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HOUSE BILL NO. 1667
(As Passed the House)

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; TO ADD TWO SEGMENTS OF MISSISSIPPI
6 HIGHWAY 7 TO THE FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY PROGRAM; TO ADD TWO SEGMENTS OF
7 MISSISSIPPI 25 TO THE FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY PROGRAM; TO ADD A SEGMENT
8 OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 16 TO THE FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY PROGRAM; TO
9 AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDS TO BE USED FOR THE 1987
10 FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH FEDERAL FUNDS MAY
11 BE USED IN LIEU OF STATE FUNDING THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE USED FOR
12 SUCH PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THAT THE ANNUAL TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDING
13 FOR THE 1987 FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY PROGRAM SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN IT
14 OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE BEEN WITHOUT THE USE OF SUCH ADDITIONAL
15 FEDERAL FUNDS; TO REVISE THE PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE GAMING
16 COUNTIES STATE-ASSISTED INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE ANY
17 PROJECT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS ON, ALONG AND APPROACHING U.S.
18 HIGHWAY 90 IN HARRISON, HANCOCK AND JACKSON COUNTIES, WHICH THE
19 MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION DETERMINES WILL ALLEVIATE
20 TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN HARRISON, HANCOCK AND JACKSON COUNTIES; AND
21 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

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

25 65-3-97. (1) In addition to and including all other
26 highways designated as a part of the state highway system, there
27 is hereby designated as a part thereof a four-lane highway system
28 to connect various areas of the state with interstate and primary
29 highways. The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall
30 construct and reconstruct four-lane highways, that is, not less
31 than two (2) lanes for traffic flowing in each direction, along
32 the routes designated in this section.

33 (2) In the construction and reconstruction of the four-lane
34 highway system designated in this section, the Mississippi
35 Department of Transportation may utilize the roadway of any
36 existing highway under its jurisdiction and control and shall do



37 so when such utilization is feasible, provided that such highways
38 which are utilized shall be constructed to current standards for
39 such roadways. When it is not feasible to utilize existing
40 designated highways, the Transportation Department shall relocate
41 such highways and construct entirely new facilities whether in
42 urban or rural areas.

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

48 (a) Of the following group of highway segments not less
49 than fifteen percent (15%) of all contracts necessary to be let
50 for completion of all segments within the group shall be let by
51 June 30, 1988, not less than thirty percent (30%) of such
52 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1989, not less than fifty
53 percent (50%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1990, not
54 less than seventy percent (70%) of such contracts shall be let by
55 June 30, 1991, not less than ninety percent (90%) of such
56 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1992, and one hundred percent
57 (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1993:

58 (i) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45
59 beginning at the Clarke/Lauderdale County line and extending
60 northerly to I-59; then beginning at Macon and extending northerly
61 to Brooksville; then beginning at Columbus Air Force Base and
62 extending northerly to Aberdeen; then beginning at U.S. 278 and
63 extending northerly to Shannon; then beginning at Saltillo and
64 extending northerly to Corinth.

65 (ii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45A
66 beginning at U.S. 82 and extending northerly to West Point; then
67 beginning four (4) miles south of Okolona and extending northerly
68 to Shannon.



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

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

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

77 (vi) Highway segments along or near U.S. 72
78 beginning at or near Mt. Pleasant and extending southeasterly to
79 Mississippi 5; then beginning at Walnut and extending
80 southeasterly to Corinth; then beginning at Strickland and
81 extending southeasterly to Burnsville.

82 (vii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 78
83 beginning at Holly Springs and extending southeasterly to the New
84 Albany bypass; then beginning at Mississippi 25 and extending
85 southeasterly to Tremont.

86 (viii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 82
87 beginning at I-55 and extending easterly to Kilmichael; then
88 beginning at Eupora and extending easterly to Mathiston; then
89 beginning at Mississippi 12 and extending easterly to the Alabama
90 state line.

