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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:

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6 **STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENTS**

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

9 "Article 14B.

10 "Strategic Prioritization Funding Plan for Transportation Investments.

11 "**§ 136-189.10. Definitions.**

12 The following definitions apply in this Article:

13 (1) Statewide strategic mobility projects. – Includes only the following:

- 14 a. Interstate highways and future interstate highways approved by the
15 federal government.
16 b. Routes on the National Highway System as of July 1, 2012,
17 excluding intermodal connectors.
18 c. Highway routes on the United States Department of Defense
19 Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET).
20 d. Highway toll routes designated by State law or by the Department of
21 Transportation, pursuant to its authority under State law.
22 e. Highway projects listed in G.S. 136-179, as it existed on July 1,
23 2012, that are not authorized for construction as of July 1, 2015.
24 f. Appalachian Development Highway System.
25 g. Commercial service airports included in the Federal Aviation
26 Administration's National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems
27 (NPIAS) that provide international passenger service or 375,000 or
28 more enplanements annually, provided that the State's annual
29 financial participation in any single airport project included in this



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- 1 subdivision may not exceed five hundred thousand dollars
2 (\$500,000).
- 3 h. Freight capacity and safety improvements to Class I freight rail
4 corridors.
- 5 (2) Regional impact projects. – Includes only the following:
- 6 a. Projects listed in subdivision (1) of this section, subject to the
7 limitations noted in that subdivision.
- 8 b. U.S. highway routes not included in subdivision (1) of this section.
- 9 c. N.C. highway routes not included in subdivision (1) of this section.
- 10 d. Commercial service airports included in the NPIAS that are not
11 included in subdivision (1) of this section, provided that the State's
12 annual financial participation in any single airport project included in
13 this subdivision may not exceed three hundred thousand dollars
14 (\$300,000).
- 15 e. The State-maintained ferry system, excluding passenger vessel
16 replacement.
- 17 f. Rail lines that span two or more counties not included in subdivision
18 (1) of this section.
- 19 g. Public transportation service that spans two or more counties and that
20 serves more than one municipality. Expenditures pursuant to this
21 sub-subdivision shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of any
22 distribution region allocation.
- 23 (3) Division needs projects. – Includes only the following:
- 24 a. Projects listed in subdivision (1) or (2) of this section, subject to the
25 limitations noted in those subsections.
- 26 b. State highway routes not included in subdivision (1) or (2) of this
27 section.
- 28 c. Airports included in the NPIAS that are not included in subdivision
29 (1) or (2) of this section, provided that the State's total annual
30 financial participation under this sub-subdivision shall not exceed
31 eighteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$18,500,000).
- 32 d. Rail lines not included in subdivision (1) or (2) of this section.
- 33 e. Public transportation service not included in subdivision (1) or (2) of
34 this section.
- 35 f. Multimodal terminals and stations serving passenger transit systems.
- 36 g. Federally funded independent bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
- 37 h. Replacement of State-maintained ferry vessels.
- 38 i. Federally funded municipal road projects.
- 39 (4) Distribution Regions. – The following Distribution Regions apply to this
40 Article:
- 41 a. Distribution Region A consists of the following counties: Bertie,
42 Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Halifax,
43 Hertford, Hyde, Johnston, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank,
44 Perquimans, Tyrrell, Washington, Wayne, and Wilson.
- 45 b. Distribution Region B consists of the following counties: Beaufort,
46 Brunswick, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, New
47 Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, and Sampson.
- 48 c. Distribution Region C consists of the following counties: Bladen,
49 Columbus, Cumberland, Durham, Franklin, Granville, Harnett,
50 Person, Robeson, Vance, Wake, and Warren.

- 1 d. Distribution Region D consists of the following counties: Alamance,
2 Caswell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Guilford, Orange, Rockingham,
3 Rowan, and Stokes.
- 4 e. Distribution Region E consists of the following counties: Anson,
5 Cabarrus, Chatham, Hoke, Lee, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore,
6 Randolph, Richmond, Scotland, Stanly, and Union.
- 7 f. Distribution Region F consists of the following counties: Alexander,
8 Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston,
9 Iredell, Lincoln, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yadkin.
- 10 g. Distribution Region G consists of the following counties: Buncombe,
11 Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson,
12 Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain,
13 Transylvania, and Yancey.

14 **"§ 136-189.11. Transportation Investment Strategy Formula.**

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

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

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

- 21 (1) Federal congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program funds
22 appropriated to the State by the United States pursuant to 23 U.S.C. §
23 104(b)(2) and 23 U.S.C. § 149.
- 24 (2) Funds received through competitive awards or discretionary grants through
25 federal appropriations either for local governments, transportation
26 authorities, transit authorities, or the Department.
- 27 (3) Funds received from the federal government that under federal law may only
28 be used for Appalachian Development Highway System projects.
- 29 (4) Funds used in repayment of "GARVEE" bonds related to Phase I of the
30 Yadkin River Veterans Memorial Bridge project.
- 31 (5) Funds committed to gap funding for toll roads funded with bonds issued
32 pursuant to G.S. 136-176.
- 33 (6) Funds obligated for projects in the State Transportation Improvement
34 Program that are scheduled for construction as of April 1, 2013, in State
35 fiscal year 2012-2013, 2013-2014, or 2014-2015.
- 36 (7) Toll collections from a turnpike project under Article 6H of this Chapter and
37 other revenue from the sale of the Authority's bonds or notes or project
38 loans, in accordance with G.S. 136-89.192.
- 39 (8) Toll collections from the State-maintained ferry system collected under the
40 authority of G.S. 136-82.
- 41 (9) Federal State Planning and Research Program funds.

42 (b1) Funds Excluded From Regional Impact Project Category. – Federal Surface
43 Transportation Program-Direct Attributable funds expended on eligible projects in the Regional
44 Impact Project category are excluded from that category.

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

- 49 (1) Bridge replacement.
50 (2) Interstate maintenance.
51 (3) Highway safety improvement.

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

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

6 a. Criteria. – Transportation-related quantitative criteria shall be used
7 by the Department to rank highway projects that address
8 cost-effective Statewide Strategic Mobility needs and promote
9 economic and employment growth. The criteria for selection of
10 Statewide Strategic Mobility Projects shall utilize a numeric scale of
11 100 points, based on consideration of the following quantitative
12 criteria:

- 13 1. Benefit cost.
- 14 2. Congestion.
- 15 3. Safety.
- 16 4. Economic competitiveness.
- 17 5. Freight.
- 18 6. Multimodal.
- 19 7. Pavement condition.
- 20 8. Lane width.
- 21 9. Shoulder width.

22 b. Project cap. – No more than ten percent (10%) of the funds projected
23 to be allocated to the Statewide Strategic Mobility category over any
24 five-year period may be assigned to any contiguous project or group
25 of projects in the same corridor within a Highway Division or within
26 adjoining Highway Divisions.

27 (2) Regional Impact Projects. – Thirty percent (30%) of the funds subject to this
28 section shall be used for Regional Impact Projects and allocated by
29 population of Distribution Regions based on the most recent estimates
30 certified by the Office of State Budget and Management.

31 a. Criteria. – A combination of transportation-related quantitative
32 criteria, qualitative criteria, and local input shall be used to rank
33 Regional Impact Projects involving highways that address
34 cost-effective needs from a region-wide perspective and promote
35 economic growth. Local input is defined as the rankings identified by
36 the Department's Transportation Division Engineers, Metropolitan
37 Planning Organizations, and Rural Transportation Planning
38 Organizations. The criteria utilized for selection of Regional Impact
39 Projects shall be based thirty percent (30%) on local input and
40 seventy percent (70%) on consideration of a numeric scale of 100
41 points based on the following quantitative criteria:

- 42 1. Benefit cost.
- 43 2. Congestion.
- 44 3. Safety.
- 45 4. Freight.
- 46 5. Multimodal.
- 47 6. Pavement condition.
- 48 7. Lane width.
- 49 8. Shoulder width.
- 50 9. Accessibility and connectivity to employment centers, tourist
51 destinations, or military installations.

1 (3) Division Need Projects. – Thirty percent (30%) of the funds subject to this
2 section shall be allocated in equal share to each of the Department divisions,
3 as defined in G.S. 136-14.1, and used for Division Need Projects.

4 a. Criteria. – A combination of transportation-related quantitative
5 criteria, qualitative criteria, and local input shall be used to rank
6 Division Need Projects involving highways that address
7 cost-effective needs from a Division-wide perspective, provide
8 access, and address safety-related needs of local communities. Local
9 input is defined as the rankings identified by the Department's
10 Transportation Division Engineers, Metropolitan Planning
11 Organizations, and Rural Transportation Planning Organizations. The
12 criteria utilized for selection of Division Need Projects shall be based
13 fifty percent (50%) on local input and fifty percent (50%) on
14 consideration of a numeric scale of 100 points based on the following
15 quantitative criteria, except as provided in sub-subdivision b. of this
16 subdivision:

17 1. Benefit cost.

