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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO STRENGTHEN THE ECONOMY THROUGH STRATEGIC
3 TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5
6 STRATEGIC PRIORITIZATION FUNDING PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION
7 INVESTMENTS

8 SECTION 1.1.(a) Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
9 Article to read:

10 "Article 14B.

11 "Strategic Prioritization Funding Plan for Transportation Investments.

12 "**§ 136-189.10. Definitions.**

13 The following definitions apply in this Article:

- 14 (1) Statewide strategic mobility projects. – Includes only the following:
15 a. Interstate highways and future interstate highways approved by the
16 federal government.
17 b. Routes on the National Highway System as of July 1, 2012,
18 excluding intermodal connectors.
19 c. Highway routes on the United States Department of Defense
20 Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET).
21 d. Highway toll routes designated by State law or by the Department of
22 Transportation, pursuant to its authority under State law.
23 e. Highway projects listed in G.S. 136-179, as it existed on July 1,
24 2012, that are not authorized for construction as of July 1, 2015.
25 f. Appalachian Development Highway System.
26 g. Commercial service airports included in the Federal Aviation
27 Administration's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems
28 (NPIAS) that provide international passenger service or 375,000 or
29 more enplanements annually, provided that the State's annual
30 financial participation in any single airport project included in this
31 subdivision may not exceed five hundred thousand dollars
32 (\$500,000).
33 h. Freight capacity and safety improvements to Class I freight rail
34 corridors.
35 (2) Regional impact projects. – Includes only the following:



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- 1 a. Projects listed in subdivision (1) of this section, subject to the
2 limitations noted in that subdivision.
- 3 b. U.S. highway routes not included in subdivision (1) of this section.
- 4 c. N.C. highway routes not included in subdivision (1) of this section.
- 5 d. Commercial service airports included in the NPIAS that are not
6 included in subdivision (1) of this section, provided that the State's
7 annual financial participation in any single airport project included in
8 this subdivision may not exceed three hundred thousand dollars
9 (\$300,000).
- 10 e. State-maintained ferry system, excluding passenger vessel
11 replacement.
- 12 f. Rail lines that span two or more counties not included in subdivision
13 (1) of this section.
- 14 g. Public transportation service that spans two or more counties and that
15 serves more than one municipality.
- 16 (3) Division needs projects. – Includes only the following:
- 17 a. Projects listed in subdivision (1) or (2) of this section, subject to the
18 limitations noted in those subsections.
- 19 b. State highway routes not included in subdivision (1) or (2) of this
20 section.
- 21 c. Airports included in the NPIAS that are not included in subdivision
22 (1) or (2) of this section, provided that the State's total annual
23 financial participation under this sub-subdivision shall not exceed
24 eighteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$18,500,000).
- 25 d. Rail lines not included in subdivision (1) or (2) of this section.
- 26 e. Public transportation service not included in subdivision (1) or (2) of
27 this section.
- 28 f. Multimodal terminals and stations serving passenger transit systems.
- 29 g. Bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
- 30 h. Replacement of State-maintained ferry vessels.
- 31 (4) Distribution Regions. – The following Distribution Regions apply to this
32 Article:
- 33 a. Distribution Region A consists of the following counties: Bertie,
34 Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax,
35 Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank,
36 Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson.
- 37 b. Distribution Region B consists of the following counties: Beaufort,
38 Brunswick, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, New
39 Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, and Sampson.
- 40 c. Distribution Region C consists of the following counties: Bladen,
41 Columbus, Cumberland, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett,
42 Person, Robeson, Vance, Wake, and Warren.
- 43 d. Distribution Region D consists of the following counties: Alamance,
44 Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Orange, Rockingham,
45 Rowan, and Stokes.
- 46 e. Distribution Region E consists of the following counties: Anson,
47 Cabarrus, Chatham, Hoke, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore,
48 Randolph, Richmond, Scotland, Stanly, and Union.
- 49 f. Distribution Region F consists of the following counties: Alexander,
50 Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston,
51 Iredell, Lincoln, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin.

- 1 g. Distribution Region G consists of the following counties: Buncombe,
2 Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson,
3 Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain,
4 Transylvania, and Yancey.

5 **"§ 136-189.11. Transportation Investment Strategy Formula.**

6 (a) Funds Subject to Formula. – The following sources of funds are subject to this
7 section:

- 8 (1) Highway Trust Fund funds, in accordance with G.S. 136-176.
9 (2) Federal aid funds.

10 (b) Funds Excluded From Formula. – The following funds are not subject to this
11 section:

- 12 (1) Federal congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program funds
13 appropriated to the State by the United States pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §
14 104(b)(2) and 23 U.S.C. § 149.
15 (2) Funds received through competitive awards or discretionary grants through
16 federal appropriations either for local governments, transportation
17 authorities, transit authorities, or the Department.
18 (3) Funds received from the federal government that under federal law may only
19 be used for Appalachian Development Highway System projects.
20 (4) Funds used in repayment of "GARVEE" bonds related to Phase I of the
21 Yadkin River Veterans Memorial Bridge project.
22 (5) Funds committed to gap funding for toll roads funded with bonds issued
23 pursuant to G.S. 136-176.
24 (6) Funds obligated for projects in the State Transportation Improvement
25 Program that are scheduled for construction as of April 1, 2013, in fiscal
26 year 2012-2013, 2013-2014, or 2014-2015.
27 (7) Toll collections from a turnpike project under Article 6H of this Chapter and
28 other revenue from the sale of the Authority's bonds or notes or project
29 loans, in accordance with G.S. 136-89.192.

30 (c) Funds With Alternate Criteria. – The following federal program activities shall be
31 included in the applicable category of the Transportation Investment Strategy Formula set forth
32 in subsection (d) of this section but shall not be subject to the prioritization criteria set forth in
33 that subsection:

- 34 (1) Bridge replacement.
35 (2) Interstate maintenance.
36 (3) Highway safety improvement.

37 (d) Transportation Investment Strategy Formula. – Funds subject to the Formula shall
38 be distributed as follows:

- 39 (1) Statewide Strategic Mobility Projects. – Forty percent (40%) of the funds
40 subject to this section shall be used for Statewide Strategic Mobility
41 Projects.

42 a. Criteria. – Transportation-related quantitative criteria shall be used
43 by the Department to rank highway projects that address
44 cost-effective Statewide Strategic Mobility needs and promote
45 economic and employment growth. The criteria for selection of
46 Statewide Strategic Mobility Projects shall utilize a numeric scale of
47 100 points, based on consideration of the following quantitative
48 criteria:

- 49 1. Benefit-cost.
50 2. Congestion.
51 3. Economic competitiveness.

- 1 4. Safety.
- 2 5. Freight.
- 3 6. Multimodal.
- 4 7. Pavement condition.
- 5 8. Lane width.
- 6 9. Shoulder width.
- 7 b. Project cap. – No more than ten percent (10%) of the funds projected
- 8 to be allocated to the Statewide Strategic Mobility category over any
- 9 five-year period may be assigned to any contiguous project or group
- 10 of projects in the same corridor within a Highway Division or within
- 11 adjoining Highway Divisions.
- 12 (2) Regional Impact Projects. – Forty percent (40%) of the funds subject to this
- 13 section shall be used for Regional Impact Projects and allocated by
- 14 population of Distribution Regions, based on the most recent estimates
- 15 certified by the Office of State Budget and Management.
- 16 a. Criteria. – A combination of transportation-related quantitative
- 17 criteria, qualitative criteria, and local input shall be used to rank
- 18 Regional Impact Projects involving highways that address
- 19 cost-effective needs from a region-wide perspective and promote
- 20 economic growth. Local input is defined as the rankings identified by
- 21 the Department's Transportation Division Engineers, Metropolitan
- 22 Planning Organizations, and Rural Transportation Planning
- 23 Organizations. The criteria utilized for selection of Regional Impact
- 24 Projects shall be based thirty percent (30%) on local input and
- 25 seventy percent (70%) on consideration of a numeric scale of 100
- 26 points, based on the following quantitative criteria:
- 27 1. Benefit-cost.
- 28 2. Congestion.
- 29 3. Economic competitiveness.
- 30 4. Safety.
- 31 5. Freight.
- 32 6. Multimodal.
- 33 7. Pavement condition.
- 34 8. Lane width.
- 35 9. Shoulder width.
- 36 10. Accessibility/connectivity.
- 37 (3) Division Need Projects. – Twenty percent (20%) of the funds subject to this
- 38 section shall be allocated in equal share to each of the Department divisions,
- 39 as defined in G.S. 136-14.1, and used for Division Need Projects.
- 40 a. Criteria. – A combination of transportation-related quantitative
- 41 criteria, qualitative criteria, and local input shall be used to rank
- 42 Division Need Projects involving highways that address
- 43 cost-effective needs from a Division-wide perspective, provide
- 44 access, and address safety-related needs of local communities. Local
- 45 input is defined as the rankings identified by the Department's
- 46 Transportation Division Engineers, Metropolitan Planning
- 47 Organizations, and Rural Transportation Planning Organizations. The
- 48 criteria utilized for selection of Division Need Projects shall be based
- 49 fifty percent (50%) on local input and fifty percent (50%) on
- 50 consideration of a numeric scale of 100 points, based on the

- 1 following quantitative criteria, except as provided in sub-subdivision
2 b.:
3 1. Benefit-cost.
4 2. Congestion.
5 3. Economic competitiveness.
6 4. Safety.
7 5. Freight.
8 6. Multimodal.
9 7. Pavement condition.
10 8. Lane width.
11 9. Shoulder width.
12 b. Alternate criteria. – Funding from the following programs shall be
13 included in the computation of each of the Department division equal
14 shares but shall be subject to alternate quantitative criteria:
15 1. Federal Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable
16 funds appropriated to the State.
17 2. Federal Transportation Alternatives funds appropriated to the
18 State.
19 3. Federal Railway-highway crossings program funds
20 appropriated to the State.
21 4. Projects requested from the Department in support of a
22 time-critical job creation opportunity, when the opportunity
23 would be classified as transformational under the Job
24 Development Investment Grant program established pursuant
25 to G.S. 143B-437.52, provided that the total State investment
26 in each fiscal year for all projects funded under this
27 sub-subdivision shall not exceed ten million dollars
28 (\$10,000,000) in the aggregate or two million dollars
29 (\$2,000,000) per project.
30 (4) Criteria for nonhighway projects. – Nonhighway projects subject to this
31 subsection shall be evaluated through a separate prioritization process
32 established by the Department that complies with all of the following:
33 a. The criteria used for selection of Statewide Strategic Mobility
34 Projects for a particular transportation mode shall be based on a
35 minimum of four quantitative criteria.
36 b. Local input shall include rankings of projects identified by the
37 Department's Transportation Division Engineers, Metropolitan
38 Planning Organizations, and Rural Transportation Planning
39 Organizations.
40 c. The criteria shall be based on a scale not to exceed 100 points that
41 includes no bonus points or other alterations favoring any particular
42 mode of transportation.
43 (e) Authorized Formula Variance. – The Department may vary from the Formula set
44 forth in this section if it complies with the following:
45 (1) Limitation on variance. – The Department, in obligating funds in accordance
46 with this section, shall ensure that the percentage amount obligated to
47 Statewide Strategic Mobility Projects, Regional Impact Projects, and
48 Division Need Projects does not vary by more than five percent (5%) over
49 any five-year period from the percentage required to be allocated to each of
50 those categories by this section. Funds obligated among distribution regions

1 or divisions pursuant to this section may vary up to ten percent (10%) over
2 any five-year period.

