

By: Representative Miles

To: Transportation

HOUSE BILL NO. 1061
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO DELETE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 379 IN ITAWAMBA COUNTY
2 FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM; TO REMOVE IT FROM THE JURISDICTION
3 OF THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND RETURN IT TO
4 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ITAWAMBA COUNTY; TO
5 DELETE A CERTAIN SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 4 IN THE CITY OF
6 TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI, FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM; TO REMOVE IT
7 FROM THE JURISDICTION OF THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
8 AND RETURN IT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF
9 THE CITY OF TUNICA, MISSISSIPPI; TO AMEND SECTION 65-39-1,
10 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE CERTAIN STREETS IN NATCHEZ,
11 MISSISSIPPI, IN THE GAMING ROADS PROGRAM; AND FOR RELATED
12 PURPOSES.

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

14 **SECTION 1.** The following highway is deleted from the state
15 highway system, removed from the jurisdiction of the Mississippi
16 Transportation Commission and returned to the jurisdiction of the
17 Board of Supervisors of Itawamba County:

18 **Northern District - Itawamba County**
19 Mississippi Highway 379 in Itawamba County.

20 **SECTION 2.** The following segment of highway is deleted from
21 the state highway system, removed from the jurisdiction of the
22 Mississippi Transportation Commission and returned to the
23 jurisdiction of the governing authorities of the City of Tunica,
24 Mississippi:

25 **Northern District - Tunica County**
26 Mississippi Highway 4 beginning at the west corporate
27 limits of the City of Tunica, Mississippi, and extending
28 easterly to U.S. Highway 61, for a total approximate
29 length of .7 miles.

30 **SECTION 3.** Section 65-39-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
31 amended as follows:

32 65-39-1. (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission is
33 authorized, subject to the availability of funds in the Gaming
34 Counties State-Assisted Infrastructure Fund created in Section
35 65-39-17, to conduct feasibility studies and, pursuant to
36 information gathered in such studies, select routes and locations,
37 perform preliminary engineering, acquire necessary right-of-way
38 and property, construct and/or reconstruct and improve existing or
39 new highways, roads, streets and bridges, including two-lane,
40 four-lane and multilane roads (or segments thereof), perform
41 intersection improvements, provide signal retiring, turnbay
42 extensions, additional interchanges and other traffic
43 modifications, within and approaching those counties in this state
44 where legal gaming is being conducted or is authorized. Any
45 highway, road, street or bridge that is authorized to be
46 constructed, reconstructed or improved shall meet design standards
47 established by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, shall
48 be constructed to bear a load limit of at least eighty thousand
49 (80,000) pounds and, upon completion, shall become a part of the
50 state highway system, and thereafter shall be under the
51 jurisdiction of the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the
52 Mississippi Department of Transportation for construction and
53 maintenance.

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

57 (a) U.S. Highway 90 from its intersection with
58 Mississippi 607 in Hancock County to Ocean Springs, and including
59 Lakeshore Road in Hancock County from its intersection with U.S.
60 Highway 90 to Beach Boulevard;

61 (b) Mississippi 4 from U.S. Highway 61 to Mississippi
62 3;

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

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

- 65 (e) U.S. Highway 49 from U.S. Highway 90 to I-10 in
66 Gulfport;
- 67 (f) Mississippi 304 beginning at the Tennessee state
68 line at or near U.S. Highway 72 and thence running in a
69 southwesterly direction to intersect with U.S. Highway 78 at or
70 near Byhalia and thence running in a westerly direction to
71 intersect I-55 at or near Hernando and thence running in a
72 westerly direction to intersect with U.S. Highway 61 in DeSoto
73 County, with a spur extending southwesterly to or near
74 Robinsonville in Tunica County;
- 75 (g) I-10 from Exit 28 to Exit 57;
- 76 (h) A new location from the northernmost point on I-110
77 to U.S. Highway 49;
- 78 (i) U.S. Highway 61 from the Tunica county line to the
79 Tennessee state line;
- 80 (j) (i) Four-lanes for traffic along Mississippi 16
81 beginning at its intersection with Mississippi 25 and extending
82 easterly to join the existing four-lane on the west side of
83 Carthage within the corporate boundaries;
- 84 (ii) Passing lanes and turn lanes, as needed,
85 along Mississippi 16 beginning at a point on the east side of
86 Carthage within the corporate boundaries where the existing
87 four-lane ends and extending easterly to the Leake/Neshoba county
88 line; and
- 89 (iii) Four-lanes for traffic along Mississippi 16
90 beginning at the Leake/Neshoba county line and extending easterly
91 to not more than ten (10) miles east of Mississippi 15;
- 92 (k) Cowan/Lorraine Road Extension from I-10 north to
93 relocated/reconstructed Mississippi 67;
- 94 (l) At various locations on and along U.S. Highway 82
95 and Mississippi 1 in the City of Greenville;
- 96 (m) At various locations on and along I-20, U.S.
97 Highway 61 and U.S. Highway 80 in the City of Vicksburg, including

98 a truck route from Harbor Industrial Park to U.S. Highway 61 north
99 and an extension of South Frontage Road with railroad bridge to
100 I-20;

101 (n) At various locations on and along U.S. Highway 61,
102 U.S. Highway 65, Washington, Homochitto, Martin Luther King, Jr.,
103 St. Catherine and East Franklin Streets in the City of Natchez;

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

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

110 (q) Mississippi 43 beginning where Mississippi 43 and
111 Mississippi 603 divide and extending northwesterly to or near
112 Picayune;

113 (r) U.S. Highway 49 from U.S. Highway 61 west to the
114 Mississippi River bridge;

115 (s) Subject to the conditions prescribed in subsection
116 (3) of this section, a central Harrison County connector from I-10
117 to U.S. Highway 90 in the vicinity of Canal Road to the
118 Mississippi State Port at Gulfport;

119 (t) An east Harrison County connector from U.S. Highway
120 90 to I-10 to be located between the Cowan/Lorraine Road
121 interchange and the I-110 interchange; * * *

122 (u) At various locations on, along and approaching U.S.
123 Highway 90 in Harrison, Hancock and Jackson Counties, which the
124 Mississippi Transportation Commission determines will alleviate
125 traffic congestion in Harrison, Hancock and Jackson Counties; and

126 (v) At various locations in the City of Natchez on,
127 along and approaching U.S. Highway 61 (St. Catherine Street and
128 Franklin Street), and including Mississippi Highway 555 beginning
129 at Franklin Street and extending northerly and easterly to the
130 Natchez Trace.

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

136 (4) If a project authorized in this section is also included
137 in the four-lane highway program under Section 65-3-97(3), then
138 all contracts necessary to be let for the completion of the
139 project under this section shall be let not later than the
140 priorities established for the letting of contracts for the
141 project under Section 65-3-97(3). Prioritization of construction
142 for all other projects authorized in this section shall be
143 conducted as provided for in Section 65-3-97(4).

144 (5) (a) Funds for the projects authorized under this
145 section may be provided through the issuance of bonds under
146 Sections 65-39-5 through 65-39-33, through the issuance of notes
147 for such purposes under Section 31-17-127 or from such monies as
148 may be available in the Gaming Counties State-Assisted
149 Infrastructure Fund created under Section 65-39-17.

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

155 **SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
156 and after its passage.