18 2. Congestion.

19 3. Safety.

20 4. Freight.

21 5. Multimodal.

22 6. Pavement condition.

23 7. Lane width.

24 8. Shoulder width.

25 9. Accessibility and connectivity to employment centers, tourist
26 destinations, or military installations.

27 b. Alternate criteria. – Funding from the following programs shall be
28 included in the computation of each of the Department division equal
29 shares but shall be subject to alternate quantitative criteria:

30 1. Federal Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable
31 funds expended on eligible projects in the Division Need
32 Projects category.

33 2. Federal Transportation Alternatives funds appropriated to the
34 State.

35 3. Federal Railway-Highway Crossings Program funds
36 appropriated to the State.

37 4. Projects requested from the Department in support of a
38 time-critical job creation opportunity, when the opportunity
39 would be classified as transformational under the Job
40 Development Investment Grant program established pursuant
41 to G.S. 143B-437.52, provided that the total State investment
42 in each fiscal year for all projects funded under this
43 sub-subdivision shall not exceed ten million dollars
44 (\$10,000,000) in the aggregate or two million dollars
45 (\$2,000,000) per project.

46 5. Federal funds for municipal road projects.

47 c. Bicycle and pedestrian limitation. – The Department shall not
48 provide financial support for independent bicycle and pedestrian
49 improvement projects, except for federal funds administered by the
50 Department for that purpose. This sub-subdivision shall not apply to
51 funds allocated to a municipality pursuant to G.S. 136-41.1 that are

- 1 committed by the municipality as matching funds for federal funds
2 administered by the Department and used for bicycle and pedestrian
3 improvement projects. This limitation shall not apply to funds
4 authorized for projects in the State Transportation Improvement
5 Program that are scheduled for construction as of October 1, 2013, in
6 State fiscal year 2012-2013, 2013-2014, or 2014-2015.
- 7 (4) Criteria for nonhighway projects. – Nonhighway projects subject to this
8 subsection shall be evaluated through a separate prioritization process
9 established by the Department that complies with all of the following:
- 10 a. The criteria used for selection of projects for a particular
11 transportation mode shall be based on a minimum of four
12 quantitative criteria.
- 13 b. Local input shall include rankings of projects identified by the
14 Department's Transportation Division Engineers, Metropolitan
15 Planning Organizations, and Rural Transportation Planning
16 Organizations.
- 17 c. The criteria shall be based on a scale not to exceed 100 points that
18 includes no bonus points or other alterations favoring any particular
19 mode of transportation.
- 20 (e) Authorized Formula Variance. – The Department may vary from the Formula set
21 forth in this section if it complies with the following:
- 22 (1) Limitation on variance. – The Department, in obligating funds in accordance
23 with this section, shall ensure that the percentage amount obligated to
24 Statewide Strategic Mobility Projects, Regional Impact Projects, and
25 Division Need Projects does not vary by more than five percent (5%) over
26 any five-year period from the percentage required to be allocated to each of
27 those categories by this section. Funds obligated among distribution regions
28 or divisions pursuant to this section may vary up to ten percent (10%) over
29 any five-year period.
- 30 (2) Calculation of variance. – Each year the Secretary shall calculate the amount
31 of Regional Impact and Division Need funds allocated in that year to each
32 division and region, the amount of funds obligated, and the amount the
33 obligations exceeded or were below the allocation. In the first variance
34 calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal year
35 2015-2016, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set forth in
36 this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between
37 allocations and obligations reported for the previous year. In the first
38 variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal year
39 2016-2017, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set forth in
40 this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between
41 allocations and obligations reported for the previous two fiscal years. In the
42 first variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal
43 year 2017-2018, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set
44 forth in this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between
45 allocations and obligations reported for the previous three fiscal years. In the
46 first variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal
47 year 2018-2019, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set
48 forth in this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between
49 allocations and obligations reported for the previous four fiscal years. The
50 new target amounts shall be used to fulfill the requirements of subdivision
51 (1) of this subsection for the next update of the Transportation Improvement

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 (3) Funds obtained through highway tolling. – Upon authorization to construct a
21 project with funding from toll revenue, the Department shall make available
22 for allocation an amount equal to one-half of the project construction cost
23 derived from toll revenue bonds. The amount made available for allocation
24 to other eligible highway projects shall not exceed two hundred million
25 dollars (\$200,000,000) of the capital construction funding directly
26 attributable to the highway toll revenues committed in the Investment Grade
27 Traffic and Revenue Study, for a project for which funds have been
28 committed on or before July 1, 2015. The amount made available for
29 allocation to other eligible highway projects shall not exceed one hundred
30 million dollars (\$100,000,000) of the capital construction funding directly
31 attributable to the highway toll revenues committed in the Investment Grade
32 Traffic and Revenue Study, for a project for which funds are committed after
33 July 1, 2015. If the toll project is located in one or more Metropolitan
34 Planning Organization or Rural Transportation Planning Organization
35 boundaries, based on the boundaries in existence at the time of letting of the
36 project construction contract, the bonus allocation shall be distributed
37 proportionately to lane miles of new capacity within the Organization's
38 boundaries. The Organization shall apply the bonus allocation only within
39 those counties in which the toll project is located.

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

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

48 b. Regional Impact Projects category. – The bonus allocation is capped
49 at ten percent (10%) of the regional allocation, or allocation to
50 multiple regions, made over a five-year period and shall be applied

1 over the five-year period in the State Transportation Improvement
 2 Program in the cycle following the contractual obligation.

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

8 (g) Reporting. – The Department shall publish on its Web site, in a link to the "Strategic
 9 Transportation Investments" Web site linked directly from the Department's home page, the
 10 following information in an accessible format as promptly as possible:

11 (1) The quantitative criteria used in each highway and nonhighway project
 12 scoring, including the methodology used to define each criteria, the criteria
 13 presented to the Board of Transportation for approval, and any adjustments
 14 made to finalize the criteria.

15 (2) The quantitative and qualitative criteria in each highway or nonhighway
 16 project scoring that is used in each region or division to finalize the local
 17 input score and shall include distinctions between Metropolitan Planning
 18 Organization and Rural Transportation Planning Organization scoring and
 19 methodologies.

20 (3) Notification of changes to the methodologies used to calculate quantitative
 21 criteria.

22 (4) The final quantitative formulas, including the number of points assigned to
 23 each criteria, used in each highway and nonhighway project scoring used to
 24 obtain project rankings in the Statewide, Regional, and Division categories.
 25 If the Department approves different formulas or point assignments
 26 regionally or by division, the final scoring for each area shall be noted.

27 (5) The project scorings associated with the release of the draft and final State
 28 Transportation Improvement Program."

29 **SECTION 1.1.(b)** Effective July 1, 2019, G.S. 136-189.11(e)(2), as enacted by
 30 subsection (a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

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

33 ...
 34 (2) Calculation of Variance. – Each year, the Secretary shall calculate the
 35 amount of Regional Impact and Division Need funds allocated in that year to
 36 each ~~division, division and region~~, the amount of funds obligated, and the
 37 amount the obligations exceeded or were below the allocation. ~~In the first~~
 38 ~~variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal year~~
 39 ~~2015-16, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set forth in~~
 40 ~~this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between~~
 41 ~~allocations and obligations reported for the previous year. In the first~~
 42 ~~variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal year~~
 43 ~~2016-17, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set forth in~~
 44 ~~this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between~~
 45 ~~allocations and obligations reported for the previous two fiscal years. In the~~
 46 ~~first variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal~~
 47 ~~year 2017-18, the target amounts obtained according to the Formula set forth~~
 48 ~~in this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between~~
 49 ~~allocations and obligations reported for the previous three fiscal years. In the~~
 50 ~~first variance calculation under this subdivision following the end of fiscal~~
 51 ~~year 2018-19, the~~ The target amounts obtained according to the Formula set

1 forth in this section shall be adjusted to account for any differences between
2 allocations and obligations reported for the previous ~~four~~five fiscal years.
3 The new target amounts shall be used to fulfill the requirements of
4 subdivision (1) of this subsection for the next update of the Transportation
5 Improvement Program. The adjustment to the target amount shall be
6 allocated by Distribution Region or Division, as applicable."