3 (2) Calculation of variance. – Each year the Secretary shall calculate the amount
4 of Regional Impact and Division Need funds allocated in that year to each
5 division and region, the amount of funds obligated, and the amount the
6 obligations exceeded or were below the allocation. In the first variance
7 calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal year
8 2015-2016, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set forth in
9 this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between
10 allocations and obligations reported for the previous year. In the first
11 variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal year
12 2016-2017, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set forth in
13 this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between
14 allocations and obligations reported for the previous two fiscal years. In the
15 first variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal
16 year 2017-2018, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set
17 forth in this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between
18 allocations and obligations reported for the previous three fiscal years. In the
19 first variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal
20 year 2018-2019, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set
21 forth in this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between
22 allocations and obligations reported for the previous four fiscal years. The
23 new target amounts shall be used to fulfill the requirements of subdivision
24 (1) of this subsection for the next update of the Transportation Improvement
25 Program. The adjustment to the target amount shall be allocated by
26 Distribution Region or Division, as applicable.

27 (f) Incentives for Local Funding and Highway Tolling. – The Department may revise
28 highway project selection ratings based on local government funding initiatives and capital
29 construction funding directly attributable to highway toll revenue. Projects authorized for
30 construction after November 1, 2013, and contained in the 10-year Department of
31 Transportation work program are eligible for a bonus allocation under this subsection.

32 (1) Definitions. – The following definitions apply in this subsection:

33 a. Bonus allocation. – The allocation obtained as a result of local
34 government funding participation or highway tolling.

35 b. Local funding participation. – Non-State or nonfederal funds
36 committed by local officials to leverage the commitment of State or
37 federal transportation funds towards construction.

38 (2) Funds obtained from local government funding participation. – Upon
39 authorization to construct a project with funds obtained by local government
40 funding participation, the Department shall make available for allocation as
41 set forth in subdivision (4) of this section an amount equal to one-half of the
42 local funding commitment for other eligible highway projects that serve the
43 local entity or entities that provided the local funding.

44 (3) Funds obtained through highway tolling. – Upon authorization to construct a
45 project with funding from toll revenue, the Department shall make available
46 for allocation an amount equal to one-half of the project construction cost
47 derived from toll revenue bonds. The amount made available for allocation
48 to other eligible highway projects shall not exceed two hundred million
49 dollars (\$200,000,000) of the capital construction funding directly
50 attributable to the highway toll revenues committed in the Investment Grade
51 Traffic and Revenue Study. If the toll project is located in one or more

Metropolitan Planning Organization or Rural Transportation Planning Organization boundaries, based on the boundaries in existence at the time of letting of the project construction contract, the bonus allocation shall be distributed proportionately to lane miles of new capacity within the Organization's boundaries. The Organization shall apply the bonus allocation only within those counties in which the toll project is located.

(4) Use of bonus allocation. – The Metropolitan Planning Organization, Rural Transportation Planning Organization, or the local government may choose to apply its bonus allocation in one of the three categories or in a combination of the three categories as provided in this subdivision.

a. Statewide Strategic Mobility Projects category. – The bonus allocation shall apply over the five-year period in the State Transportation Improvement Program in the cycle following the contractual obligation.

b. Regional Impact Projects category. – The bonus allocation is capped at ten percent (10%) of the regional allocation, or allocation to multiple regions, made over a five-year period and shall be applied over the five-year period in the State Transportation Improvement Program in the cycle following the contractual obligation.

c. Division Needs Projects category. – The bonus allocation is capped at ten percent (10%) of the division allocation, or allocation to multiple divisions, made over a five-year period and shall be applied over the five-year period in the State Transportation Improvement Program in the cycle following the contractual obligation."

SECTION 1.1.(b) (Effective July 1, 2019) G.S. 136-189.11(e)(2) reads as

rewritten:

"(e) Authorized Formula Variance. – The Department may vary from the Formula set forth in this section if it complies with the following:

...
 (2) Calculation of Variance. – Each year, the Secretary shall calculate the amount of Regional Impact and Division Need funds allocated in that year to each ~~division,~~ division and region, the amount of funds obligated, and the amount the obligations exceeded or were below the allocation. ~~In the first variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal year 2015-16, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set forth in this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between allocations and obligations reported for the previous year. In the first variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal year 2016-17, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set forth in this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between allocations and obligations reported for the previous two fiscal years. In the first variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal year 2017-18, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set forth in this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between allocations and obligations reported for the previous three fiscal years. In the first variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal year 2018-19, the~~ The target amounts obtained according to the Formula set forth in this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between allocations and obligations reported for the previous ~~four~~ five fiscal years. The new target amounts shall be used to fulfill the requirements of subdivision (1) of this subsection for the next update of the Transportation

1 Improvement Program. The adjustment to the target amount shall be
2 allocated by Distribution Region or Division, as applicable."

3 **SECTION 1.2.** Strategic Prioritization Process Reporting. – The Department shall
4 issue a draft revision to the State Transportation Improvement Program required by
5 G.S. 143B-350(f)(4) no later than January 1, 2015. The Board of Transportation shall approve
6 the revised State Transportation Improvement Program no later than July 1, 2015.

7 8 **SECONDARY ROADS CHANGES**

9 **SECTION 2.1.** G.S. 20-85(b) reads as rewritten:

10 **"§ 20-85. Schedule of fees.**

11 ...

12 (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a1) of this section, the fees collected
13 under subdivisions (a)(1) through (a)(9) of this section shall be credited to the North Carolina
14 Highway Trust Fund. The fees collected under subdivision (a)(10) of this section shall be
15 credited to the Highway Fund. ~~Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each title fee credited to the Trust~~
16 ~~Fund under subdivision (a)(1) shall be added to the amount allocated for secondary roads under~~
17 ~~G.S. 136-176 and used in accordance with G.S. 136-44.5.~~

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19 **SECTION 2.2.(a) (Expires June 30, 2014)** G.S. 136-44.2 reads as rewritten:

20 **"§ 136-44.2. Budget and appropriations.**

21 (a) The Director of the Budget shall include in the "Current Operations Appropriations
22 Act" an enumeration of the purposes or objects of the proposed expenditures for each of the
23 ~~construction and maintenance~~ construction, maintenance, and improvement programs for that
24 budget period for the State primary, secondary, State parks road systems, and other
25 transportation systems. The State primary system shall include all portions of the State highway
26 system located both inside and outside municipal corporate limits that are designated by N.C.,
27 U.S. or Interstate numbers. The State secondary system shall include all of the State highway
28 system located both inside and outside municipal corporate limits that is not a part of the State
29 primary system. The State parks system shall include all State parks roads and parking lots that
30 are not also part of the State highway system. The transportation systems shall include
31 State-maintained, nonhighway modes of ~~transportation as well as~~ transportation.

32 (b) All ~~construction and maintenance~~ construction, maintenance, and improvement
33 programs for which appropriations are requested shall be enumerated separately in the budget.
34 Programs that are entirely State funded shall be listed separately from those programs involving
35 the use of federal-aid funds. Proposed appropriations of State matching funds for each of the
36 federal-aid construction programs shall be enumerated separately as well as the federal-aid
37 funds anticipated for each program in order that the total construction requirements for each
38 program may be provided for in the budget. Also, proposed State matching funds for the
39 highway planning and research program shall be included separately along with the anticipated
40 federal-aid funds for that purpose.

41 (c) Other program categories for which appropriations are requested, such as, but not
42 limited to, maintenance, channelization and traffic control, bridge maintenance, public service
43 and access road construction, transportation projects and systems, and ferry operations shall be
44 enumerated in the budget.

45 (d) The Department of Transportation shall have all powers necessary to comply fully
46 with provisions of present and future federal-aid acts. For purposes of this section, "federally
47 eligible construction project" means any construction project except secondary road projects
48 developed pursuant to G.S. 136-44.7 and 136-44.8 eligible for federal funds under any
49 federal-aid act, whether or not federal funds are actually available.

50 (e) The "Current Operations Appropriations Act" shall also contain the proposed
51 appropriations of State funds for use in each county for ~~maintenance and~~

1 ~~construction~~ construction, maintenance, and improvement of secondary roads, to be allocated in
2 accordance with G.S. 136-44.5 and 136-44.6. State funds appropriated for secondary roads
3 shall not be transferred nor used except for the ~~construction and maintenance~~ construction,
4 maintenance, and improvement of secondary roads in the county for which they are allocated
5 pursuant to G.S. 136-44.5 and 136-44.6.

6 (f) If the unreserved credit balance in the Highway Fund on the last day of a fiscal year
7 is greater than the amount estimated for that date in the Current Operations Appropriations Act
8 for the following fiscal year, the excess shall be used in accordance with this subsection. The
9 Director of the Budget shall allocate the excess to a reserve (i) for access and public roads or
10 (ii) for other urgent needs. The use of this reserve shall be subject to the following:

- 11 (1) Restrictions on use. – No more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from
12 this reserve may be spent on a single project. Funds from this reserve being
13 used for an "other urgent need" project cannot be used for administrative
14 costs, information technology costs, or economic development.
- 15 (2) Approval. – The Department of Transportation shall submit for approval to
16 the Director of the Budget all expenditures from the reserve established
17 under this subsection.
- 18 (3) Reporting. – At least five days, not including State holidays or weekend
19 days, prior to submitting an expenditure request to the Director of the
20 Budget under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the Department of
21 Transportation shall submit a report on the expenditure request to the Fiscal
22 Research Division and to the members of the House Appropriations
23 Subcommittee on Transportation and the Senate Appropriations Committee
24 on Department of Transportation. Such report shall be certified by the chief
25 financial officer of the Department of Transportation and shall include (i) a
26 project description, (ii) whether the project is for access and public roads or
27 for other urgent needs, (iii) a justification of the project, (iv) the total project
28 cost, (v) the amount of funding for the project coming from the reserve, and
29 (vi) other funding sources for the project.
- 30 (4) Carryforward. – If on the last day of the fiscal year the balance in the reserve
31 established by this subsection is greater than five million dollars
32 (\$5,000,000), then the Director of the Budget shall transfer the amount in
33 excess of that sum to the Reserve for General Maintenance in the Highway
34 Fund.

35 (g) The Department of Transportation may provide for costs incurred or accrued for
36 traffic control measures to be taken by the Department at major events which involve a high
37 degree of traffic concentration on State highways, and which cannot be funded from regular
38 budgeted items. This authorization applies only to events which are expected to generate
39 30,000 vehicles or more per day. The Department of Transportation shall provide for this
40 funding by allocating and reserving up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) before any
41 other allocations from the appropriations for State maintenance for primary, secondary, and
42 urban road systems are made, based upon the same proportion as is appropriated to each
43 system."

44 **SECTION 2.2.(b) (Effective July 1, 2014)** G.S. 136-44.2 reads as rewritten:

45 **"§ 136-44.2. Budget and appropriations.**

46 (a) The Director of the Budget shall include in the "Current Operations Appropriations
47 Act" an enumeration of the purposes or objects of the proposed expenditures for each of the
48 ~~construction, maintenance, maintenance~~ and improvement programs for that budget period for
49 the State primary, secondary, State parks road systems, and other transportation systems. The
50 State primary system shall include all portions of the State highway system located both inside
51 and outside municipal corporate limits that are designated by N.C., U.S. or Interstate numbers.

1 The State secondary system shall include all of the State highway system located both inside
2 and outside municipal corporate limits that is not a part of the State primary system. The State
3 parks system shall include all State parks roads and parking lots that are not also part of the
4 State highway system. The transportation systems shall also include State-maintained,
5 nonhighway modes of ~~transportation as well, transportation.~~

6 (b) All ~~construction, maintenance, maintenance~~ and improvement programs for which
7 appropriations are requested shall be enumerated separately in the budget. Programs that are
8 entirely State funded shall be listed separately from those programs involving the use of
9 federal-aid funds. ~~Proposed appropriations of State matching funds for each of the federal aid~~
10 ~~construction programs shall be enumerated separately as well as the federal aid funds~~
11 ~~anticipated for each program in order that the total construction requirements for each program~~
12 ~~may be provided for in the budget. Also, proposed~~ Proposed State matching funds for the
13 highway planning and research program shall be included separately along with the anticipated
14 federal-aid funds for that purpose.

