counties State-Assisted  
471 Infrastructure Fund created under Section 65-39-17.

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

477 **SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
478 and after July 1, 2002.