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

11 **SECONDARY ROADS CHANGES**

12 **SECTION 2.1.** G.S. 20-85 reads as rewritten:

13 "**§ 20-85. Schedule of fees.**

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15 ...
16 (a1) One dollar (\$1.00) of the fee imposed for any transaction assessed a fee under
17 subdivision (a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(7), (a)(8), or (a)(9) of this section shall be credited to the
18 North Carolina Highway Fund. The Division shall use the fees derived from transactions with
19 the Division for technology improvements. The Division shall use the fees derived from
20 transactions with commission contract agents for the payment of compensation to commission
21 contract agents. An additional fifty cents (50¢) of the fee imposed for any transaction assessed
22 a fee under subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall be credited to the Mercury Switch Removal
23 Account in the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. ~~An additional fifty cents~~
24 ~~(50¢) of the fee imposed for any transaction assessed a fee under subdivision (a)(1) of this~~
25 ~~section shall be credited as follows:~~

- 26 (1) ~~The first four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) collected shall be~~
27 ~~credited to the Reserve for Visitor Centers in the Highway Fund.~~
28 (2) ~~Any additional funds collected shall be credited to the Highway Trust Fund~~
29 ~~and, notwithstanding G.S. 136-176(b), shall be allocated and used for urban~~
30 ~~loop projects.~~

31 (a2) From the fees collected under subdivisions (a)(1) through (a)(9) of this section, the
32 Department shall annually credit the sum of four hundred thousand dollars (\$400,000) to the
33 Reserve for Visitor Centers in the Highway Fund.

34 (b) Except as otherwise provided in ~~subsection (a1)~~subsections (a1) and (a2) of this
35 section, the fees collected under subdivisions (a)(1) through (a)(9) of this section shall be
36 credited to the North Carolina Highway Trust Fund. The fees collected under subdivision
37 (a)(10) of this section shall be credited to the Highway Fund. ~~Fifteen dollars (\$15.00) of each~~
38 ~~title fee credited to the Trust Fund under subdivision (a)(1) shall be added to the amount~~
39 ~~allocated for secondary roads under G.S. 136-176 and used in accordance with G.S. 136-44.5.~~

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41 **SECTION 2.2.(a)** G.S. 136-44.2 reads as rewritten:

42 "**§ 136-44.2. Budget and appropriations.**

43 (a) The Director of the Budget shall include in the "Current Operations Appropriations
44 Act" an enumeration of the purposes or objects of the proposed expenditures for each of the
45 ~~construction and maintenance~~construction, maintenance, and improvement programs for that
46 budget period for the State primary, secondary, State parks road systems, and other
47 transportation systems. The State primary system shall include all portions of the State highway
48 system located both inside and outside municipal corporate limits that are designated by N.C.,
49 U.S. or Interstate numbers. The State secondary system shall include all of the State highway
50 system located both inside and outside municipal corporate limits that is not a part of the State
51 primary system. The State parks system shall include all State parks roads and parking lots that

1 are not also part of the State highway system. The transportation systems shall also include
2 State-maintained, nonhighway modes of ~~transportation as well as~~ transportation.

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

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

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

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

28"

29 **SECTION 2.2.(b)** Effective July 1, 2014, G.S. 136-44.2, as rewritten by subsection
30 (a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

31 **"§ 136-44.2. Budget and appropriations.**

32 (a) The Director of the Budget shall include in the "Current Operations Appropriations
33 Act" an enumeration of the purposes or objects of the proposed expenditures for each of the
34 ~~construction, maintenance, maintenance~~ and improvement programs for that budget period for
35 the State primary, secondary, State parks road systems, and other transportation systems. The
36 State primary system shall include all portions of the State highway system located both inside
37 and outside municipal corporate limits that are designated by N.C., U.S. or Interstate numbers.
38 The State secondary system shall include all of the State highway system located both inside
39 and outside municipal corporate limits that is not a part of the State primary system. The State
40 parks system shall include all State parks roads and parking lots that are not also part of the
41 State highway system. The transportation systems shall also include State-maintained,
42 nonhighway modes of transportation.

43 (b) All ~~construction, maintenance, maintenance~~ and improvement programs for which
44 appropriations are requested shall be enumerated separately in the budget. Programs that are
45 entirely State funded shall be listed separately from those programs involving the use of
46 federal-aid funds. ~~Proposed appropriations of State matching funds for each of the federal-aid~~
47 ~~construction programs shall be enumerated separately as well as the federal-aid funds~~
48 ~~anticipated for each program in order that the total construction requirements for each program~~
49 ~~may be provided for in the budget. Also, proposed~~ Proposed State matching funds for the
50 highway planning and research program shall be included separately along with the anticipated
51 federal-aid funds for that purpose.

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

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

10 (e) The "Current Operations Appropriations Act" shall also contain the proposed
11 appropriations of State funds for use in each county for ~~construction, maintenance, maintenance~~
12 and improvement of secondary roads, to be allocated in accordance with ~~G.S. 136-44.5 and~~
13 ~~136-44.6.~~ G.S. 136-44.6. State funds appropriated for secondary roads shall not be transferred
14 nor used except for the ~~construction, maintenance, maintenance~~ and improvement of secondary
15 roads in the county for which they are allocated pursuant to ~~G.S. 136-44.5 and~~
16 ~~136-44.6.~~ G.S. 136-44.6.

17 ...

18 (g) The Department of Transportation may provide for costs incurred or accrued for
19 traffic control measures to be taken by the Department at major events which involve a high
20 degree of traffic concentration on State highways, and which cannot be funded from regular
21 budgeted items. This authorization applies only to events which are expected to generate
22 30,000 vehicles or more per day. The Department of Transportation shall provide for this
23 funding by allocating and reserving up to one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) before any
24 other allocations from the appropriations for State maintenance for ~~primary, secondary, and~~
25 ~~urban~~ primary and secondary road systems are made, based upon the same proportion as is
26 appropriated to each system."

27 **SECTION 2.3.(a)** G.S. 136-44.2A reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 136-44.2A. Secondary road ~~improvement~~ construction program.**

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

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

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

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

44 "**§ 136-44.2D. Secondary unpaved road paving program.**

45 (a) The Department of Transportation shall expend funds allocated to the paving of
46 unpaved secondary roads for the paving of unpaved secondary roads based on a statewide
47 prioritization. The Department shall pave the eligible unpaved secondary roads that receive the
48 highest priority ranking within this statewide prioritization. Nothing in this subsection shall be
49 interpreted to require the Department to pave any unpaved secondary roads that do not meet
50 secondary road system addition standards as set forth in G.S. 136-44.10 and G.S. 136-102.6.
51 The Highway Trust Fund shall not be used to fund the paving of unpaved secondary roads."

1 **SECTION 2.6.(a)** G.S. 136-44.5 reads as rewritten:

2 "**§ 136-44.5. Secondary roads; mileage study; allocation of funds.**

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

- 6 (1) The number of miles of unpaved State-maintained roads in each county
7 eligible for paving and the total number of miles that are ineligible;
8 (2) The total number of miles of unpaved State-maintained roads in the State
9 eligible for paving and the total number of miles that are ineligible; and
10 (3) The total number of paved State-maintained roads in each county, and the
11 total number of miles of paved State-maintained roads in the State.

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

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

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

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

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

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

44 "**§ 136-44.6. Uniformly applicable formula for the allocation of secondary roads**
45 **maintenance and improvement funds.**

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

1 **SECTION 2.6.(d)** Secondary Road Funding. – The sum of fifteen million dollars
2 (\$15,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2013-2014 fiscal year is allocated from the
3 Highway Fund for the secondary road construction program under G.S. 136-44.2A, as enacted
4 by Section 2.3 of this act, and the sum of twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) in recurring
5 funds for the 2013-2014 fiscal year is allocated from the Highway Fund for the paving of
6 unpaved roads pursuant to G.S. 136-44.2D, as enacted by Section 2.5 of this act.