15 (c) Other program categories for which appropriations are requested, such as, but not
16 limited to, maintenance, channelization and traffic control, bridge maintenance, public service
17 and access road construction, transportation projects and systems, and ferry operations shall be
18 enumerated in the budget.

19 (d) The Department of Transportation shall have all powers necessary to comply fully
20 with provisions of present and future federal-aid acts. For purposes of this section, "federally
21 eligible construction project" means any construction project except secondary road projects
22 developed pursuant to ~~G.S. 136-44.7 and 136-44.8~~ G.S. 136-44.8 eligible for federal funds
23 under any federal-aid act, whether or not federal funds are actually available.

24 (e) The "Current Operations Appropriations Act" shall also contain the proposed
25 appropriations of State funds for use in each county for ~~construction, maintenance, maintenance~~
26 and improvement of secondary roads, to be allocated in accordance with ~~G.S. 136-44.5 and~~
27 ~~136-44.6.~~ G.S. 136-44.6. State funds appropriated for secondary roads shall not be transferred
28 nor used except for the ~~construction, maintenance, maintenance~~ and improvement of secondary
29 roads in the county for which they are allocated pursuant to ~~G.S. 136-44.5 and~~
30 ~~136-44.6.~~ G.S. 136-44.6.

31 (f) If the unreserved credit balance in the Highway Fund on the last day of a fiscal year
32 is greater than the amount estimated for that date in the Current Operations Appropriations Act
33 for the following fiscal year, the excess shall be used in accordance with this subsection. The
34 Director of the Budget shall allocate the excess to a reserve (i) for access and public roads or
35 (ii) for other urgent needs. The use of this reserve shall be subject to the following:

- 36 (1) Restrictions on use. – No more than five million dollars (\$5,000,000) from
37 this reserve may be spent on a single project. Funds from this reserve being
38 used for an "other urgent need" project cannot be used for administrative
39 costs, information technology costs, or economic development.
- 40 (2) Approval. – The Department of Transportation shall submit for approval to
41 the Director of the Budget all expenditures from the reserve established
42 under this subsection.
- 43 (3) Reporting. – At least five days, not including State holidays or weekend
44 days, prior to submitting an expenditure request to the Director of the
45 Budget under subdivision (2) of this subsection, the Department of
46 Transportation shall submit a report on the expenditure request to the Fiscal
47 Research Division and to the members of the House Appropriations
48 Subcommittee on Transportation and the Senate Appropriations Committee
49 on Department of Transportation. Such report shall be certified by the chief
50 financial officer of the Department of Transportation and shall include (i) a
51 project description, (ii) whether the project is for access and public roads or

1 for other urgent needs, (iii) a justification of the project, (iv) the total project
2 cost, (v) the amount of funding for the project coming from the reserve, and
3 (vi) other funding sources for the project.

- 4 (4) Carryforward. – If on the last day of the fiscal year the balance in the reserve
5 established by this subsection is greater than five million dollars
6 (\$5,000,000), then the Director of the Budget shall transfer the amount in
7 excess of that sum to the Reserve for General Maintenance in the Highway
8 Fund.

9 (g) The Department of Transportation may provide for costs incurred or accrued for
10 traffic control measures to be taken by the Department at major events which involve a high
11 degree of traffic concentration on State highways, and which cannot be funded from regular
12 budgeted items. This authorization applies only to events which are expected to generate
13 30,000 vehicles or more per day. The Department of Transportation shall provide for this
14 funding by allocating and reserving up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) before any
15 other allocations from the appropriations for State maintenance for ~~primary, secondary, and~~
16 ~~urban~~primary and secondary road systems are made, based upon the same proportion as is
17 appropriated to each system."

18 **SECTION 2.3.(a) (Expires June 30, 2014)** G.S. 136-44.2A reads as rewritten:

19 "**§ 136-44.2A. Secondary road ~~improvement~~ construction program.**

20 There shall be annually allocated from the Highway Fund to the Department of
21 Transportation for secondary road ~~improvement~~ construction programs developed pursuant to
22 G.S. 136-44.7 and 136-44.8, a sum provided by law, equal to that allocation made from the
23 ~~Highway Fund under G.S. 136-41.1(a). In addition, as provided in G.S. 136-176(b)(4) and~~
24 ~~G.S. 20-85(b), revenue is annually allocated from the Highway Trust Fund for secondary road~~
25 ~~construction. Of the funds allocated from the Highway Fund, the sum of sixty eight million six~~
26 ~~hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$68,670,000) shall be allocated among the counties in~~
27 ~~accordance with G.S. 136-44.5(b). All funds allocated from the Highway Fund for secondary~~
28 ~~road improvements in excess of that amount shall be allocated among the counties in~~
29 ~~accordance with G.S. 136-44.5(c). All funds allocated from the Highway Trust Fund for~~
30 ~~secondary road improvement programs shall be allocated in accordance with G.S. 136-182."~~

31 **SECTION 2.3.(b) (Effective July 1, 2014)** G.S. 136-44.2A is repealed.

32 **SECTION 2.4.** G.S. 136-44.2C is repealed.

33 **SECTION 2.5.** Article 2A of Chapter 136 is amended by adding a new section to
34 read:

35 "**§ 136-44.2D. Secondary unpaved road paving program.**

36 The Department of Transportation shall expend funds allocated to the paving of unpaved
37 secondary roads for the paving of unpaved secondary roads based on a statewide prioritization.
38 The Department shall pave the eligible unpaved secondary roads that receive the highest
39 priority ranking within this statewide prioritization. Nothing in this subsection shall be
40 interpreted to require the Department to pave any unpaved secondary roads that do not meet
41 secondary road system addition standards as set forth in G.S. 136-44.10 and G.S. 136-102.6.
42 The Highway Trust Fund shall not be used to fund the paving of unpaved secondary roads.

43 **SECTION 2.6.(a) (Expires June 30, 2014)** G.S. 136-44.5 reads as rewritten:

44 "**§ 136-44.5. Secondary roads; mileage study; allocation of funds.**

45 (a) Before July 1, in each calendar year, the Department of Transportation shall make a
46 study of all State-maintained unpaved and paved secondary roads in the State. The study shall
47 determine:

- 48 (1) The number of miles of unpaved State-maintained roads in each county
49 eligible for paving and the total number of miles that are ineligible;
50 (2) The total number of miles of unpaved State-maintained roads in the State
51 eligible for paving and the total number of miles that are ineligible; and

1 (3) The total number of paved State-maintained roads in each county, and the
2 total number of miles of paved State-maintained roads in the State.

3 In this subsection, (i) ineligible unpaved mileage is defined as the number of miles of
4 unpaved roads that have unavailable rights-of-way or for which environmental permits cannot
5 be approved to allow for paving, and (ii) eligible unpaved mileage is defined as the number of
6 miles of unpaved roads that have not been previously approved for paving by any funding
7 source or has the potential to be programmed for paving when rights-of-way or environmental
8 permits are secured. Except for federal-aid programs, the Department shall allocate all
9 secondary road improvement funds on the basis of a formula using the study figures.

10 (b) ~~The first sixty eight million six hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$68,670,000)~~
11 ~~shall be allocated as follows: Each county shall receive a percentage of these funds, the~~
12 ~~percentage to be determined as a factor of the number of miles of paved and unpaved~~
13 ~~State-maintained secondary roads in the county divided by the total number of miles of paved~~
14 ~~and unpaved State-maintained secondary roads in the State, excluding those unpaved secondary~~
15 ~~roads that have been determined to be eligible for paving as defined in subsection (a) of this~~
16 ~~section. Beginning in fiscal year 2010-2011, allocations pursuant to this subsection shall be~~
17 ~~The amounts appropriated by law for secondary road construction, excluding unpaved secondary~~
18 ~~road funds, shall be allocated among counties based on the total number of secondary miles in a~~
19 ~~county in proportion to the total State-maintained secondary road mileage.~~

20 (c) ~~Funds allocated for secondary road construction in excess of sixty eight million six~~
21 ~~hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$68,670,000) shall be allocated to each county based on the~~
22 ~~percentage proportion that the number of miles in the county of State-maintained unpaved~~
23 ~~secondary roads bears to the total number of miles in the State of State-maintained unpaved~~
24 ~~secondary roads. In a county that has roads with eligible miles, these funds shall only be used~~
25 ~~for paving unpaved secondary road miles in that county. In a county where there are no roads~~
26 ~~eligible to be paved as defined in subsection (a) of this section, the funds may be used for~~
27 ~~improvements on the paved and unpaved secondary roads in that county. Beginning in fiscal~~
28 ~~year 2010-2011, allocations pursuant to this subsection shall be based on the total number of~~
29 ~~secondary miles in a county in proportion to the total State-maintained secondary road mileage.~~

30 (d) ~~Copies of the Department study of unpaved and paved State-maintained secondary~~
31 ~~roads and copies of the individual county allocations shall be made available to newspapers~~
32 ~~having general circulation in each county."~~

33 **SECTION 2.6.(b) (Effective July 1, 2014) G.S. 136-44.5 is repealed.**

34 **SECTION 2.6.(c) G.S. 136-44.6 reads as rewritten:**

35 **"§ 136-44.6. Uniformly applicable formula for the allocation of secondary roads**
36 **maintenance and improvement funds.**

37 The Department of Transportation shall develop a uniformly applicable formula for the
38 allocation of secondary roads maintenance and improvement funds for use in each county. The
39 formula shall take into consideration the number of paved and unpaved miles of
40 state-maintained secondary roads in each county and such other factors as experience may
41 dictate. This section shall not apply to projects to pave unpaved roads under G.S. 136-44.2D."

42 **SECTION 2.6.(d) Secondary Road Funding.** – The sum of fifteen million dollars
43 (\$15,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2013-2014 fiscal year is appropriated from the
44 Highway Fund for the secondary road construction program under G.S. 136-44.2A, as enacted
45 by Section 2.3(a) of this act, and the sum of twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) in recurring
46 funds for the 2013-2014 fiscal year is appropriated from the Highway Fund for the paving of
47 unpaved roads pursuant to G.S. 136-44.2D, as enacted by Section 2.5 of this act.

48 **SECTION 2.7. G.S. 136-44.7 reads as rewritten:**

49 **"§ 136-44.7. Secondary roads; annual work program; right-of-way acquisition.**

50 (a) ~~The Department of Transportation shall be responsible for developing criteria for~~
51 ~~improvements and maintenance of secondary roads. The criteria shall be adopted by the Board~~

1 of Transportation before it shall become effective. The Department of Transportation shall be
2 responsible for developing annual work programs for both construction and maintenance of
3 secondary roads in each county in accordance with criteria developed. It shall reflect the
4 long range and immediate goals of the Department of Transportation. Projects on the annual
5 construction program for each county shall be rated according to their priority based upon the
6 secondary road criteria and standards which shall be uniform throughout the State. Tentative
7 construction projects and estimated funding shall also be listed in accordance to priority. The
8 annual construction program shall be adopted by the Board of Transportation before it shall
9 become effective.

10 (b) ~~When a secondary road in a county is listed in the first 10 secondary roads to be~~
11 ~~paved during a year on a priority list issued by the Department of Transportation under this~~
12 ~~section, the secondary road cannot be removed from the top 10 of that list or any subsequent~~
13 ~~list until it is paved. All secondary roads in a county shall be paved, insofar as possible, in the~~
14 ~~priority order of the list. When a secondary road in the top 10 of that list is removed from the~~
15 ~~list because it has been paved, the next secondary road on the priority list shall be moved up to~~
16 ~~the top 10 of that list and shall remain there until it is paved.~~

17 (c) When it is necessary for the Department of Transportation to acquire a right-of-way
18 in accordance with (a) and (b) of this section in order to pave a secondary road or undertake a
19 maintenance project, the Department shall negotiate the acquisition of the right-of-way for a
20 period of up to six months. At the end of that period, if one or more property owners have not
21 dedicated the necessary right-of-way and at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the property
22 owners adjacent to the project and the owners of the majority of the road frontage adjacent to
23 the project have dedicated the necessary property for the right-of-way and have provided funds
24 required by Department rule to the Department to cover the costs of condemning the remaining
25 property, the Department shall initiate condemnation proceedings pursuant to Article 9 of this
26 Chapter to acquire the remaining property necessary for the project.