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

94 (x) Highway segments along or near U.S. 98
95 beginning at Columbia and extending easterly to the Marion/Lamar
96 County line; then beginning at U.S. 49 and extending southeasterly
97 to the Alabama state line.

98 (b) Of the following group of highway segments not less
99 than five percent (5%) of all contracts necessary to be let for
100 completion of all segments within the group shall be let by June
101 30, 1991, not less than ten percent (10%) of such contracts shall



102 be let by June 30, 1992, not less than twenty-five percent (25%)
103 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1993, not less than
104 forty percent (40%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30,
105 1994, not less than fifty-five percent (55%) of such contracts
106 shall be let by June 30, 1995, not less than seventy percent (70%)
107 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1996, not less than
108 eighty-five percent (85%) of such contracts shall be let by June
109 30, 1997, and one hundred percent (100%) of such contracts shall
110 be let by June 30, 1998:

111 (i) Highway segments along or near Mississippi 25
112 beginning at Mississippi 471 and extending northeasterly to
113 Mississippi 43; then beginning at the Winston/Oktibbeha County
114 line and extending northeasterly to Starkville.

115 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
116 63 beginning at the Jackson/George County line and extending
117 northerly to Lucedale.

118 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
119 302 beginning at I-55 in Southaven and extending easterly to U.S.
120 72 at or near Mt. Pleasant.

121 (iv) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45
122 beginning at the Alabama state line and extending northerly to the
123 Clarke/Lauderdale County line; then beginning at Lauderdale and
124 extending northerly to Macon; then beginning at Aberdeen and
125 extending northerly to U.S. 278.

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

129 (vi) A highway segment beginning at Brooksville
130 along or near U.S. 45 or U.S. 45A and extending northerly to U.S.
131 82, such segment having been designated by the Transportation
132 Commission pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1)(c) of this
133 section.



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

136 (viii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 61
137 beginning at the Louisiana state line and extending northerly to
138 the Wilkinson/Adams County line; then beginning at Washington and
139 extending northerly to Port Gibson; then beginning at Merigold and
140 extending northerly to Shelby; then beginning at the north end of
141 the Clarksdale bypass and extending northerly to the Tennessee
142 state line.

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

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

148 (xi) Highway segments along or near U.S. 82
149 beginning at the Montgomery/Webster County line and extending
150 easterly to Eupora; then beginning at Mathiston and extending
151 easterly to Starkville.

152 (xii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 84
153 beginning at Leesdale and extending easterly to Roxie; then
154 beginning at Auburn Road and extending easterly to I-55; then
155 beginning at the east end of the Brookhaven bypass and extending
156 easterly to Prentiss; then beginning at the Jones/Covington County
157 line and extending easterly to Horse Creek; then beginning at the
158 Jones/Wayne County line and extending easterly to Waynesboro.

159 (xiii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 98
160 beginning at the Pike/Walthall County line and extending easterly
161 to Columbia; then beginning at the Marion/Lamar County line and
162 extending easterly to the four-lane west of Hattiesburg.

163 (c) Of the following group of highway segments not less
164 than ten percent (10%) of all contracts necessary to be let for
165 completion of all segments within the group shall be let by June
166 30, 1996, not less than twenty percent (20%) of such contracts



167 shall be let by June 30, 1997, not less than forty percent (40%)
168 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1998, and one hundred
169 percent (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1999:

170 (i) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 25
171 beginning at Mississippi 43 and extending northeasterly to the
172 Winston/Oktibbeha County line.

173 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi
174 63 beginning at Lucedale and extending northerly to U.S. 45 at
175 State Line.

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

178 (iv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 82
179 beginning at Kilmichael and extending easterly to the
180 Montgomery/Webster County line.

181 (v) Highway segments along or near U.S. 84
182 beginning at Eddiceton and extending easterly to Auburn Road; then
183 beginning at Prentiss and extending easterly to Collins; then
184 beginning at Waynesboro and extending easterly to the Alabama
185 state line.