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

8 "**§ 136-44.7. Secondary roads; annual work program.right-of-way acquisition.**

9 ~~(a) The Department of Transportation shall be responsible for developing criteria for~~
10 ~~improvements and maintenance of secondary roads. The criteria shall be adopted by the Board~~
11 ~~of Transportation before it shall become effective. The Department of Transportation shall be~~
12 ~~responsible for developing annual work programs for both construction and maintenance of~~
13 ~~secondary roads in each county in accordance with criteria developed. It shall reflect the~~
14 ~~long range and immediate goals of the Department of Transportation. Projects on the annual~~
15 ~~construction program for each county shall be rated according to their priority based upon the~~
16 ~~secondary road criteria and standards which shall be uniform throughout the State. Tentative~~
17 ~~construction projects and estimated funding shall also be listed in accordance to priority. The~~
18 ~~annual construction program shall be adopted by the Board of Transportation before it shall~~
19 ~~become effective.~~

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

27 ~~(c) When it is necessary for the Department of Transportation to acquire a right-of-way~~
28 ~~in accordance with (a) and (b) of this section in order to pave a secondary road or undertake a~~
29 ~~maintenance project, the Department shall negotiate the acquisition of the right-of-way for a~~
30 ~~period of up to six months. At the end of that period, if one or more property owners have not~~
31 ~~dedicated the necessary right-of-way and at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the property~~
32 ~~owners adjacent to the project and the owners of the majority of the road frontage adjacent to~~
33 ~~the project have dedicated the necessary property for the right-of-way and have provided funds~~
34 ~~required by Department rule to the Department to cover the costs of condemning the remaining~~
35 ~~property, the Department shall initiate condemnation proceedings pursuant to Article 9 of this~~
36 ~~Chapter to acquire the remaining property necessary for the project.~~

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

41 **SECTION 2.8.(a)** G.S. 136-44.8 reads as rewritten:

42 "**§ 136-44.8. Submission of secondary roads construction and unpaved roads paving**
43 **programs to the Boards of County Commissioners.**

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

50 ~~(a1) Representatives of the Department of Transportation shall provide to the board of~~
51 ~~county commissioners in each county the proposed secondary road construction program and,~~

1 if applicable to that county, a list of roads proposed for the annual paving program approved by
2 the Board of Transportation. If a paving priority list is presented, it shall include the priority
3 rating of each secondary road paving project included in the proposed paving program
4 according to the criteria and standards adopted by the Board of Transportation.

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

13 (c) ~~Representatives of the Department of Transportation shall meet with the board of~~
14 ~~county commissioners at a regular or special public meeting of the board of county~~
15 ~~commissioners for each county and present to and discuss with the board of county~~
16 ~~commissioners and other citizens present, the proposed secondary road construction program~~
17 ~~for the county. The presentation and discussion shall specifically include the priority rating of~~
18 ~~each tentative secondary road paving project included in the proposed construction program,~~
19 ~~according to the criteria and standards adopted by the Board of Transportation.~~

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

27 (d) ~~The board of county commissioners may recommend deviations in the paving~~
28 ~~projects and the priority of paving projects included in the proposed secondary road~~
29 ~~construction program only at a public meeting after notice to the public that the board will~~
30 ~~consider making recommendations for deviations in paving projects and the priority of paving~~
31 ~~projects included in the proposed annual secondary road construction program. Notice of the~~
32 ~~public meeting shall be published by the board of county commissioners in a newspaper~~
33 ~~published in the county or having a general circulation in the county. After discussion by the~~
34 ~~members of the board of county commissioners and comments and information presented by~~
35 ~~other citizens of the county, the board of county commissioners may recommend deviations in~~
36 ~~the paving projects and in the paving priority of secondary road projects included in the~~
37 ~~proposed secondary road construction program. Any recommendation made by the board of~~
38 ~~county commissioners for a deviation in the paving projects or in the priority for paving~~
39 ~~projects in the proposed secondary road construction program shall state the specific reason for~~
40 ~~each such deviation recommended.~~

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

1 (f) The secondary road construction ~~program and unpaved roads paving programs~~
2 adopted by the Board of Transportation shall be followed by the Department of Transportation
3 unless changes are approved by the Board of Transportation and notice of any changes is given
4 to the board of county commissioners. The Department of Transportation shall post a copy of
5 the adopted program, including a map showing the secondary road paving projects rated
6 according to the approved priority of each project, at the courthouse, within 10 days of its
7 adoption by the Board of Transportation. The board of county commissioners may petition the
8 Board of Transportation for review of any changes to which it does not consent and the
9 determination of the Board of Transportation shall be final. Upon request, the most recent
10 secondary road construction and unpaved roads paving programs adopted shall be submitted to
11 any member of the General Assembly. The Department of Transportation shall make the annual
12 construction program for each county available to the newspapers having a general circulation
13 in the county."

14 **SECTION 2.8.(b)** Effective July 1, 2014, G.S. 136-44.8, as rewritten by subsection
15 (a) of this section, reads as rewritten:

16 "**§ 136-44.8. Submission of unpaved secondary roads construction and unpaved roads**
17 **paving programs to the Boards of County Commissioners.**

18 (a1) ~~Representatives~~ In each county having unpaved roads programmed for paving,
19 representatives of the Department of Transportation shall annually provide to the board of
20 county commissioners in ~~each county~~ those counties ~~the proposed secondary road construction~~
21 ~~program and, if applicable to that county,~~ a list of roads proposed for the annual paving
22 program approved by the Board of Transportation. ~~If a~~ The paving priority list is presented, it
23 shall include the priority rating of each secondary road paving project included in the proposed
24 paving program according to the criteria and standards adopted by the Board of Transportation.

25 ...

26 (e) ~~The Board of Transportation shall adopt the annual secondary construction program~~
27 ~~for each county after having given the board of county commissioners of each county an~~
28 ~~opportunity to review the proposed construction program and to make recommendations as~~
29 ~~provided in this section. The Board of Transportation shall consider such recommendations~~
30 ~~insofar as they are compatible with its general plans, standards, criteria and available funds, but~~
31 ~~having due regard to development plans of the county and to the maintenance and improvement~~
32 ~~needs of all existing roads in the county.~~

33 (f) The secondary road ~~construction and unpaved~~ secondary roads paving programs
34 adopted by the Board of Transportation shall be followed by the Department of Transportation
35 unless changes are approved by the Board of Transportation and notice of any changes is given
36 to the board of county commissioners. Upon request, the most recent unpaved secondary road
37 ~~construction and unpaved~~ roads paving programs adopted shall be submitted to any member of
38 the General Assembly. The Department of Transportation shall make the annual construction
39 program for each affected county available to the newspapers having a general circulation in
40 the county."

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

43 STATE AID TO MUNICIPALITIES/POWELL BILL CHANGES

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

45 "**§ 136-41.1. Appropriation to municipalities; allocation of funds generally; allocation to**
46 **Butner.**

47 (a) There is annually appropriated out of the State Highway Fund a sum equal to ten
48 and four-tenths percent (10.4%) of the net amount after refunds that was produced during the
49 fiscal year by ~~a one and three-fourths cents (1 3/4¢) tax on each gallon of motor fuel taxed the~~
50 tax imposed under Article 36C of Chapter 105 of the General Statutes and on the equivalent
51 amount of alternative fuel taxed under Article 36D of that Chapter. One-half of the amount

1 appropriated shall be allocated in cash on or before October 1 of each year to the cities and
2 towns of the State in accordance with this section. The second one-half of the amount
3 appropriated shall be allocated in cash on or before January 1 of each year to the cities and
4 towns of the State in accordance with this section. ~~In addition, as provided in~~
5 ~~G.S. 136-176(b)(3), revenue is allocated and appropriated from the Highway Trust Fund to the~~
6 ~~cities and towns of this State to be used for the same purposes and distributed in the same~~
7 ~~manner as the revenue appropriated to them under this section from the Highway Fund. Like~~
8 ~~the appropriation from the Highway Fund, the appropriation from the Highway Trust Fund~~
9 ~~shall be based on revenue collected during the fiscal year preceding the date the distribution is~~
10 ~~made.~~

11 Seventy-five percent (75%) of the funds appropriated for cities and towns shall be
12 distributed among the several eligible municipalities of the State in the percentage proportion
13 that the population of each eligible municipality bears to the total population of all eligible
14 municipalities according to the most recent annual estimates of population as certified to the
15 Secretary of Revenue by the State Budget Officer. This annual estimation of population shall
16 include increases in the population within the municipalities caused by annexations
17 accomplished through July 1 of the calendar year in which these funds are distributed.
18 Twenty-five percent (25%) of said fund shall be distributed among the several eligible
19 municipalities of the State in the percentage proportion that the mileage of public streets in
20 each eligible municipality which does not form a part of the State highway system bears to the
21 total mileage of the public streets in all eligible municipalities which do not constitute a part of
22 the State highway system.

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

29 The funds to be allocated under this section shall be paid in cash to the various eligible
30 municipalities on or before October 1 and January 1 of each ~~year~~ year as provided in this
31 section. Provided that eligible municipalities are authorized within the discretion of their
32 governing bodies to enter into contracts for the purpose of maintenance, repair, construction,
33 reconstruction, widening, or improving streets of such municipalities at any time after January
34 1 of any calendar year in total amounts not to exceed ninety percent (90%) of the amount
35 received by such municipality during the preceding fiscal year, in anticipation of the receipt of
36 funds under this section during the next fiscal year, to be paid for out of such funds when
37 received.