27 (d) The Division Engineer is authorized to reduce the width of a right-of-way to less
28 than 60 feet to pave an unpaved secondary road with the allocated funds, provided that in all
29 circumstances the safety of the public is not compromised and the minimum accepted design
30 practice is satisfied."

31 **SECTION 2.8.(a) (Expires June 30, 2014) G.S. 136-44.8 reads as rewritten:**

32 **"§ 136-44.8. Submission of secondary roads construction and unpaved roads paving**
33 **programs to the Boards of County Commissioners.**

34 (a) ~~The Department of Transportation shall post in the county courthouse a county map~~
35 ~~showing tentative secondary road paving projects rated according to the priority of each project~~
36 ~~in accordance with the criteria and standards adopted by the Board of Transportation. The map~~
37 ~~shall be posted at least two weeks prior to the public meeting of the county commissioners at~~
38 ~~which the Department of Transportation representatives are to meet and discuss the proposed~~
39 ~~secondary road construction program for the county as provided in subsection (e).~~

40 (a1) Representatives of the Department of Transportation shall provide to the board of
41 county commissioners in each county the proposed secondary road construction program and,
42 if applicable to that county, a list of roads proposed for the annual paving program approved by
43 the Board of Transportation. If a paving priority list is presented, it shall include the priority
44 rating of each secondary road paving project included in the proposed paving program
45 according to the criteria and standards adopted by the Board of Transportation.

46 (b) ~~The Department of Transportation shall provide a notice to the public of the public~~
47 ~~meeting of the board of county commissioners at which the annual secondary road construction~~
48 ~~program for the county proposed by the Department is to be presented to the board and other~~
49 ~~citizens of the county as provided in subsection (e). The notice shall be published in a~~
50 ~~newspaper published in the county or having a general circulation in the county once a week~~
51 ~~for two succeeding weeks prior to the meeting. The notice shall also advise that a county map is~~

1 posted in the courthouse showing tentative secondary road paving projects rated according to
2 the priority of each project.

3 ~~(e) Representatives of the Department of Transportation shall meet with the board of
4 county commissioners at a regular or special public meeting of the board of county
5 commissioners for each county and present to and discuss with the board of county
6 commissioners and other citizens present, the proposed secondary road construction program
7 for the county. The presentation and discussion shall specifically include the priority rating of
8 each tentative secondary road paving project included in the proposed construction program,
9 according to the criteria and standards adopted by the Board of Transportation.~~

10 ~~At the same meeting after the presentation and discussion of the annual secondary road
11 construction program for the county or at a later meeting, the board of county commissioners
12 may (i) concur in the construction program as proposed, or (ii) take no action, or (iii) make
13 recommendations for deviations in the proposed construction program, except as to paving
14 projects and the priority of paving projects for which the board in order to make
15 recommendations for deviations, must vote to consider the matter at a later public meeting as
16 provided in subsection (d).~~

17 ~~(d) The board of county commissioners may recommend deviations in the paving
18 projects and the priority of paving projects included in the proposed secondary road
19 construction program only at a public meeting after notice to the public that the board will
20 consider making recommendations for deviations in paving projects and the priority of paving
21 projects included in the proposed annual secondary road construction program. Notice of the
22 public meeting shall be published by the board of county commissioners in a newspaper
23 published in the county or having a general circulation in the county. After discussion by the
24 members of the board of county commissioners and comments and information presented by
25 other citizens of the county, the board of county commissioners may recommend deviations in
26 the paving projects and in the paving priority of secondary road projects included in the
27 proposed secondary road construction program. Any recommendation made by the board of
28 county commissioners for a deviation in the paving projects or in the priority for paving
29 projects in the proposed secondary road construction program shall state the specific reason for
30 each such deviation recommended.~~

31 ~~(e) The Board of Transportation shall adopt the annual secondary construction program
32 for each county after having given the board of county commissioners of each county an
33 opportunity to review the proposed construction program and to make recommendations as
34 provided in this section. The Board of Transportation shall consider such recommendations
35 insofar as they are compatible with its general plans, standards, criteria and available funds, but
36 having due regard to development plans of the county and to the maintenance and improvement
37 needs of all existing roads in the county. However, no consideration shall be given to any
38 recommendation by the board of county commissioners for a deviation in the paving projects or
39 in the priority for paving secondary road projects in the proposed construction program that is
40 not made in accordance with subsection (d).~~

41 ~~(f) The secondary road construction program and unpaved roads paving programs
42 adopted by the Board of Transportation shall be followed by the Department of Transportation
43 unless changes are approved by the Board of Transportation and notice of any changes is given
44 to the board of county commissioners. The Department of Transportation shall post a copy of
45 the adopted program, including a map showing the secondary road paving projects rated
46 according to the approved priority of each project, at the courthouse, within 10 days of its
47 adoption by the Board of Transportation. The board of county commissioners may petition the
48 Board of Transportation for review of any changes to which it does not consent and the
49 determination of the Board of Transportation shall be final. Upon request, the most recent
50 secondary road construction and unpaved roads paving programs adopted shall be submitted to
51 any member of the General Assembly. The Department of Transportation shall make the annual~~

1 construction program for each county available to the newspapers having a general circulation
2 in the county."

3 **SECTION 2.8.(b) (Effective July 1, 2014) G.S. 136-44.8 reads as rewritten:**

4 "**§ 136-44.8. Submission of secondary roads ~~construction programs~~ unpaved roads paving**
5 **program to the Boards of County Commissioners.**

6 (a) ~~The Department of Transportation shall post in the county courthouse a county map~~
7 ~~showing tentative secondary road paving projects rated according to the priority of each project~~
8 ~~in accordance with the criteria and standards adopted by the Board of Transportation. The map~~
9 ~~shall be posted at least two weeks prior to the public meeting of the county commissioners at~~
10 ~~which the Department of Transportation representatives are to meet and discuss the proposed~~
11 ~~secondary road construction program for the county as provided in subsection (c).~~

12 (a1) In each county having unpaved roads programmed for paving, representatives of the
13 Department of Transportation shall annually provide to the board of county commissioners in
14 those counties a list of roads proposed for the annual paving program approved by the Board of
15 Transportation. The paving priority list shall include the priority rating of each secondary road
16 paving project included in the proposed paving program, according to the criteria and standards
17 adopted by the Board of Transportation.

18 (b) ~~The Department of Transportation shall provide a notice to the public of the public~~
19 ~~meeting of the board of county commissioners at which the annual secondary road construction~~
20 ~~program for the county proposed by the Department is to be presented to the board and other~~
21 ~~citizens of the county as provided in subsection (c). The notice shall be published in a~~
22 ~~newspaper published in the county or having a general circulation in the county once a week~~
23 ~~for two succeeding weeks prior to the meeting. The notice shall also advise that a county map is~~
24 ~~posted in the courthouse showing tentative secondary road paving projects rated according to~~
25 ~~the priority of each project.~~

26 (c) ~~Representatives of the Department of Transportation shall meet with the board of~~
27 ~~county commissioners at a regular or special public meeting of the board of county~~
28 ~~commissioners for each county and present to and discuss with the board of county~~
29 ~~commissioners and other citizens present, the proposed secondary road construction program~~
30 ~~for the county. The presentation and discussion shall specifically include the priority rating of~~
31 ~~each tentative secondary road paving project included in the proposed construction program,~~
32 ~~according to the criteria and standards adopted by the Board of Transportation.~~

33 ~~At the same meeting after the presentation and discussion of the annual secondary road~~
34 ~~construction program for the county or at a later meeting, the board of county commissioners~~
35 ~~may (i) concur in the construction program as proposed, or (ii) take no action, or (iii) make~~
36 ~~recommendations for deviations in the proposed construction program, except as to paving~~
37 ~~projects and the priority of paving projects for which the board in order to make~~
38 ~~recommendations for deviations, must vote to consider the matter at a later public meeting as~~
39 ~~provided in subsection (d).~~

40 (d) ~~The board of county commissioners may recommend deviations in the paving~~
41 ~~projects and the priority of paving projects included in the proposed secondary road~~
42 ~~construction program only at a public meeting after notice to the public that the board will~~
43 ~~consider making recommendations for deviations in paving projects and the priority of paving~~
44 ~~projects included in the proposed annual secondary road construction program. Notice of the~~
45 ~~public meeting shall be published by the board of county commissioners in a newspaper~~
46 ~~published in the county or having a general circulation in the county. After discussion by the~~
47 ~~members of the board of county commissioners and comments and information presented by~~
48 ~~other citizens of the county, the board of county commissioners may recommend deviations in~~
49 ~~the paving projects and in the paving priority of secondary road projects included in the~~
50 ~~proposed secondary road construction program. Any recommendation made by the board of~~
51 ~~county commissioners for a deviation in the paving projects or in the priority for paving~~

1 projects in the proposed secondary road construction program shall state the specific reason for
2 each such deviation recommended.

3 (e) ~~The Board of Transportation shall adopt the annual secondary construction program~~
4 ~~for each county after having given the board of county commissioners of each county an~~
5 ~~opportunity to review the proposed construction program and to make recommendations as~~
6 ~~provided in this section. The Board of Transportation shall consider such recommendations~~
7 ~~insofar as they are compatible with its general plans, standards, criteria and available funds, but~~
8 ~~having due regard to development plans of the county and to the maintenance and improvement~~
9 ~~needs of all existing roads in the county. However, no consideration shall be given to any~~
10 ~~recommendation by the board of county commissioners for a deviation in the paving projects or~~
11 ~~in the priority for paving secondary road projects in the proposed construction program that is~~
12 ~~not made in accordance with subsection (d).~~

13 (f) ~~The secondary road construction-unpaved roads paving program adopted by the~~
14 ~~Board of Transportation shall be followed by the Department of Transportation unless changes~~
15 ~~are approved by the Board of Transportation and notice of any changes is given to the board of~~
16 ~~county commissioners. The Department of Transportation shall post a copy of the adopted~~
17 ~~program, including a map showing the secondary road paving projects rated according to the~~
18 ~~approved priority of each project, at the courthouse, within 10 days of its adoption by the Board~~
19 ~~of Transportation. The board of county commissioners may petition the Board of~~
20 ~~Transportation for review of any changes to which it does not consent and the determination of~~
21 ~~the Board of Transportation shall be final. Upon request, the most recent secondary road~~
22 ~~construction-unpaved roads paving programs adopted shall be submitted to any member of the~~
23 ~~General Assembly. The Department of Transportation shall make the annual construction~~
24 ~~unpaved roads paving program for each affected county available to the newspapers having a~~
25 ~~general circulation in the county."~~

26 **SECTION 2.9.** G.S. 136-182 is repealed.