186 (d) (i) Contracts for the construction and/or
187 reconstruction of four-lane highways, that is, not less than two
188 (2) lanes for traffic flowing in each direction, shall be let by
189 the Mississippi Department of Transportation on and along the
190 following routes:

191 A. A highway segment along or near
192 Mississippi 6 beginning at the Clarksdale bypass and extending
193 easterly to Batesville.

194 B. A highway segment along or near
195 Mississippi 15 beginning at I-10 and extending northerly to the
196 Mississippi/Tennessee state line.

197 (ii) Contracts for the highway segments
198 designated in paragraph (d) (i) of this subsection shall be let
199 immediately upon the letting of all contracts necessary for



200 completion of the highway segments designated in paragraph (c) of
201 this subsection; however, such contracts may be let concurrently
202 with the letting of contracts for highway segments under paragraph
203 (c) of this subsection if funds are available. Contracts for the
204 highway segments designated in paragraph (d)(i) of this subsection
205 shall have priority over contracts for all highway segments and
206 projects under paragraph (e) of this subsection.

207 (e) (i) * * * The Transportation Commission shall
208 specifically consider the following highway segments when
209 establishing its prioritized schedule of projects:

210 * * *

211 A. A highway segment along or near
212 Mississippi 12 beginning at I-55 and extending easterly to
213 Kosciusko.

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215 B. A highway segment along or near
216 Mississippi 19 beginning at Collinsville and extending
217 northwesterly to Kosciusko.

218 C. Highway segments along or near Mississippi
219 25 beginning at Aberdeen and extending northerly to Fulton; then
220 beginning at the Alabama state line and extending northerly to
221 U.S. Highway 72.

222 D. A highway segment along or near
223 Mississippi 25 beginning at Iuka and extending northerly to the
224 Mississippi/Tennessee state line.

225 E. A highway segment along or near
226 Mississippi 25 beginning at U.S. 45 Alternate and extending
227 northeasterly to or near Aberdeen.

228 F. A highway segment along or near U.S.
229 Highway 61 beginning at Redwood and extending northerly to Leland.

230 G. A highway segment along or near U.S.
231 Highway 98 beginning at Meadville and extending southeasterly to
232 Summit.



233 H. A highway segment along or near
234 Mississippi Highway 24/48 beginning at Woodville and extending
235 easterly to McComb.

236 I. A highway segment along or near
237 Mississippi 35 beginning at the Mississippi/Louisiana state line
238 and extending northerly to or near Foxworth.

239 J. A highway segment along or near
240 Mississippi 27 beginning at I-20 and extending southeasterly to
241 I-55.

242 K. A highway segment along or near
243 Mississippi 57 beginning at I-10 and extending northerly ten (10)
244 miles to just north of the community of Van Cleave.

245 L. A highway segment along or near
246 Mississippi 7 beginning at I-55 and extending northeasterly to
247 Mississippi 9W.

248 M. A highway segment along or near
249 Mississippi 7 beginning at Greenwood and extending northeasterly
250 to Grenada.

251 N. Mississippi 16 from Mississippi 25
252 westerly to or near Canton.

253 (ii) Projects for the construction and/or
254 reconstruction of highway segments designated within this group
255 shall be designed by the department based upon the level of
256 service of the highway segment as defined by the Transportation
257 Research Board, or any successor board or agency. If the level of
258 service of a highway segment is less than the level of service
259 threshold at which the Transportation Department recommends the
260 construction of a four-lane highway, then the Transportation
261 Department shall make other improvements and highway modifications
262 to such highway segment as needed, such as straightening and
263 realignment of the existing roadway, the addition of passing lanes
264 and the widening of existing lanes, and may acquire any necessary