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

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

50"

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

1 **SECTION 3.3.** G.S. 136-41.3 reads as rewritten:

2 "**§ 136-41.3. Use of funds; records and annual statement; excess accumulation of funds;**
3 **contracts for maintenance, etc., of streets.**

4 (a) Uses of Funds. – The funds allocated to cities and towns under the provisions of
5 G.S. 136-41.2 shall be expended by said cities and towns only for the purpose of maintaining,
6 repairing, constructing, reconstructing or widening of any street or public thoroughfare
7 including bridges, drainage, curb and gutter, and other necessary appurtenances within the
8 corporate limits of the municipality or for meeting the municipality's proportionate share of
9 assessments levied for such purposes, or for the planning, construction and maintenance of
10 ~~bikeways located within the rights-of-way of public streets and highways, bikeways, greenways,~~
11 ~~or for the planning, construction, and maintenance of sidewalks along public streets and~~
12 ~~highways, sidewalks.~~

13 (b) Records and Annual Statement. – Each municipality receiving funds by virtue of
14 G.S. 136-41.1 and 136-41.2 shall maintain a separate record of accounts indicating in detail all
15 receipts and expenditures of such funds. It shall be unlawful for any municipal employee or
16 member of any governing body to authorize, direct, or permit the expenditure of any funds
17 accruing to any municipality by virtue of G.S. 136-41.1 and 136-41.2 for any purpose not
18 herein authorized. Any member of any governing body or municipal employee shall be
19 personally liable for any unauthorized expenditures. On or before the first day of August each
20 year, the treasurer, auditor, or other responsible official of each municipality receiving funds by
21 virtue of G.S. 136-41.1 and 136-41.2 shall file a statement under oath with the Secretary of
22 Transportation showing in detail the expenditure of funds received by virtue of G.S. 136-41.1
23 and 136-41.2 during the preceding year and the balance on hand.

24 (c) Excess Accumulation of Funds Prohibited. – No funds allocated to municipalities
25 pursuant to G.S. 136-41.1 and 136-41.2 shall be permitted to accumulate for a period greater
26 than permitted by this section. Interest on accumulated funds shall be used only for the
27 purposes permitted by the provisions of G.S. 136-41.3. Except as otherwise provided in this
28 section, any municipality having accumulated an amount greater than the sum of the past 10
29 allocations made, shall have an amount equal to such excess deducted from the next allocation
30 after receipt of the report required by this section. Such deductions shall be carried over and
31 added to the amount to be allocated to municipalities for the following year. Notwithstanding
32 the other provisions of this section, the Department shall adopt a policy to allow small
33 municipalities to apply to the Department to be allowed to accumulate up to the sum of the past
34 20 allocations if a municipality's allocations are so small that the sum of the past 10 allocations
35 would not be sufficient to accomplish the purposes of this section.

36 (d) Contracts for Maintenance and Construction. – In the discretion of the local
37 governing body of each municipality receiving funds by virtue of G.S. 136-41.1 and 136-41.2 it
38 may contract with the Department of Transportation to do the work of maintenance, repair,
39 construction, reconstruction, widening or improving the streets in such municipality; or it may
40 let contracts in the usual manner as prescribed by the General Statutes to private contractors for
41 the performance of said street work; or may undertake the work by force account. The
42 Department of Transportation within its discretion is hereby authorized to enter into contracts
43 with municipalities for the purpose of maintenance, repair, construction, reconstruction,
44 widening or improving streets of municipalities. And the Department of Transportation in its
45 discretion may contract with any city or town which it deems qualified and equipped so to do
46 that the city or town shall do the work of maintaining, repairing, improving, constructing,
47 reconstructing, or widening such of its streets as form a part of the State highway system.

48 In the case of each eligible municipality, as defined in G.S. 136-41.2, having a population
49 of less than 5,000, the Department of Transportation shall upon the request of such
50 municipality made by official action of its governing body, on or prior to June 1, 1953, or June
51 1 in any year thereafter, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953, and for the years thereafter

1 do such street construction, maintenance, or improvement on nonsystem streets as the
2 municipality may request within the limits of the current or accrued payments made to the
3 municipality under the provisions of G.S. 136-41.1.

4 In computing the costs, the Department of Transportation may use the same rates for
5 equipment, rental, labor, materials, supervision, engineering and other items, which the
6 Department of Transportation uses in making charges to one of its own department or against
7 its own department, or the Department of Transportation may employ a contractor to do the
8 work, in which case the charges will be the contract cost plus engineering and inspection. The
9 municipality is to specify the location, extent, and type of the work to be done, and shall
10 provide the necessary rights-of-way, authorization for the removal of such items as poles, trees,
11 water and sewer lines as may be necessary, holding the Department of Transportation free from
12 any claim by virtue of such items of cost and from such damage or claims as may arise
13 therefrom except from negligence on the part of the Department of Transportation, its agents,
14 or employees.

15 If a municipality elects to bring itself under the provisions of the two preceding paragraphs,
16 it shall enter into a two-year contract with the Department of Transportation and if it desires to
17 dissolve the contract at the end of any two-year period it shall notify the Department of
18 Transportation of its desire to terminate said contract on or before April 1 of the year in which
19 such contract shall expire; otherwise, said contract shall continue for an additional two-year
20 period, and if the municipality elects to bring itself under the provisions of the two preceding
21 paragraphs and thereafter fails to pay its account to the Department of Transportation for the
22 fiscal year ending June 30, by August 1 following the fiscal year, then the Department of
23 Transportation shall apply the said municipality's allocation under G.S. 136-41.1 to this account
24 until said account is paid and the Department of Transportation shall not be obligated to do any
25 further work provided for in the two preceding paragraphs until such account is paid.

26 Section 143-129 of the General Statutes relating to the procedure for letting of public
27 contracts shall not be applicable to contracts undertaken by any municipality with the
28 Department of Transportation in accordance with the provisions of the three preceding
29 paragraphs.

30 (e) Permitted Offsets to Funding. – The Department of Transportation is authorized to
31 apply a municipality's share of funds allocated to a municipality under the provisions of
32 G.S. 136-41.1 to any of the following accounts of the municipality with the said Department of
33 Transportation, which the municipality fails to pay:

- 34 (1) Cost sharing agreements for right-of-way entered into pursuant to
35 G.S. 136-66.3, but not to exceed ten percent (10%) of any one year's
36 allocation until the debt is repaid,
- 37 (2) The cost of relocating municipally owned waterlines and other municipally
38 owned utilities on a State highway project which is the responsibility of the
39 municipality,
- 40 (3) For any other work performed for the municipality by the Department of
41 Transportation or its contractor by agreement between the Department of
42 Transportation and the municipality, and
- 43 (4) For any other work performed that was made necessary by the construction,
44 reconstruction or paving of a highway on the State highway system for
45 which the municipality is legally responsible."

46 **SECTION 3.4.** G.S. 136-41.4 reads as rewritten:

47 "**§ 136-41.4. Municipal use of allocated funds; election.**

48 (a) A municipality that qualifies for an allocation of funds pursuant to G.S. 136-41.1
49 shall have the ~~option~~ following options:

- 50 (1) ~~to accept~~ Accept all or a portion of funds allocated to the municipality, under
51 ~~that section, for the repair, maintenance, construction, reconstruction,~~

1 ~~widening, or improving of the municipality's streets.~~ municipality for use as
 2 authorized by G.S. 136-41.3(a).

3 (2) Use some or all of its allocation to match federal funds administered by the
 4 Department for independent bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects
 5 within the municipality's limits, or within the area of any metropolitan
 6 planning organization or rural transportation planning organization.

7 (3) ~~or the municipality may elect~~ Elect to have some or all of the allocation
 8 reprogrammed for any Transportation Improvement Project currently on the
 9 approved project list within the municipality's limits or within the area of
 10 any metropolitan planning organization or rural transportation planning
 11 organization.

12 (b) If a municipality chooses to have its allocation reprogrammed, the ~~minimum~~ amount
 13 that may be reprogrammed is an amount equal to that amount necessary to complete one full
 14 phase of the project selected by the municipality or an amount that, when added to the amount
 15 already programmed for the Transportation Improvement Project selected, would permit the
 16 completion of at least one full phase of the project. The restriction set forth in this subsection
 17 shall not apply to any bicycle or pedestrian projects."