27

28 STATE AID TO MUNICIPALITIES/POWELL BILL CHANGES

29 **SECTION 3.1.** G.S. 136-41.1 reads as rewritten:

30 **"§ 136-41.1. Appropriation to municipalities; allocation of funds generally; allocation to**
31 **Butner.**

32 (a) There is annually appropriated out of the State Highway Fund a sum equal to ten
33 and four-tenths percent (10.4%) of the net amount after refunds that was produced during the
34 fiscal year by a ~~one and three-fourths cents (1 3/4¢)~~ tax on each gallon of motor fuel ~~taxed the~~
35 tax imposed under Article 36C of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes and on the equivalent
36 amount of alternative fuel taxed under Article 36D of that Chapter. One-half of the amount
37 appropriated shall be allocated in cash on or before October 1 of each year to the cities and
38 towns of the State in accordance with this section. The second one-half of the amount
39 appropriated shall be allocated in cash on or before January 1 of each year to the cities and
40 towns of the State in accordance with this section. ~~In addition, as provided in~~
41 ~~G.S. 136-176(b)(3), revenue is allocated and appropriated from the Highway Trust Fund to the~~
42 ~~cities and towns of this State to be used for the same purposes and distributed in the same~~
43 ~~manner as the revenue appropriated to them under this section from the Highway Fund. Like~~
44 ~~the appropriation from the Highway Fund, the appropriation from the Highway Trust Fund~~
45 ~~shall be based on revenue collected during the fiscal year preceding the date the distribution is~~
46 ~~made.~~

47 Seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds appropriated for cities and towns shall be
48 distributed among the several eligible municipalities of the State in the percentage proportion
49 that the population of each eligible municipality bears to the total population of all eligible
50 municipalities according to the most recent annual estimates of population as certified to the
51 Secretary of Revenue by the State Budget Officer. This annual estimation of population shall

1 include increases in the population within the municipalities caused by annexations
2 accomplished through July 1 of the calendar year in which these funds are distributed.
3 Twenty-five percent (25%) of said fund shall be distributed among the several eligible
4 municipalities of the State in the percentage proportion that the mileage of public streets in
5 each eligible municipality which does not form a part of the State highway system bears to the
6 total mileage of the public streets in all eligible municipalities which do not constitute a part of
7 the State highway system.

8 It shall be the duty of the mayor of each municipality to report to the Department of
9 Transportation such information as it may request for its guidance in determining the eligibility
10 of each municipality to receive funds under this section and in determining the amount of
11 allocation to which each is entitled. Upon failure of any municipality to make such report
12 within the time prescribed by the Department of Transportation, the Department of
13 Transportation may disregard such defaulting unit in making said allotment.

14 The funds to be allocated under this section shall be paid in cash to the various eligible
15 municipalities on or before October 1 and January 1 of each ~~year~~-year as provided in this
16 section. Provided that eligible municipalities are authorized within the discretion of their
17 governing bodies to enter into contracts for the purpose of maintenance, repair, construction,
18 reconstruction, widening, or improving streets of such municipalities at any time after January
19 1 of any calendar year in total amounts not to exceed ninety percent (90%) of the amount
20 received by such municipality during the preceding fiscal year, in anticipation of the receipt of
21 funds under this section during the next fiscal year, to be paid for out of such funds when
22 received.

23 The Department of Transportation may withhold each year an amount not to exceed one
24 percent (1%) of the total amount appropriated for distribution under this section for the purpose
25 of correcting errors in allocations: Provided, that the amount so withheld and not used for
26 correcting errors will be carried over and added to the amount to be allocated for the following
27 year.

28 The word "street" as used in this section is hereby defined as any public road maintained by
29 a municipality and open to use by the general public, and having an average width of not less
30 than 16 feet. In order to obtain the necessary information to distribute the funds herein
31 allocated, the Department of Transportation may require that each municipality eligible to
32 receive funds under this section submit to it a statement, certified by a registered engineer or
33 surveyor of the total number of miles of streets in such municipality. The Department of
34 Transportation may in its discretion require the certification of mileage on a biennial basis.

35"

36 **SECTION 3.2.** G.S. 136-181 is repealed.

37 38 **CONFORMING CHANGES**

39 **SECTION 4.1.** G.S. 105-187.9 reads as rewritten:

40 **"§ 105-187.9. Disposition of tax proceeds.**

41 ...

42 ~~(b) **(Repealed effective July 1, 2013)** General Fund Transfer. — In each fiscal year, the~~
43 ~~State Treasurer shall transfer the amounts provided below from the taxes deposited in the Trust~~
44 ~~Fund to the General Fund. The transfer of funds authorized by this section may be made by~~
45 ~~transferring one fourth of the amount at the end of each quarter in the fiscal year or by~~
46 ~~transferring the full amount annually on July 1 of each fiscal year, subject to the availability of~~
47 ~~revenue.~~

48 (1) ~~The sum of twenty-six million dollars (\$26,000,000).~~

49 (2) ~~In addition to the amount transferred under subdivision (1) of this~~
50 ~~subsection, the sum of one million seven hundred thousand dollars~~
51 ~~(\$1,700,000) shall be transferred in the 2001-2002 fiscal year. The amount~~

1 distributed under this subdivision shall increase in the 2002-2003 fiscal year
2 to the sum of two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000). In
3 each fiscal year thereafter, the sum transferred under this subdivision shall
4 be the amount distributed in the previous fiscal year plus or minus a
5 percentage of this sum equal to the percentage by which tax collections
6 under this Article increased or decreased for the most recent 12-month
7 period for which data are available.

8 (c) **(Effective July 1, 2013) Mobility Fund Transfer.** In each fiscal year, the State
9 Treasurer shall transfer fifty-eight million dollars (\$58,000,000) from the taxes deposited in the
10 Trust Fund to the Mobility Fund. The transfer of funds authorized by this section may be made
11 by transferring one-fourth of the amount at the end of each quarter in the fiscal year or by
12 transferring the full amount annually on July 1 of each fiscal year, subject to the availability of
13 revenue."

14 **SECTION 4.2.** G.S. 136-18 reads as rewritten:

15 **"§ 136-18. Powers of Department of Transportation.**

16 The said Department of Transportation is vested with the following powers:

17 ...

18 (12a) The Department of Transportation shall have such powers as are necessary
19 to establish, administer, and receive federal funds for a transportation
20 infrastructure banking program as authorized by the Intermodal Surface
21 Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, as amended, and
22 the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-59, as
23 amended. The Department of Transportation is authorized to apply for,
24 receive, administer, and comply with all conditions and requirements related
25 to federal financial assistance necessary to fund the infrastructure banking
26 program. The infrastructure banking program established by the Department
27 of Transportation may utilize federal and available State funds for the
28 purpose of providing loans or other financial assistance to governmental
29 units, including toll authorities, to finance the costs of transportation projects
30 authorized by the above federal aid acts. Such loans or other financial
31 assistance shall be subject to repayment and conditioned upon the
32 establishment of such security and the payment of such fees and interest
33 rates as the Department of Transportation may deem necessary. The
34 Department of Transportation is authorized to apply a municipality's share of
35 funds allocated under G.S. 136-41.1 or G.S. 136-44.20 as necessary to
36 ensure repayment of funds advanced under the infrastructure banking
37 program. The Department of Transportation shall establish jointly, with the
38 State Treasurer, a separate infrastructure banking account with necessary
39 fiscal controls and accounting procedures. Funds credited to this account
40 shall not revert, and interest and other investment income shall accrue to the
41 account and may be used to provide loans and other financial assistance as
42 provided under this subdivision. The Department of Transportation may
43 establish such rules and policies as are necessary to establish and administer
44 the infrastructure banking program. The infrastructure banking program
45 authorized under this subdivision shall not modify the regional distribution
46 formula for the distribution of funds established by
47 ~~G.S. 136-17.2A~~ G.S. 136-189.10. Governmental units may apply for loans
48 and execute debt instruments payable to the State in order to obtain loans or
49 other financial assistance provided for in this subdivision. The Department
50 of Transportation shall require that applicants shall pledge as security for
51 such obligations revenues derived from operation of the benefited facilities

1 or systems, other sources of revenue, or their faith and credit, or any
 2 combination thereof. The faith and credit of such governmental units shall
 3 not be pledged or be deemed to have been pledged unless the requirements
 4 of Article 4, Chapter 159 of the General Statutes have been met. The State
 5 Treasurer, with the assistance of the Local Government Commission, shall
 6 develop and adopt appropriate debt instruments for use under this
 7 subdivision. The Local Government Commission shall develop and adopt
 8 appropriate procedures for the delivery of debt instruments to the State
 9 without any public bidding therefor. The Local Government Commission
 10 shall review and approve proposed loans to applicants pursuant to this
 11 subdivision under the provisions of Articles 4 and 5, Chapter 159 of the
 12 General Statutes, as if the issuance of bonds was proposed, so far as those
 13 provisions are applicable. Loans authorized by this subdivision shall be
 14 outstanding debt for the purpose of Article 10, Chapter 159 of the General
 15 Statutes.

16"

17 **SECTION 4.3.** G.S. 136-17.2A is repealed.

18 **SECTION 4.4.** G.S. 136-44.50(a) reads as rewritten:

19 "(a) A transportation corridor official map may be adopted or amended by any of the
 20 following:

- 21 (1) The governing board of any local government for any thoroughfare included
 22 as part of a comprehensive plan for streets and highways adopted pursuant to
 23 G.S. 136-66.2 or for any proposed public transportation corridor included in
 24 the adopted long-range transportation plan.
- 25 (2) The Board of Transportation, or the governing board of any county, for any
 26 portion of the existing or proposed State highway system or for any public
 27 transportation corridor, to include rail, that is in the Transportation
 28 Improvement Program.
- 29 (3) Regional public transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 26 of
 30 Chapter 160A of the General Statutes or regional transportation authorities
 31 created pursuant to Article 27 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes for
 32 any portion of the existing or proposed State highway system, or for any
 33 proposed public transportation corridor, or adjacent station or parking lot,
 34 included in the adopted long-range transportation plan.
- 35 (4) The North Carolina Turnpike Authority for any project being studied
 36 pursuant to G.S. 136-89.183.
- 37 (5) The Wilmington Urban Area Metropolitan Planning Organization for ~~any~~
 38 ~~project that is within its urbanized boundary and identified in~~
 39 ~~G.S. 136-179.~~ Department projects R-3300 and U-4751.

40 Before a city adopts a transportation corridor official map that extends beyond the
 41 extraterritorial jurisdiction of its building permit issuance and subdivision control ordinances,
 42 or adopts an amendment to a transportation corridor official map outside the extraterritorial
 43 jurisdiction of its building permit issuance and subdivision control ordinances, the city shall
 44 obtain approval from the Board of County Commissioners."

45 **SECTION 4.5.** G.S. 136-66.3 reads as rewritten:

46 **"§ 136-66.3. Local government participation in improvements to the State transportation**
 47 **system.**

48 ...

49 ~~(e1) No TIP Disadvantage for Participation. — If a county or municipality participates in~~
 50 ~~a State transportation system improvement project, as authorized by this section, or by~~
 51 ~~G.S. 136-51 and G.S. 136-98, the Department shall ensure that the local government's~~

1 participation does not cause any disadvantage to any other project in the Transportation
2 Improvement Program under G.S. 143B-350(f)(4).

3 (c2) Distribution of State Funds Made Available by County or Municipal Participation. –
4 Any State or federal funds allocated to a project that are made available by county or municipal
5 participation in a project contained in the Transportation Improvement Program under
6 G.S. 143B-350(f)(4) shall remain in the same funding region that the funding was allocated to
7 under the distribution formula contained in G.S. 136-17.2A, be subject to G.S. 136-189.11.

8 (c3) Limitation on Agreements. — The Department shall not enter into any agreement
9 with a county or municipality to provide additional total funding for highway construction in
10 the county or municipality in exchange for county or municipal participation in any project
11 contained in the Transportation Improvement Program under G.S. 143B-350(f)(4).

12 ...

13 (e1) Reimbursement Procedure. – Upon request of the county or municipality, the
14 Department of Transportation shall allow the local government a period of not less than three
15 years from the date construction of ~~the project~~ a project undertaken under subsection (e) of this
16 section is initiated to reimburse the Department their agreed upon share of the costs necessary
17 for the project. The Department of Transportation shall not charge a local government any
18 interest during the initial three years.