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

267 (iii) With respect to the segments authorized in
268 this paragraph (e), the Transportation Commission shall consider
269 the level of service of the projects together with all projects
270 authorized in Section 65-39-1 and nonprogram highway construction
271 and shall devise a priority schedule for preliminary engineering,
272 right-of-way acquisition and construction which establishes a
273 schedule for completion of these projects and reflects the
274 relative need for the projects authorized in this paragraph (e)
275 and in Section 65-39-1 and nonprogram highways. The commission
276 shall establish and publish standards for setting priorities and
277 also may consider other factors, not in violation of federal law,
278 such as economic development and safety, as the commission
279 considers relevant. No funds deposited into the special funds
280 created in Section 65-39-3 or 65-39-17 may be expended on any
281 project authorized in this paragraph (e); however, funds generated
282 for the highway segments listed in this section may be expended on
283 any project within the prioritized schedule. The Transportation
284 Commission shall begin letting projects according to a prioritized
285 schedule of need not later than January 1, 2006.

286 (4) The construction priorities established in this section
287 shall not be construed as prohibiting the completion of highway
288 segments which, on July 1, 1987, are included in the current
289 three-year plan under Section 65-1-141, and for which, on July 1,
290 1987, grade and drainage has been completed or contracts for grade
291 and drainage have been let.

292 (5) Contracts may be let and construction may commence and
293 be performed concurrently on any of the highway segments
294 designated in paragraph (3) (a), (3) (b), (3) (c) or (3) (d) of this
295 section, notwithstanding the priorities established for the
296 letting of contracts on the various segments designated therein,
297 provided that funds are available and, provided that, at all



298 times, the percentages of all contracts required to be let on the
299 segments designated in paragraphs (3) (a), (3) (b), (3) (c) and
300 (3) (d), respectively, are, in fact, let no later than the dates
301 established therein.

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

307 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that not less
308 than ten percent (10%) of the amounts authorized to be expended
309 for construction and reconstruction of the four-lane highway
310 segments designated in this section shall be expended with small
311 business concerns owned and controlled by socially and
312 economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and
313 economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning
314 ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act
315 (15 USCS, Section 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting regulations
316 promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall be presumed
317 to be socially and economically disadvantaged individuals for the
318 purposes of this paragraph (b).

319 (7) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6) (a)
320 of this section, the Mississippi Transportation Commission may
321 construct highway segments of less than ten (10) miles in length
322 if:

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

325 (ii) The segment will connect two (2) existing
326 four-lane highways;

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



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

332 (v) For a particular project, the costs of
333 constructing a single segment of at least ten (10) miles in length
334 would greatly exceed the aggregate costs of constructing two (2)
335 or more segments; or

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

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

345 (8) (a) To assist in defraying the costs and expenses for
346 construction, reconstruction and relocation of the four-lane
347 highway system described in this section, the following revenues
348 shall be paid out of such funds made available to the
349 Transportation Commission and the Transportation Department:

350 (i) From matched federal funds or other federal
351 funds, Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00) for fiscal year
352 1988, Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) for fiscal year
353 1989, Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) for fiscal year 1990
354 and fifty percent (50%) of such federal funds for fiscal year 1991
355 and each fiscal year thereafter; and

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



361 (b) Federal funds in addition to the federal funds
362 specified in paragraph (a) of this subsection (8) may be used for
363 the construction, reconstruction and relocation of the four-lane
364 highway system described in this section. Such federal funds may
365 be used in lieu of state funding that would otherwise be used for
366 such system; however, the annual total amount of funding for the
367 construction, reconstruction and relocation of the four-lane
368 highway system described in this section shall not be less than it
369 otherwise would have been without the use of such additional
370 federal funds.

371 (9) The Transportation Department shall submit a report to
372 the Legislature by January 10 of each calendar year setting forth
373 the current status of the construction program set forth in this
374 section to include, but not be limited to, the following
375 information:

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

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

380 (c) Specific segments for which construction contracts
381 have been let;

382 (d) Specific segments on which construction is in
383 progress;

384 (e) Specific segments on which construction has been
385 completed;

386 (f) Projections for completion of the next step on each
387 segment;

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

391 (h) For each fiscal year beginning in 1994, a detailed
392 cash flow projection by source of program activities and an



393 estimate of when the program will encounter a funding shortage due
394 to costs exceeding original projections;

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

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

400 (k) A complete recap of all program receipts by source,
401 and of all disbursements for the prior fiscal year and cumulative
402 totals since the inception of the program as compared to
403 projections; and

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

407 The report shall be deemed submitted when ten (10) copies are
408 submitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives and ten
409 (10) copies are submitted to the Secretary of the Senate.