18 **SECTION 3.5.** DOT Municipal Lane Mile Study. – The Department of
 19 Transportation shall collect lane mile data from each municipality eligible to receive funds
 20 under this section no later than December 1, 2013. The Department shall report to the Joint
 21 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee no later than March 1, 2014, on at least three
 22 options to shift the distribution formula to include lane mile data. The report shall include
 23 advantages and disadvantages, fiscal impacts to each municipality, and any other technical
 24 considerations in making such a change. The Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight
 25 Committee and the Fiscal Research Division shall include in its recommendations to the 2014
 26 Session of the 2013 General Assembly a new distribution formula, if the Committee finds that a
 27 new formula is beneficial and practical.

29 CONFORMING CHANGES

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

31 "**§ 105-187.9. Disposition of tax proceeds.**

32 ...

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

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

40 (2) ~~In addition to the amount transferred under subdivision (1) of this~~
 41 ~~subsection, the sum of one million seven hundred thousand dollars~~
 42 ~~(\$1,700,000) shall be transferred in the 2001-2002 fiscal year. The amount~~
 43 ~~distributed under this subdivision shall increase in the 2002-2003 fiscal year~~
 44 ~~to the sum of two million four hundred thousand dollars (\$2,400,000). In~~
 45 ~~each fiscal year thereafter, the sum transferred under this subdivision shall~~
 46 ~~be the amount distributed in the previous fiscal year plus or minus a~~
 47 ~~percentage of this sum equal to the percentage by which tax collections~~
 48 ~~under this Article increased or decreased for the most recent 12-month~~
 49 ~~period for which data are available.~~

50 (c) ~~(Effective July 1, 2013) Mobility Fund Transfer.~~ In each fiscal year, the State
 51 Treasurer shall transfer fifty eight million dollars (\$58,000,000) from the taxes deposited in the

1 ~~Trust Fund to the Mobility Fund. The transfer of funds authorized by this section may be made~~
2 ~~by transferring one-fourth of the amount at the end of each quarter in the fiscal year or by~~
3 ~~transferring the full amount annually on July 1 of each fiscal year, subject to the availability of~~
4 ~~revenue."~~

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

6 **"§ 136-18. Powers of Department of Transportation.**

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

8 ...
9 (12a) The Department of Transportation shall have such powers as are necessary
10 to establish, administer, and receive federal funds for a transportation
11 infrastructure banking program as authorized by the Intermodal Surface
12 Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, Pub. L. 102-240, as amended, and
13 the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-59, as
14 amended. The Department of Transportation is authorized to apply for,
15 receive, administer, and comply with all conditions and requirements related
16 to federal financial assistance necessary to fund the infrastructure banking
17 program. The infrastructure banking program established by the Department
18 of Transportation may utilize federal and available State funds for the
19 purpose of providing loans or other financial assistance to governmental
20 units, including toll authorities, to finance the costs of transportation projects
21 authorized by the above federal aid acts. Such loans or other financial
22 assistance shall be subject to repayment and conditioned upon the
23 establishment of such security and the payment of such fees and interest
24 rates as the Department of Transportation may deem necessary. The
25 Department of Transportation is authorized to apply a municipality's share of
26 funds allocated under G.S. 136-41.1 or G.S. 136-44.20 as necessary to
27 ensure repayment of funds advanced under the infrastructure banking
28 program. The Department of Transportation shall establish jointly, with the
29 State Treasurer, a separate infrastructure banking account with necessary
30 fiscal controls and accounting procedures. Funds credited to this account
31 shall not revert, and interest and other investment income shall accrue to the
32 account and may be used to provide loans and other financial assistance as
33 provided under this subdivision. The Department of Transportation may
34 establish such rules and policies as are necessary to establish and administer
35 the infrastructure banking program. The infrastructure banking program
36 authorized under this subdivision shall not modify the ~~regional distribution~~
37 formula for the distribution of funds established by
38 ~~G.S. 136-17.2A~~ G.S. 136-189.11. Governmental units may apply for loans
39 and execute debt instruments payable to the State in order to obtain loans or
40 other financial assistance provided for in this subdivision. The Department
41 of Transportation shall require that applicants shall pledge as security for
42 such obligations revenues derived from operation of the benefited facilities
43 or systems, other sources of revenue, or their faith and credit, or any
44 combination thereof. The faith and credit of such governmental units shall
45 not be pledged or be deemed to have been pledged unless the requirements
46 of Article 4, Chapter 159 of the General Statutes have been met. The State
47 Treasurer, with the assistance of the Local Government Commission, shall
48 develop and adopt appropriate debt instruments for use under this
49 subdivision. The Local Government Commission shall develop and adopt
50 appropriate procedures for the delivery of debt instruments to the State
51 without any public bidding therefor. The Local Government Commission

1 shall review and approve proposed loans to applicants pursuant to this
 2 subdivision under the provisions of Articles 4 and 5, Chapter 159 of the
 3 General Statutes, as if the issuance of bonds was proposed, so far as those
 4 provisions are applicable. Loans authorized by this subdivision shall be
 5 outstanding debt for the purpose of Article 10, Chapter 159 of the General
 6 Statutes.

7"

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

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

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

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

31 Before a city adopts a transportation corridor official map that extends beyond the
 32 extraterritorial jurisdiction of its building permit issuance and subdivision control ordinances,
 33 or adopts an amendment to a transportation corridor official map outside the extraterritorial
 34 jurisdiction of its building permit issuance and subdivision control ordinances, the city shall
 35 obtain approval from the Board of County Commissioners."

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

37 **"§ 136-66.3. Local government participation in improvements to the State transportation
 38 system.**

39 ...
 40 ~~(c1) No TIP Disadvantage for Participation.—If a county or municipality participates in
 41 a State transportation system improvement project, as authorized by this section, or by
 42 G.S. 136-51 and G.S. 136-98, the Department shall ensure that the local government's
 43 participation does not cause any disadvantage to any other project in the Transportation
 44 Improvement Program under G.S. 143B-350(f)(4).~~

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

50 ~~(c3) Limitation on Agreements.—The Department shall not enter into any agreement
 51 with a county or municipality to provide additional total funding for highway construction in~~

1 ~~the county or municipality in exchange for county or municipal participation in any project~~
2 ~~contained in the Transportation Improvement Program under G.S. 143B-350(f)(4).~~

3 ...
4 (e1) Reimbursement Procedure. – Upon request of the county or municipality, the
5 Department of Transportation shall allow the local government a period of not less than three
6 years from the date construction of ~~the project~~ a project undertaken under subsection (e) of this
7 section is initiated to reimburse the Department their agreed upon share of the costs necessary
8 for the project. The Department of Transportation shall not charge a local government any
9 interest during the initial three years.

10"

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

12 **"§ 136-89.192. ~~Equity distribution~~ Applicability of formula.**

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

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

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

20 **"§ 136-175. Definitions.**

21 The following definitions apply in this Article:

- 22 (1) ~~Intrastate System. The network of major, multilane arterial highways~~
23 ~~composed of those routes, segments, or corridors listed in G.S. 136-178, and~~
24 ~~any other route added by the Department of Transportation under~~
25 ~~G.S. 136-178.~~
26 (2) Transportation Improvement Program. The schedule of major transportation
27 improvement projects required by G.S. 143B-350(f)(4).
28 (3) Trust Fund. The North Carolina Highway Trust Fund."

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

30 **"§ 136-176. Creation, revenue sources, and purpose of North Carolina Highway Trust**
31 **Fund.**

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

- 34 (1) Motor fuel, alternative fuel, and road tax revenue deposited in the Fund
35 under G.S. 105-449.125, 105-449.134, and 105-449.43, respectively.
36 (2) Motor vehicle use tax deposited in the Fund under G.S. 105-187.9.
37 (3) Revenue from the certificate of title fee and other fees payable under
38 G.S. 20-85.
39 (4) Repealed by Session Laws 2001-424, s. 27.1.
40 (5) Interest and income earned by the Fund.