19"

20 **SECTION 4.6.** G.S. 136-89.192 reads as rewritten:

21 "**§ 136-89.192. Equity distribution Applicability of formula.**

22 Only those funds applied to a Turnpike Project from the State Highway Fund, State
23 Highway Trust Fund, or federal-aid funds that might otherwise be used for other roadway
24 projects within the State, and are otherwise already subject to the ~~distribution~~ formula under
25 G.S. 136-17.2A, G.S. 136-189.11 shall be included in the ~~distribution~~ formula.

26 Other revenue from the sale of the Authority's bonds or notes, project loans, or toll
27 collections shall not be included in the ~~distribution~~ formula."

28 **SECTION 4.7.** G.S. 136-175 reads as rewritten:

29 "**§ 136-175. Definitions.**

30 The following definitions apply in this Article:

31 (1) ~~Intrastate System. The network of major, multilane arterial highways~~
32 ~~composed of those routes, segments, or corridors listed in G.S. 136-178, and~~
33 ~~any other route added by the Department of Transportation under~~
34 ~~G.S. 136-178.~~

35 (2) Transportation Improvement Program. The schedule of major transportation
36 improvement projects required by G.S. 143B-350(f)(4).

37 (3) Trust Fund. The North Carolina Highway Trust Fund."

38 **SECTION 4.8.** G.S. 136-176 reads as rewritten:

39 "**§ 136-176. Creation, revenue sources, and purpose of North Carolina Highway Trust**
40 **Fund.**

41 (a) A special account, designated the North Carolina Highway Trust Fund, is created
42 within the State treasury. The Trust Fund consists of the following revenue:

43 (1) Motor fuel, alternative fuel, and road tax revenue deposited in the Fund
44 under G.S. 105-449.125, 105-449.134, and 105-449.43, respectively.

45 (2) Motor vehicle use tax deposited in the Fund under G.S. 105-187.9.

46 (3) Revenue from the certificate of title fee and other fees payable under
47 G.S. 20-85.

48 (4) Repealed by Session Laws 2001-424, s. 27.1.

49 (5) Interest and income earned by the Fund.

50 (a1) ~~The Department shall use two hundred twenty million dollars (\$220,000,000) in~~
51 ~~fiscal year 2001-2002, two hundred twelve million dollars (\$212,000,000) in fiscal year~~

2002-2003, and two hundred fifty five million dollars (\$255,000,000) in fiscal year 2003-2004 of the cash balance of the Highway Trust Fund for the following purposes:

- (1) ~~For primary route pavement preservation.—One hundred seventy million dollars (\$170,000,000) in fiscal year 2001-2002, and one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000) in each of the fiscal years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004. Up to ten percent (10%) of the amount for each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004 is available in that fiscal year, at the discretion of the Secretary of Transportation, for:
 - a. Highway improvement projects that further economic growth and development in small urban and rural areas, that are in the Transportation Improvement Program, and that are individually approved by the Board of Transportation; or
 - b. Highway improvements that further economic development in the State and that are individually approved by the Board of Transportation.~~
- (2) ~~For preliminary engineering costs not included in the current year Transportation Improvement Program.—Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004. If any funds allocated by this subdivision, in the cash balance of the Highway Trust Fund, remain unspent on June 30, 2008, the Department may transfer within the Department up to twenty nine million dollars (\$29,000,000) of available funds to contract for freight transportation system improvements for the Global TransPark.~~
- (3) ~~For computerized traffic signal systems and signal optimization projects.—Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004.~~
- (4) ~~For public transportation twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) in fiscal year 2001-2002, twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000) in fiscal year 2002-2003, and seventy five million dollars (\$75,000,000) in fiscal year 2003-2004.~~
- (5) ~~For small urban construction projects.—Seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) in fiscal year 2002-2003.~~

Funds authorized for use by the Department pursuant to this subsection shall remain available to the Department until expended.

(a2) Repealed by Session Laws 2002-126, s. 26.4(b), effective July 1, 2002.

(a3) ~~The Department may obligate three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) in fiscal year 2003-2004 and four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) in fiscal year 2004-2005 of the cash balance of the Highway Trust Fund for the following purposes:~~

- (1) ~~Six hundred thirty million dollars (\$630,000,000) for highway system preservation, modernization, and maintenance, including projects to enhance safety, reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, reduce accidents, upgrade pavement widths and shoulders, extend pavement life, improve pavement smoothness, and rehabilitate or replace deficient bridges; and for economic development transportation projects recommended by local officials and approved by the Board of Transportation.~~
- (2) ~~Seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000) for regional public transit systems, rural and urban public transportation system facilities, regional transportation and air quality initiatives, rail system track improvements and equipment, and other ferry, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements. For any project or program listed in this subdivision for which the Department~~

1 receives federal funds, use of funds pursuant to this subdivision shall be
2 limited to matching those funds.

3 Funds authorized for obligation and use by the Department pursuant to this subsection shall
4 remain available to the Department until expended.

5 (a4) Project selection pursuant to subsection (a3) of this section shall be based on
6 identified and documented need. Funds expended pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a3)
7 of this section shall be distributed in accordance with the distribution formula in
8 G.S. 136-17.2A. No funds shall be expended pursuant to subsection (a3)(1) of this section on
9 any project that does not meet Department of Transportation standards for road design,
10 materials, construction, and traffic flow.

11 (a5) The Department shall report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
12 Committee, on or before September 1, 2003, on its intended use of funds pursuant to subsection
13 (a3) of this section. The Department shall report to the Joint Transportation Appropriations
14 Subcommittee, on or before May 1, 2004, on its actual current and intended future use of funds
15 pursuant to subsection (a3) of this section. The Department shall certify to the Joint Legislative
16 Transportation Oversight Committee each year, on or before November 1, that use of the
17 Highway Trust Fund cash balances for the purposes listed in subsection (a3) of this section will
18 not adversely affect the delivery schedule of any Highway Trust Fund projects. If the
19 Department cannot certify that the full amounts authorized in subsection (a3) of this section are
20 available, then the Department may determine the amount that can be used without adversely
21 affecting the delivery schedule and may proportionately apply that amount to the purposes set
22 forth in subsection (a3) of this section.

23 (b) Funds in the Trust Fund are annually appropriated to the Department of
24 Transportation to be allocated and used as provided in this subsection. A sum, not to exceed
25 four and eight tenths percent (4.8%) of the amount of revenue deposited in the Trust Fund
26 under subdivisions (a)(1), (2), and (3) of this section sum, in the amount appropriated by law,
27 may be used each fiscal year by the Department for expenses to administer the Trust Fund.
28 Operation and project development costs of the North Carolina Turnpike Authority are eligible
29 administrative expenses under this subsection. Any funds allocated to the Authority pursuant to
30 this subsection shall be repaid by the Authority from its toll revenue as soon as possible,
31 subject to any restrictions included in the agreements entered into by the Authority in
32 connection with the issuance of the Authority's revenue bonds. Beginning one year after the
33 Authority begins collecting tolls on a completed Turnpike Project, interest shall accrue on any
34 unpaid balance owed to the Highway Trust Fund at a rate equal to the State Treasurer's average
35 annual yield on its investment of Highway Trust Fund funds pursuant to G.S. 147-6.1. Interest
36 earned on the unpaid balance shall be deposited in the Highway Trust Fund upon repayment.
37 The sum up to the amount anticipated to be necessary to meet the State matching funds
38 requirements to receive federal-aid highway trust funds for the next fiscal year may be set aside
39 for that purpose. The rest of the funds in the Trust Fund shall be allocated and used as
40 follows: specified in G.S. 136-189.11.

41 (1) ~~Sixty one and ninety five hundredths percent (61.95%) to plan, design, and~~
42 ~~construct projects on segments or corridors of the Intrastate System as~~
43 ~~described in G.S. 136-178 and to pay debt service on highway bonds and~~
44 ~~notes that are issued under the State Highway Bond Act of 1996 and whose~~
45 ~~proceeds are applied to these projects.~~

46 (2) ~~Twenty five and five hundredths percent (25.05%) to plan, design, and~~
47 ~~construct the urban loops described in G.S. 136-180 and to pay debt service~~
48 ~~on highway bonds and notes that are issued under the State Highway Bond~~
49 ~~Act of 1996 and whose proceeds are applied to these urban loops.~~

50 (3) ~~Six and one half percent (6.5%) to supplement the appropriation to cities for~~
51 ~~city streets under G.S. 136-181.~~

1 (4) ~~Six and one-half percent (6.5%) for secondary road construction as provided~~
2 ~~in G.S. 136-182 and to pay debt service on highway bonds and notes that are~~
3 ~~issued under the State Highway Bond Act of 1996 and whose proceeds are~~
4 ~~applied to secondary road construction.~~

5 The Department must administer funds allocated under subdivisions (1), (2), and (4) of this
6 ~~subsection—this section~~ in a manner that ensures that sufficient funds are available to make the
7 debt service payments on bonds issued under the State Highway Bond Act of 1996 as they
8 become due.

9 ~~(b1) The Secretary may authorize the transfer of funds allocated under subdivisions (1)~~
10 ~~through (4) of subsection (b) of this section to other projects that are ready to be let and were to~~
11 ~~be funded from allocations to those subdivisions. The Secretary shall ensure that any funds~~
12 ~~transferred pursuant to this subsection are repaid promptly and in any event in no more than~~
13 ~~four years. The Secretary shall certify, prior to making any transfer pursuant to this subsection,~~
14 ~~that the transfer will not affect the delivery schedule of Highway Trust Fund projects in the~~
15 ~~current Transportation Improvement Program. No transfers shall be allowed that do not~~
16 ~~conform to the applicable provisions of the equity formula for distribution of funds,~~
17 ~~G.S. 136-17.2A. If the Secretary authorizes a transfer pursuant to this subsection, the Secretary~~
18 ~~shall report that decision to the next regularly scheduled meetings of the Joint Legislative~~
19 ~~Commission on Governmental Operations, the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight~~
20 ~~Committee, and to the Fiscal Research Division.~~

21 **(b2) (Effective July 1, 2013)** There is annually appropriated to the North Carolina
22 Turnpike Authority from the Highway Trust Fund the sum of ~~one hundred twelve million~~
23 ~~dollars (\$112,000,000).~~ forty-nine million dollars (\$49,000,000). Of the amount allocated by
24 this subsection, twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be used to pay debt service or
25 related financing costs and expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued for the construction of
26 the Triangle Expressway, and twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) shall be used to pay
27 debt service or related financing expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued for the construction
28 of the Monroe Connector/Bypass. ~~Monroe Connector/Bypass, twenty-eight million dollars~~
29 ~~(\$28,000,000) shall be used to pay debt service or related financing expenses on revenue bonds~~
30 ~~or notes issued for the construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge, and thirty-five million dollars~~
31 ~~(\$35,000,000) shall be used to pay debt service or related financing expenses on revenue bonds~~
32 ~~or notes issued for the construction of the Garden Parkway. The amounts appropriated to the~~
33 Authority pursuant to this subsection shall be used by the Authority to pay debt service or
34 related financing costs and expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued by the Authority to
35 finance the costs of one or more Turnpike Projects, to refund such bonds or notes, or to fund
36 debt service reserves, operating reserves, and similar reserves in connection therewith. The
37 appropriations established by this subsection constitute an agreement by the State to pay the
38 funds appropriated hereby to the Authority within the meaning of G.S. 159-81(4).
39 Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is the intention of the General Assembly that the enactment
40 of this provision and the issuance of bonds or notes by the Authority in reliance thereon shall
41 not in any manner constitute a pledge of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State, and
42 nothing contained herein shall prohibit the General Assembly from amending the
43 appropriations made in this subsection at any time to decrease or eliminate the amount annually
44 appropriated to the Authority. Funds transferred from the Highway Trust Fund to the Authority
45 pursuant to this subsection are not subject to the ~~equity—~~formula in
46 ~~G.S. 136-17.2A.~~ G.S. 136-189.10.

