

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 921

Short Title: Expedite Certain Highway Corridors. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Frye and Rapp (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Transportation.

April 8, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
3 EXPEDITE THE COMPLETION OF CERTAIN HIGHWAY CORRIDORS TO
4 AID IN RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

5 Whereas, the Rural Prosperity Task Force filed its final report on February
6 21, 2000; and

7 Whereas, one of the Task Force's general recommendations was "to build
8 modern water and sewer systems, widen critical highways and enlarge the supply of
9 adequate, affordable housing"; and

10 Whereas, the Task Force found that "the continued economic development of
11 the State's rural areas will depend heavily on a reliable and efficient highway system;
12 and

13 Whereas, a specific Task Force recommendation was to "give priority to
14 completion of improvements to projects along three critical rural highway corridors:
15 Highway 70, Highway 17, and Highway 19E"; Now, therefore,
16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Transportation and the Board of
18 Transportation shall expedite the completion of three critical highway corridors:

- 19 (1) The Goldsboro Bypass along U.S. Highway 70 (TIP number R-2554).
20 (2) U.S. Highway 17 that runs through Bertie County from south of
21 Windsor to west of the Chowan River (TIP number R-2404).
22 (3) The segment of U.S. Highway 19E corridor that will give Madison,
23 Mitchell, Yancey, and Avery Counties access to Tennessee markets.

24 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation and the Board of
25 Transportation shall ensure that all of these projects are completed in a six-year target
26 time period.

27 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.