41 (a1) ~~The Department shall use two hundred twenty million dollars (\$220,000,000) in~~
42 ~~fiscal year 2001-2002, two hundred twelve million dollars (\$212,000,000) in fiscal year~~
43 ~~2002-2003, and two hundred fifty five million dollars (\$255,000,000) in fiscal year 2003-2004~~
44 ~~of the cash balance of the Highway Trust Fund for the following purposes:~~

- 45 (1) ~~For primary route pavement preservation. One hundred seventy million~~
46 ~~dollars (\$170,000,000) in fiscal year 2001-2002, and one hundred fifty~~
47 ~~million dollars (\$150,000,000) in each of the fiscal years 2002-2003 and~~
48 ~~2003-2004. Up to ten percent (10%) of the amount for each of the fiscal~~
49 ~~years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and 2003-2004 is available in that fiscal year,~~
50 ~~at the discretion of the Secretary of Transportation, for:~~

- 1 a. ~~Highway improvement projects that further economic growth and~~
2 ~~development in small urban and rural areas, that are in the~~
3 ~~Transportation Improvement Program, and that are individually~~
4 ~~approved by the Board of Transportation; or~~
5 b. ~~Highway improvements that further economic development in the~~
6 ~~State and that are individually approved by the Board of~~
7 ~~Transportation.~~

- 8 (2) ~~For preliminary engineering costs not included in the current year~~
9 ~~Transportation Improvement Program. Fifteen million dollars~~
10 ~~(\$15,000,000) in each of the fiscal years 2001-2002, 2002-2003, and~~
11 ~~2003-2004. If any funds allocated by this subdivision, in the cash balance of~~
12 ~~the Highway Trust Fund, remain unspent on June 30, 2008, the Department~~
13 ~~may transfer within the Department up to twenty-nine million dollars~~
14 ~~(\$29,000,000) of available funds to contract for freight transportation system~~
15 ~~improvements for the Global TransPark.~~
16 (3) ~~For computerized traffic signal systems and signal optimization projects.—~~
17 ~~Fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in each of the fiscal years 2001-2002,~~
18 ~~2002-2003, and 2003-2004.~~
19 (4) ~~For public transportation twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) in fiscal year~~
20 ~~2001-2002, twenty five million dollars (\$25,000,000) in fiscal year~~
21 ~~2002-2003, and seventy five million dollars (\$75,000,000) in fiscal year~~
22 ~~2003-2004.~~
23 (5) ~~For small urban construction projects.— Seven million dollars (\$7,000,000)~~
24 ~~in fiscal year 2002-2003.~~

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

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

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

- 31 (1) ~~Six hundred thirty million dollars (\$630,000,000) for highway system~~
32 ~~preservation, modernization, and maintenance, including projects to enhance~~
33 ~~safety, reduce congestion, improve traffic flow, reduce accidents, upgrade~~
34 ~~pavement widths and shoulders, extend pavement life, improve pavement~~
35 ~~smoothness, and rehabilitate or replace deficient bridges; and for economic~~
36 ~~development transportation projects recommended by local officials and~~
37 ~~approved by the Board of Transportation.~~
38 (2) ~~Seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000) for regional public transit systems,~~
39 ~~rural and urban public transportation system facilities, regional~~
40 ~~transportation and air quality initiatives, rail system track improvements and~~
41 ~~equipment, and other ferry, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements. For any~~
42 ~~project or program listed in this subdivision for which the Department~~
43 ~~receives federal funds, use of funds pursuant to this subdivision shall be~~
44 ~~limited to matching those funds.~~

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

47 (a4) ~~Project selection pursuant to subsection (a3) of this section shall be based on~~
48 ~~identified and documented need. Funds expended pursuant to subdivision (1) of subsection (a3)~~
49 ~~of this section shall be distributed in accordance with the distribution formula in~~
50 ~~G.S. 136-17.2A. No funds shall be expended pursuant to subsection (a3)(1) of this section on~~

1 any project that does not meet Department of Transportation standards for road design,
2 materials, construction, and traffic flow.

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

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

- 33 (1) ~~Sixty one and ninety five hundredths percent (61.95%) to plan, design, and~~
34 ~~construct projects on segments or corridors of the Intrastate System as~~
35 ~~described in G.S. 136-178 and to pay debt service on highway bonds and~~
36 ~~notes that are issued under the State Highway Bond Act of 1996 and whose~~
37 ~~proceeds are applied to these projects.~~
38 (2) ~~Twenty five and five hundredths percent (25.05%) to plan, design, and~~
39 ~~construct the urban loops described in G.S. 136-180 and to pay debt service~~
40 ~~on highway bonds and notes that are issued under the State Highway Bond~~
41 ~~Act of 1996 and whose proceeds are applied to these urban loops.~~
42 (3) ~~Six and one half percent (6.5%) to supplement the appropriation to cities for~~
43 ~~city streets under G.S. 136-181.~~
44 (4) ~~Six and one half percent (6.5%) for secondary road construction as provided~~
45 ~~in G.S. 136-182 and to pay debt service on highway bonds and notes that are~~
46 ~~issued under the State Highway Bond Act of 1996 and whose proceeds are~~
47 ~~applied to secondary road construction.~~

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

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

13 **(b2) (Effective July 1, 2013)** There is annually appropriated to the North Carolina
14 Turnpike Authority from the Highway Trust Fund the sum of ~~one hundred twelve million~~
15 ~~dollars (\$112,000,000),~~forty-nine million dollars (\$49,000,000). Of the amount allocated by
16 this subsection, twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) shall be used to pay debt service or
17 related financing costs and expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued for the construction of
18 the Triangle Expressway, and twenty-four million dollars (\$24,000,000) shall be used to pay
19 debt service or related financing expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued for the construction
20 of the ~~Monroe Connector/Bypass,~~ twenty eight million dollars (\$28,000,000) shall be used to
21 pay debt service or related financing expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued for the
22 construction of the Mid-Currituck Bridge, and thirty five million dollars (\$35,000,000) shall be
23 used to pay debt service or related financing expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued for the
24 construction of the Garden Parkway-Monroe Connector/Bypass. The amounts appropriated to
25 the Authority pursuant to this subsection shall be used by the Authority to pay debt service or
26 related financing costs and expenses on revenue bonds or notes issued by the Authority to
27 finance the costs of one or more Turnpike Projects, to refund such bonds or notes, or to fund
28 debt service reserves, operating reserves, and similar reserves in connection therewith. The
29 appropriations established by this subsection constitute an agreement by the State to pay the
30 funds appropriated hereby to the Authority within the meaning of G.S. 159-81(4).
31 Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is the intention of the General Assembly that the enactment
32 of this provision and the issuance of bonds or notes by the Authority in reliance thereon shall
33 not in any manner constitute a pledge of the faith and credit and taxing power of the State, and
34 nothing contained herein shall prohibit the General Assembly from amending the
35 appropriations made in this subsection at any time to decrease or eliminate the amount annually
36 appropriated to the Authority. Funds transferred from the Highway Trust Fund to the Authority
37 pursuant to this subsection are not subject to the ~~equity~~—formula in
38 ~~G.S. 136-17.2A-G.S. 136-189.11.~~

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

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

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

51 **SECTION 4.9.** The following statutes are repealed:

- 1 (1) G.S. 136-177.
- 2 (2) G.S. 136-177.1.
- 3 (3) G.S. 136-178.
- 4 (4) G.S. 136-179.
- 5 (5) G.S. 136-180.
- 6 (6) G.S. 136-184.
- 7 (7) G.S. 136-185.
- 8 (8) G.S. 136-187.
- 9 (9) G.S. 136-188.
- 10 (10) G.S. 136-189.

11

12 TURNPIKE AUTHORITY CHANGES

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

14 "§ 136-89.183. Powers of the Authority.

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

17 ...

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

- 22 a. Triangle Expressway, including segments also known as N.C. 540,
23 Triangle Parkway, and the Western Wake Freeway in Wake and
24 Durham Counties, and Southeast Extension in Wake and Johnston
25 Counties, except that no portion of the Southeast Extension shall be
26 located north of an existing protected corridor established by the
27 Department of Transportation circa 1995, except in the area of
28 Interstate 40 East Counties. The described segments constitute three
29 projects.
- 30 b. ~~Gaston East West Connector, also known as the Garden Parkway.~~
- 31 c. Monroe Connector/Bypass.
- 32 d. Cape Fear Skyway.
- 33 e. ~~A bridge of more than two miles in length going from the mainland~~
34 ~~to a peninsula bordering the State of Virginia, pursuant to~~
35 ~~G.S. 136-89.183A.~~

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

42 ~~A~~ With the exception of the four projects set forth in sub-subdivisions a. and
43 c. of this subdivision, the Turnpike Project ~~projects~~ selected for construction
44 by the Turnpike Authority ~~Authority~~, prior to the letting of a contract for the
45 project, shall meet the following conditions: (i) two of the projects must be
46 ranked in the top 35 based on total score on the Department-produced list
47 entitled "Mobility Fund Project Scores" dated June 6, 2012, and, in addition,
48 may be subject to G.S. 136-18(39a); (ii) of the projects not ranked as
49 provided in (i), one may be subject to G.S. 136-18(39a); (iii) the projects
50 shall be included in any applicable locally adopted comprehensive
51 transportation plans and plans; (iv) the projects shall be shown in the current

1 State Transportation Improvement Plan prior to the letting of a contract for
2 the Turnpike Project Program; and (v) toll projects must be approved by all
3 affected Metropolitan Planning Organizations and Rural Transportation
4 Planning Organizations for tolling."