47 ~~(c) If funds are received under 23 U.S.C. Chapter 1, Federal Aid Highways, for a~~
48 ~~project for which funds in the Trust Fund may be used, the amount of federal funds received~~
49 ~~plus the amount of any funds from the Highway Fund that were used to match the federal funds~~
50 ~~may be transferred by the Secretary of Transportation from the Trust Fund to the Highway~~
51 ~~Fund and used for projects in the Transportation Improvement Program.~~

1 (d) A contract may be let for projects funded from the Trust Fund in anticipation of
2 revenues pursuant to the cash-flow provisions of G.S. 143C-6-11 only for the two bienniums
3 following the year in which the contract is let.

4 (e) **(Effective July 1, 2013)** Subject to ~~G.S. 136-17.2A and other funding distribution~~
5 ~~formulas, funds allocated under subdivisions (1), (3), and (4) of subsection (b) of this section~~
6 ~~may also G.S. 136-189.11, funds may~~ be used for fixed guideway projects, including providing
7 matching funds for federal grants for fixed guideway projects."

8 **SECTION 4.9.** G.S. 136-177 is repealed.

9 **SECTION 4.10.** G.S. 136-177.1 is repealed.

10 **SECTION 4.11.** G.S. 136-178 is repealed.

11 **SECTION 4.12.** G.S. 136-179 is repealed.

12 **SECTION 4.13.** G.S. 136-180 is repealed.

13 **SECTION 4.14.** G.S. 136-184 is repealed.

14 **SECTION 4.15.** G.S. 136-185 is repealed.

15 **SECTION 4.16.** G.S. 136-187 is repealed.

16 **SECTION 4.17.** G.S. 136-188 is repealed.

17 **SECTION 4.18.** G.S. 136-189 is repealed.

18 19 **TURNPIKE AUTHORITY CHANGES**

20 **SECTION 5.1.** G.S. 136-89.183(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

21 **"§ 136-89.183. Powers of the Authority.**

22 (a) The Authority shall have all of the powers necessary to execute the provisions of
23 this Article, including the following:

24 ...

25 (2) To study, plan, develop, and undertake preliminary design work on up to
26 ~~eight-nine~~ Turnpike Projects. At the conclusion of these activities, the
27 Turnpike Authority is authorized to design, establish, purchase, construct,
28 operate, and maintain the following projects:

29 a. Triangle Expressway, including segments also known as N.C. 540,
30 Triangle Parkway, Western Wake Freeway in Wake and Durham
31 Counties, and Southeast Extension in Wake and Johnston Counties,
32 ~~except that no portion of the Southeast Extension shall be located~~
33 ~~north of an existing protected corridor established by the Department~~
34 ~~of Transportation circa 1995, except in the area of Interstate 40~~
35 ~~East Counties. The described segments constitute four projects.~~

36 b. ~~Gaston East West Connector, also known as the Garden Parkway.~~

37 c. Monroe Connector/Bypass.

38 d. Cape Fear Skyway.

39 e. ~~A bridge of more than two miles in length going from the mainland~~
40 ~~to a peninsula bordering the State of Virginia, pursuant to~~
41 ~~G.S. 136-89.183A.~~

42 Any other project proposed by the Authority in addition to the projects listed
43 in this ~~subdivision must be approved by the General Assembly prior to~~
44 ~~construction.~~ subdivision requires prior consultation with the Joint
45 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations pursuant to
46 G.S. 120-76.1 no less than 180 days prior to initiating the process required
47 by Article 7 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes.

48 ~~A-With the exception of the five projects set forth in sub-subdivisions a. and~~
49 ~~c. of this subdivision, the Turnpike Project-Projects selected for construction~~
50 ~~by the Turnpike Authority-Authority, prior to the letting of a contract for the~~
51 ~~project, shall meet the following conditions: (i) two of the projects must be~~

1 ranked in the top 35 based on total score on the Department produced list
 2 entitled "Mobility Fund Project Scores" dated June 6, 2012; and, in addition,
 3 may be subject to G.S. 136-18(39a); (ii) of the projects not ranked as
 4 provided in (i), one may be subject to G.S. 136-18(39a); (iii) shall be
 5 included in any applicable locally adopted comprehensive transportation
 6 plans plans; and (iv) shall be shown in the current State Transportation
 7 Improvement Plan prior to the letting of a contract for the Turnpike
 8 Project Plan; and (v) toll projects must be approved by the affected
 9 Metropolitan Planning Organization and Rural Transportation Planning
 10 Organization for tolling."

11 **SECTION 5.2.** G.S. 136-18 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 136-18. Powers of Department of Transportation.**

13 The said Department of Transportation is vested with the following powers:

14 ...

- 15 (39a) a. The Department of Transportation or Turnpike Authority, as
 16 applicable, may enter into a partnership agreement up to three
 17 agreements with a private entity as provided under subdivision (39)
 18 of this section for which the provisions of this section apply. The
 19 pilot project allowed under this subdivision must be one that is a
 20 candidate for funding under the Mobility Fund, that is planned for
 21 construction through a public private partnership, and for which a
 22 Request for Qualifications has been issued by the Department no
 23 later than June 30, 2012.
- 24 b. A private entity or its contractors must provide performance and
 25 payment security in the form and in the amount determined by the
 26 Department of Transportation. The form of the performance and
 27 payment security may consist of bonds, letters of credit, parent
 28 guaranties, or other instruments acceptable to the Department of
 29 Transportation.
- 30 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143B-426.40A, an agreement
 31 entered into under this subdivision may allow the private entity to
 32 assign, transfer, sell, hypothecate, and otherwise convey some or all
 33 of its right, title, and interest in and to such agreement, and any rights
 34 and remedies thereunder, to a lender, bondholder, or any other party.
 35 However, in no event shall any such assignment create additional
 36 debt or debt-like obligations of the State of North Carolina, the
 37 Department, or any other agency, authority, commission, or similar
 38 subdivision of the State to any lender, bondholder, entity purchasing
 39 a participation in the right to receive the payment, trustee, trust, or
 40 any other party providing financing or funding of projects described
 41 in this section. The foregoing shall not preclude the Department from
 42 making any payments due and owing pursuant to an agreement
 43 entered into under this section.
- 44 d. ~~The Department of Transportation may fix, revise, charge, and~~
 45 ~~collect tolls and fees to the same extent allowed under Article 6H of~~
 46 ~~Chapter 136 of the General Statutes. Statutes shall apply to the~~
 47 ~~Department of Transportation and to projects undertaken by the~~
 48 ~~Department of Transportation under subdivision (39) of this section.~~
 49 The Department may assign its authority under that Article to fix,
 50 revise, charge, retain, enforce, and collect tolls and fees to the private
 51 entity.

- 1 e. Any contract under this subdivision or under Article 6H of the
2 Chapter for the development, construction, maintenance, or operation
3 of a project shall provide for revenue sharing between the private
4 party and the Department. Excess toll revenues from a Turnpike
5 project shall be used for the funding or financing of transportation
6 projects within the corridor where the Turnpike Project is located.
7 For purposes of this subdivision, the term "excess toll revenues"
8 means those toll revenues derived from a Turnpike Project that are
9 not otherwise used or allocated to the Authority or a private entity
10 pursuant to this subdivision. For purposes of this subdivision, the
11 term "corridor" means the right-of-way limits of the Turnpike
12 Project, any facilities related to the Turnpike Project, or any facility
13 or improvement necessary for the use, design, construction,
14 operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, or
15 financing of a Turnpike Project, and the right-of-way limits of any
16 subsequent improvements, additions, or extension to the Turnpike
17 Project, and facilities related to the Turnpike projects or any
18 improvements necessary for the use, design, construction, operation,
19 maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, reconstruction, or financing of a
20 Turnpike Project, including roads used for ingress or egress to the
21 toll facility or roads that intersect with the toll facility whether by
22 ramps or separated grade facility and located within one mile in any
23 direction.
- 24 f. Agreements entered into under this subdivision shall comply with the
25 following additional provisions:
- 26 1. The Department shall solicit proposals for agreements.
 - 27 2. Agreement shall be limited to no more than 50 years.
 - 28 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 136-89.183(a)(5), all
29 initial tolls or fees to be charged by a private entity shall be
30 reviewed by the Turnpike Board. Prior to setting a toll rate,
31 either a set rate or a minimum and maximum rate set by the
32 private entity, the private entity shall hold a public hearing on
33 the toll rates, in accordance with guidelines for the hearing
34 developed by the Department. After tolls go into effect, the
35 private entity shall report to the Turnpike Authority Board 30
36 days prior to any increase in tolls by the private entity.
 - 37 4. Financial advisors and attorneys retained by the Department
38 on contract to work on projects pursuant to this subsection
39 shall be subject to State law governing conflicts of interest.
 - 40 5. Sixty days prior to the signing of a concession agreement
41 subject to this subdivision, the Department shall report to all
42 members of Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
43 Committee on the following:
 - 44 I. Project description.
 - 45 II. Number of years that tolls will be in place.
 - 46 III. Name and location of firms and parent companies, if
47 applicable, including firm responsibility and stake,
48 and assessment of audited financial statements.
 - 49 IV. Analysis of firm selection criteria.
 - 50 V. Name of any firm or individual under contract to
51 provide counsel or financial analysis to the

- 1 Department or Authority. The Department shall
- 2 disclose payments to these contractors related to
- 3 completing the agreement under this subdivision.
- 4 VI. Demonstrated ability of the project team to deliver the
- 5 project, by evidence of the project team's prior
- 6 experience in delivering a project on schedule and
- 7 budget, and disclosure of any unfavorable outcomes
- 8 on prior projects.
- 9 VII. Detailed description of method of finance, including
- 10 sources of funds, State contribution amounts,
- 11 including schedule of availability payments and terms
- 12 of debt payments.
- 13 VIII. Information on assignment of risk shared or assigned
- 14 to State and private partner.
- 15 IX. Information on the feasibility of finance as obtained in
- 16 traffic and revenue studies.
- 17 6. The Turnpike Authority annual report under G.S. 136-89.193
- 18 shall include reporting on all revenue collections associated
- 19 with projects subject to this subdivision under the Turnpike
- 20 Authority.
- 21 7. The Department shall develop standards for entering into
- 22 comprehensive agreements with private entities under the
- 23 authority of this subdivision, and report those standards to the
- 24 Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on or
- 25 before October 1, 2013.
- 26 g. The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee may
- 27 contract with counsel or financial advisors to assist in review of all
- 28 Department and Turnpike Authority agreements under this
- 29 subdivision.

30 ...

31 (43) For the purposes of financing an agreement under subdivision (39a) of this
 32 section, the Department of Transportation may act as a conduit issuer for
 33 private activity bonds to the extent the bonds do not constitute a debt
 34 obligation of the State. The issuance of private activity bonds under this
 35 subdivision and any related actions shall be governed by The State and Local
 36 Government Revenue Bond Act, Article 5 of Chapter 159 of the General
 37 Statutes, with G.S. 159-88 satisfied by adherence to the requirements of
 38 ~~subdivisions (39) and subdivision (39a)~~ of this section."

39 **SECTION 5.3.** G.S. 136-89.183(a)(5) reads as rewritten:

40 **"§ 136-89.183. Powers of the Authority.**

41 (a) The Authority shall have all of the powers necessary to execute the provisions of
 42 this Article, including the following:

43 ...

44 (5) To fix, revise, charge, retain, enforce, and collect tolls and fees for the use of
 45 the Turnpike Projects. Prior to the effective date of any toll or fee for use of
 46 a Turnpike Facility, the Authority shall submit a description of the proposed
 47 toll or fee to the Board of Transportation, the Joint Legislative
 48 Transportation Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Commission
 49 on Governmental Operations for review.