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

412 65-39-1. (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission is
413 authorized, subject to the availability of funds in the Gaming
414 Counties State-Assisted Infrastructure Fund created in Section
415 65-39-17, to conduct feasibility studies and, pursuant to
416 information gathered in such studies, select routes and locations,
417 perform preliminary engineering, acquire necessary right-of-way
418 and property, construct and/or reconstruct and improve existing or
419 new highways, roads, streets and bridges, including two-lane,
420 four-lane and multi-lane roads (or segments thereof), perform
421 intersection improvements, provide signal retiring, turnbay
422 extensions, additional interchanges and other traffic
423 modifications, within and approaching those counties in this state
424 where legal gaming is being conducted or is authorized. Any
425 highway, road, street or bridge that is authorized to be



426 constructed, reconstructed or improved shall meet design standards
427 established by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, shall
428 be constructed to bear a load limit of at least eighty thousand
429 (80,000) pounds and, upon completion, shall become a part of the
430 state highway system, and thereafter shall be under the
431 jurisdiction of the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the
432 Mississippi Department of Transportation for construction and
433 maintenance.

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

437 (a) U.S. Highway 90 from its intersection with
438 Mississippi 607 in Hancock County to Ocean Springs, and including
439 Lakeshore Road in Hancock County from its intersection with U.S.
440 Highway 90 to Beach Boulevard;

441 (b) Mississippi 4 from U.S. Highway 61 to Mississippi
442 3;

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

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

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

447 (f) Mississippi 304 beginning at the Tennessee state
448 line at or near U.S. 72 and thence running in a southwesterly
449 direction to intersect with U.S. 78 at or near Byhalia and thence
450 running in a westerly direction to intersect I-55 at or near
451 Hernando and thence running in a westerly direction to intersect
452 with U.S. 61 in DeSoto County, with a spur extending southwesterly
453 to or near Robinsonville in Tunica County;

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

488 (q) Mississippi 43 beginning where Mississippi 43 and
489 Mississippi 603 divide and extending northwesterly to or near
490 Picayune;



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

493 (s) Subject to the conditions prescribed in subsection
494 (3) of this section, a central Harrison County connector from I-10
495 to U.S. 90 in the vicinity of Canal Road to the Mississippi State
496 Port at Gulfport; * * *

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

500 (u) At various locations on, along and approaching U.S.
501 Highway 90 in Harrison, Hancock and Jackson Counties, which the
502 Mississippi Transportation Commission determines will alleviate
503 traffic congestion in Harrison, Hancock and Jackson Counties.

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

509 (4) All planning, construction, reconstruction and
510 performance of the projects authorized under this section,
511 including the letting of contracts, shall commence, proceed and be
512 performed by the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the
513 Mississippi Department of Transportation according to priorities
514 based on volume capacity and traffic congestion in comparative
515 project areas; however, if a project authorized in this section is
516 also included in the four-lane highway program under Section
517 65-3-97, then all contracts necessary to be let for the completion
518 of the project under this section shall be let not later than the
519 priorities established for the letting of contracts for the
520 project under Section 65-3-97. Prioritization of construction for
521 the projects authorized in this section shall be conducted as
522 provided for in Section 65-3-97(3)(e)(iii).



523 (5) (a) Funds for the projects authorized under this
524 section may be provided through the issuance of bonds under
525 Sections 65-39-5 through 65-39-33, through the issuance of notes
526 for such purposes under Section 31-17-127 or from such monies as
527 may be available in the Gaming Counties State-Assisted
528 Infrastructure Fund created under Section 65-39-17.

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

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