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

6 "§ 136-18. Powers of Department of Transportation.

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

8 ...

9 (39a) a. The Department of Transportation or Turnpike Authority, as
10 applicable, may enter into a partnership agreement up to three
11 agreements with a private entity as provided under subdivision (39)
12 of this section for which the provisions of this section apply. ~~The~~
13 ~~pilot project allowed under this subdivision must be one that is a~~
14 ~~candidate for funding under the Mobility Fund, that is planned for~~
15 ~~construction through a public private partnership, and for which a~~
16 ~~Request for Qualifications has been issued by the Department no~~
17 ~~later than June 30, 2012.~~

18 b. A private entity or its contractors must provide performance and
19 payment security in the form and in the amount determined by the
20 Department of Transportation. The form of the performance and
21 payment security may consist of bonds, letters of credit, parent
22 guaranties, or other instruments acceptable to the Department of
23 Transportation.

24 c. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 143B-426.40A, an agreement
25 entered into under this subdivision may allow the private entity to
26 assign, transfer, sell, hypothecate, and otherwise convey some or all
27 of its right, title, and interest in and to such agreement, and any rights
28 and remedies thereunder, to a lender, bondholder, or any other party.
29 However, in no event shall any such assignment create additional
30 debt or debt-like obligations of the State of North Carolina, the
31 Department, or any other agency, authority, commission, or similar
32 subdivision of the State to any lender, bondholder, entity purchasing
33 a participation in the right to receive the payment, trustee, trust, or
34 any other party providing financing or funding of projects described
35 in this section. The foregoing shall not preclude the Department from
36 making any payments due and owing pursuant to an agreement
37 entered into under this section.

38 ~~The Department of Transportation may fix, revise, charge, and~~
39 ~~collect tolls and fees to the same extent allowed under Article 6H of~~
40 ~~Chapter 136 of the General Statutes. Statutes shall apply to the~~
41 ~~Department of Transportation and to projects undertaken by the~~
42 ~~Department of Transportation under subdivision (39) of this section.~~
43 The Department may assign its authority under that Article to fix,
44 revise, charge, retain, enforce, and collect tolls and fees to the private
45 entity.

46 e. Any contract under this subdivision or under Article 6H of this
47 Chapter for the development, construction, maintenance, or operation
48 of a project shall provide for revenue sharing, if applicable, between
49 the private party and the Department, and revenues derived from
50 such project may be used as set forth in G.S. 136-89.188(a),
51 notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 136-89.188(d). Excess toll

1 revenues from a Turnpike project shall be used for the funding or
2 financing of transportation projects within the corridor where the
3 Turnpike Project is located. For purposes of this subdivision, the
4 term "excess toll revenues" means those toll revenues derived from a
5 Turnpike Project that are not otherwise used or allocated to the
6 Authority or a private entity pursuant to this subdivision,
7 notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 136-89.188(d). For purposes
8 of this subdivision, the term "corridor" means (i) the right-of-way
9 limits of the Turnpike Project and any facilities related to the
10 Turnpike Project or any facility or improvement necessary for the
11 use, design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair,
12 rehabilitation, reconstruction, or financing of a Turnpike Project; (ii)
13 the right-of-way limits of any subsequent improvements, additions,
14 or extension to the Turnpike Project and facilities related to the
15 Turnpike projects, including any improvements necessary for the use,
16 design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation,
17 reconstruction, or financing of those subsequent improvements,
18 additions, or extensions to the Turnpike Project; and (iii) roads used
19 for ingress or egress to the toll facility or roads that intersect with the
20 toll facility, whether by ramps or separated grade facility, and located
21 within one mile in any direction.

22 f. Agreements entered into under this subdivision shall comply with the
23 following additional provisions:

- 24 1. The Department shall solicit proposals for agreements.
- 25 2. Agreement shall be limited to no more than 50 years from the
26 date of the beginning of operations on the toll facility.
- 27 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 136-89.183(a)(5), all
28 initial tolls or fees to be charged by a private entity shall be
29 reviewed by the Turnpike Authority Board. Prior to setting
30 toll rates, either a set rate or a minimum and maximum rate
31 set by the private entity, the private entity shall hold a public
32 hearing on the toll rates, including an explanation of the toll
33 setting methodology, in accordance with guidelines for the
34 hearing developed by the Department. After tolls go into
35 effect, the private entity shall report to the Turnpike Authority
36 Board 30 days prior to any increase in toll rates or change in
37 the toll setting methodology by the private entity from the
38 previous toll rates or toll setting methodology last reported to
39 the Turnpike Authority Board.
- 40 4. Financial advisors and attorneys retained by the Department
41 on contract to work on projects pursuant to this subsection
42 shall be subject to State law governing conflicts of interest.
- 43 5. 60 days prior to the signing of a concession agreement subject
44 to this subdivision, the Department shall report to the Joint
45 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on the
46 following for the presumptive concessionaire:
 - 47 I. Project description.
 - 48 II. Number of years that tolls will be in place.
 - 49 III. Name and location of firms and parent companies, if
50 applicable, including firm responsibility and stake,
51 and assessment of audited financial statements.

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

29 ...
 30 (43) For the purposes of financing an agreement under subdivision (39a) of this
 31 section, the Department of Transportation may act as a conduit issuer for
 32 private activity bonds to the extent the bonds do not constitute a debt
 33 obligation of the State. The issuance of private activity bonds under this
 34 subdivision and any related actions shall be governed by The State and Local
 35 Government Revenue Bond Act, Article 5 of Chapter 159 of the General
 36 Statutes, with G.S. 159-88 satisfied by adherence to the requirements of
 37 subdivisions (39) and subdivision (39a) of this section."

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

39 **"§ 136-89.183. Powers of the Authority.**

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

42 ...
 43 (5) To fix, revise, charge, retain, enforce, and collect tolls and fees for the use of
 44 the Turnpike Projects. Prior to the effective date of any toll or fee for use of
 45 a Turnpike Facility, the Authority shall submit a description of the proposed
 46 toll or fee to the Board of Transportation, the Joint Legislative
 47 Transportation Oversight Committee and the Joint Legislative Commission
 48 on Governmental Operations for review.

49 "
 50 **SECTION 5.4.** G.S. 136-89.188 reads as rewritten:

51 **"§ 136-89.188. Use of revenues.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

32 **"§ 136-89.199. Designation of high-occupancy toll and managed lanes.**

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

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

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

44 ...

45 **"§ 136-89.212. Payment of toll required for use of Turnpike project.**

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

40 **SECTION 5.7.** DOT/Southeast Extension-Triangle Expressway. – The Department
 41 of Transportation shall strive to expedite the federal environmental impact statement process to
 42 define the route for the Southeast Extension of the Triangle Expressway Turnpike Project by
 43 promptly garnering input from local officials and other stakeholders, accelerating any required
 44 State studies, promptly submitting permit applications to the federal government, working
 45 closely with the federal government during the permitting process, and taking any other
 46 appropriate actions to accelerate the environmental permitting process.

47 **SECTION 5.8.** Monitoring. – As part of its oversight of the Department of
 48 Transportation, the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee shall closely monitor
 49 the progress of the Southeast Extension of the Triangle Expressway Turnpike Project.

50 **TRANSITION STUDY AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

1 **SECTION 6.1.** Formula Implementation Report. – The Department of
2 Transportation shall report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the
3 Fiscal Research Division no later than August 15, 2013, on the Department's recommended
4 formulas that will be used in the prioritization process to rank highway and nonhighway
5 projects. The Department of Transportation's Prioritization Office shall develop the
6 prioritization processes and formulas for all modes of transportation. The report will include a
7 statement on the process used by the Department to develop the formulas, include a listing of
8 external partners consulted during this process, and include feedback from its 3.0 workgroup
9 partners on the Department's proposed recommendations. The Department shall not finalize the
10 formula without consulting with the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee. The
11 Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee has 30 days after the report is received to
12 meet and consult on the Department's recommendations. If no meeting occurs within 30 days
13 after the report is received, the consultation requirement will be met. If consultation occurs and
14 a majority of members serving on the Committee request changes to the Department's
15 recommended formulas for highway and nonhighway modes, the Department shall review the
16 requests and provide to the Committee its response to the requested changes no later than
17 October 1, 2013. A final report on the highway and intermodal formulas shall be submitted to
18 the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by January 1, 2014.

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

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34 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

35 **SECTION 7.1.(a)** Except as provided herein, this act becomes effective July 1,
36 2013.

37 **SECTION 7.1.(b)** This act is effective only if the General Assembly appropriates
38 funds in the Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2013 to
39 implement this act.