50"

51 **SECTION 5.4.** G.S. 136-89.188 reads as rewritten:

1 **"§ 136-89.188. Use of revenues.**

2 (a) Revenues derived from Turnpike Projects authorized under this Article shall be used
3 only for the following:

4 (1) Authority administration ~~costs~~; costs.

5 (2) Turnpike Project development, right-of-way acquisition, design,
6 construction, operation, ~~and maintenance~~; maintenance, reconstruction,
7 rehabilitation, and replacement. ~~and~~

8 (3) ~~debt~~ Debt service on the Authority's revenue bonds or related purposes such
9 as the establishment of debt service reserve ~~funds~~; funds.

10 (4) Debt service, debt service reserve funds, and other financing costs related to
11 any of the following:

12 a. A financing undertaken by a private entity under a partnership
13 agreement with the entity for a Turnpike Project.

14 b. Private activity bonds issued under law related to a Turnpike Project.

15 c. Any federal or State loan, line of credit, or loan guarantee relating to
16 a Turnpike Project.

17 (5) A return on investment of any private entity under a partnership agreement
18 with the entity for a Turnpike Project.

19 (6) Any other uses granted to a private entity under a partnership agreement
20 with the entity for a Turnpike Project.

21 (b) The Authority may use up to one hundred percent (100%) of the revenue derived
22 from a Turnpike Project for debt service on the Authority's revenue bonds or for a combination
23 of debt service and operation and maintenance expenses of the Turnpike Projects.

24 (c) The Authority shall use not more than five percent (5%) of total revenue derived
25 from all Turnpike Projects for Authority administration costs.

26 (d) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this section, toll
27 revenues generated from a converted segment of the State highway system previously planned
28 for operation as a nontoll facility shall only be used for the funding or financing of the right of
29 way acquisition, construction, expansion, operations, maintenance, and Authority
30 administration costs associated with the converted segment or a contiguous toll facility."

31 **SECTION 5.5.** Part 1 of Article 6H of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is
32 amended by adding a new section to read:

33 **"§ 136-89.199. Designation of high-occupancy toll and managed lanes.**

34 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, the Authority may designate one or
35 more lanes of any highway, or portion thereof, within the State, including lanes that may
36 previously have been designated as HOV lanes under G.S. 20-146.2, as high-occupancy toll
37 (HOT) or other type of managed lanes; provided, however, that such designation shall not
38 reduce the number of existing general purpose lanes. In making such designations, the
39 Authority shall specify the high-occupancy requirement or other conditions for use of such
40 lanes, which may include restricting vehicle types, access controls, or the payment of tolls for
41 vehicles that do not meet the high-occupancy requirements or conditions for use."

42 **SECTION 5.6.** Part 2 of Article 6H of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes reads as
43 rewritten:

44 "Part 2. Collection of Tolls on Turnpike Projects.

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46 **"§ 136-89.212. Payment of toll required for use of Turnpike project.**

47 (a) A motor vehicle that is driven on a Turnpike project is subject to a toll imposed by
48 the Authority for the use of the project. If the toll is an open road toll, the person who is the
49 registered owner of the motor vehicle is liable for payment of the toll unless the registered
50 owner establishes that the motor vehicle was in the care, custody, and control of another person
51 when it was driven on the Turnpike project.

1 **(b)** A person establishes that a motor vehicle was in the care, custody, and control of
2 another person when it was driven on a Turnpike project by submitting to the Authority a
3 sworn affidavit stating one of the following:

- 4 (1) The name and address of the person who had the care, custody, and control
5 of the motor vehicle when it was driven. If the motor vehicle was leased or
6 rented under a long-term lease or rental, as defined in G.S. 105-187.1, the
7 affidavit must be supported by a copy of the lease or rental agreement or
8 other written evidence of the agreement.
- 9 (2) The motor vehicle was stolen. The affidavit must be supported by an
10 insurance or police report concerning the theft or other written evidence of
11 the theft.
- 12 (3) The person transferred the motor vehicle to another person by sale or
13 otherwise before it was driven on the Turnpike project. The affidavit must be
14 supported by insurance information, a copy of the certificate of title, or other
15 evidence of the transfer.

16 **(c)** If a person establishes that a motor vehicle was in the care, custody, and control of
17 another person under subsection (b) of this section, the other person shall be liable for the
18 payment of the toll, and the Authority may send a bill to collect and enforce the toll in
19 accordance with this Article; provided, however, that such other person may contest such toll in
20 accordance with this Article.

21 **"§ 136-89.213. Administration of tolls and requirements for open road tolls.**

22 (a) Administration. – The Authority is responsible for collecting tolls on Turnpike
23 projects. In exercising its authority under G.S. 136-89.183 to perform or procure services
24 required by the Authority, the Authority may contract with one or more providers to perform
25 part or all of the collection functions and may enter into agreements to exchange information,
26 including confidential information under subsection (a1) of this section, that identifies motor
27 vehicles and their owners with one or more of the following entities: the Division of Motor
28 Vehicles of the Department of Transportation, another state, another toll operator, ~~or~~ a toll
29 collection-related ~~organization~~ organization, or a private entity that has entered into a
30 partnership agreement with the Authority pursuant to G.S. 136-89.183(a)(17). Further, the
31 Authority may assign its authority to fix, revise, charge, retain, enforce, and collect tolls and
32 fees under this Article to a private entity that has entered into a partnership agreement with the
33 Authority pursuant to G.S. 136-89.183(a)(17).

34 ...

35 (b) Open Road Tolls. – If a Turnpike project uses an open road tolling system, the
36 Authority must operate a facility that is in the immediate vicinity of the Turnpike project ~~and~~
37 that accepts or provide an alternate means to accept cash payment of the toll and must place
38 signs on the Turnpike project that give drivers the following information:

- 39 (1) Notice that the driver is approaching a highway for which a toll is required.
40 Signs providing this information must be placed before the toll is incurred.
- 41 (2) The methods by which the toll may be paid.
- 42 (3) ~~Directions~~ If applicable, directions to the nearby facility that accepts cash
43 payment of the toll.

44 **"§ 136-89.214. Bill for unpaid open road toll.**

45 (a) Bill. – If a motor vehicle travels on a Turnpike project that uses an open road tolling
46 system and a toll for traveling on the project is not paid prior to travel or at the time of travel,
47 the Authority must send a bill by first-class mail to the registered owner of the motor vehicle or
48 the person who had care, custody, and control of the vehicle as established under
49 G.S. 136-89.212(b) for the amount of the unpaid toll. The Authority must send the bill within
50 90 days after the travel ~~occurs~~ occurs, or within 90 days of receipt of a sworn affidavit
51 submitted under G.S. 136-89.212(b) identifying the person who had care, custody, and control

1 of the motor vehicle. If a bill is not sent within the required time, the Authority waives
 2 collection of the toll. The Authority must establish a billing period for unpaid open road tolls
 3 that is no shorter than 15 days. A bill for a billing period must include all unpaid tolls incurred
 4 by the same person during the billing period.

5 (b) Information on Bill. – A bill sent under this section must include all of the following
 6 information:

- 7 (1) The name and address of the registered owner of the motor vehicle that
 8 traveled on the Turnpike ~~project~~ project or of the person identified under
 9 G.S. 136-89.212(b).
- 10 (2) The date the travel occurred, the approximate time the travel occurred, and
 11 each segment of the Turnpike project on which the travel occurred.
- 12 (3) An image of the registration plate of the motor vehicle, if the Authority
 13 captured an electronic image of the motor vehicle when it traveled on the
 14 Turnpike project.
- 15 (4) The amount of the toll due and an explanation of how payment may be
 16 made.
- 17 (5) The date by which the toll must be paid to avoid the imposition of a
 18 processing fee under G.S. 136-89.215 and the amount of the processing fee.
- 19 (6) A statement that a vehicle owner who has unpaid tolls is subject to a civil
 20 penalty and may not renew the vehicle's registration until the tolls and civil
 21 penalties are paid.
- 22 (7) A clear and concise explanation of how to contest liability for the toll.
- 23 (8) If applicable, a copy of the affidavit submitted under G.S. 136-89.212(b)
 24 identifying the person with care, custody, and control of the motor vehicle.

25 **"§ 136-89.215. Required action upon receiving bill for open road toll and processing fee**
 26 **for unpaid toll.**

27 (a) Action Required. – A person who receives a bill from the Authority for an unpaid
 28 open road toll must take one of the following actions within 30 days of the date of the bill:

- 29 (1) Pay the bill.
- 30 (2) Send a written request to the Authority for a review of the toll.

31 (b) Fee. – If a person does not take one of the actions required under subsection (a) of
 32 this section within the required time, the Authority may add a processing fee to the amount the
 33 person owes. The processing fee may not exceed six dollars (\$6.00). A person may not be
 34 charged more than forty-eight dollars (\$48.00) in processing fees in a 12-month period.

35 The Authority must set the processing fee at an amount that does not exceed the costs of
 36 ~~collecting the unpaid toll, identifying the owner of a motor vehicle that is subject to an unpaid~~
 37 ~~toll and billing the owner for the unpaid toll. The fee is a receipt of the Authority and must be~~
 38 ~~applied to these costs.~~

39 "...."

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 41 **TRANSITION STUDY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

42 **SECTION 6.1.** Formula Implementation Report. – The Department of
 43 Transportation shall report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the
 44 Fiscal Research Division no later than August 15, 2013, on the Department's recommended
 45 formulas that will be used in the prioritization process to rank highway and nonhighway
 46 projects. The Department of Transportation's Prioritization Office shall develop the
 47 prioritization processes and formulas for all modes of transportation. The report will include a
 48 statement on the process used by the Department to develop the formulas, include a listing of
 49 external partners consulted during this process, and include feedback from its 3.0 workgroup
 50 partners on the Department's proposed recommendations. The Department shall not finalize the
 51 formula without consulting with the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee. The

1 Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee has 30 days after the report is received to
2 meet and consult on the Department's recommendations. If no meeting occurs within 30 days
3 after the report is received, the consultation requirement will be met. If consultation occurs and
4 a majority of members serving on the Committee request changes to the Department's
5 recommended formulas for highway and nonhighway modes, the Department shall review the
6 requests and provide to the Committee its response to the requested changes no later than
7 October 1, 2013. A final report on the highway and intermodal formulas shall be submitted to
8 the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by January 1, 2014.

9 **SECTION 6.2.** State Transportation Improvement Program Transition Report. –
10 The Department of Transportation shall submit transition reports to members of the Joint
11 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, House Appropriations Subcommittee on
12 Transportation and Senate Committee on Appropriations on Department of Transportation, and
13 the Fiscal Research Division on March 1, 2014, and November 1, 2014. The reports shall
14 include information on the Department's transition to Strategic Prioritization, overview changes
15 to the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other internal and external
16 processes that feed into the STIP, and offer statutory and policy recommendations or items for
17 consideration to the General Assembly that will enhance the prioritization process. The March
18 1, 2014, report shall also include an analysis of the distribution of tax and fee revenues between
19 the Highway Fund and Highway Trust Fund and an analysis to determine if maintenance,
20 construction, operations, administration, and capital expenditures are properly budgeted within
21 the two funds and existing revenues are most effectively distributed between the two funds.
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23 **EFFECTIVE DATE/APPLICABILITY**

24 **SECTION 7.1.** This act shall become effective and applies as follows:

- 25 (1) Sections 2.2(a), 2.3(a), 2.6(a), and 2.8(a) of this act become effective July 1,
26 2013, and expire June 30, 2014.
- 27 (2) Sections 2.2(b), 2.3(b), 2.6(b), and 2.8(b) of this act become effective July 1,
28 2014.
- 29 (3) Section 1.1(b) of this act becomes effective July 1, 2019.
- 30 (4) The remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2013.
- 31 (5) This act is effective only if the General Assembly appropriates funds in the
32 Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2013 to implement this act.