

1 **SECTION 4.** Duties of Commission. – The Commission shall study the
2 following matters related to transportation funding:

- 3 (1) The Highway Trust Fund Act of 1989. – The Commission shall review
4 the current law, specifically the existing equity formula and mandated
5 percentages in the spending formula and recommend any revisions to
6 the funding formula that may be necessary, based on the 10-year
7 history of the fund and the current transportation needs of the State.
- 8 (2) Current planning and funding procedures. – The Commission shall
9 review all current planning and funding procedures, including the
10 Transportation Improvement Program, that impact the funding of State
11 transportation programs and recommend changes, additions, or
12 deletions based on projected needs for the next 25 years. The
13 Commission shall specifically consider measures to allow for
14 acceleration of projects while maintaining geographical equity in
15 funding new road construction.
- 16 (3) Transportation system maintenance. – The Commission shall review
17 current funding of transportation system maintenance and recommend
18 changes to accommodate the equitable maintenance of new
19 construction and increased traffic volume.
- 20 (4) Public transportation. – The Commission shall evaluate the funding of
21 public transportation with dedicated sources of funds. The
22 Commission's recommendation shall include specific sources and
23 amounts of any dedicated funds, if recommended.
- 24 (5) Highway Fund transfers. – Transfers from the Highway Fund to other
25 State agencies, including how they impact the equitable funding of
26 transportation projects and whether or not those funds would more
27 appropriately come from the General Fund.
- 28 (6) Transportation spending. – Proposals for (i) separate funding
29 allocations for roads that impact large-scale economic development
30 projects, including projects that would create new industries, (ii)
31 separate funding allocations for major highways that impact no fewer
32 than two funding regions, and (iii) methods to accommodate these
33 spending proposals in the existing or some other equity formula.
- 34 (7) Other transportation funding issues. – The Commission may study any
35 other transportation finance-related issue approved by the cochairs or
36 recommended by the Secretary of Transportation and approved by the
37 cochairs.

38 **SECTION 5.** Vacancies. – Any vacancy on the Commission shall be filled
39 by the appointing authority.

40 **SECTION 6.** Cochairs. – Cochairs of the Commission shall be designated
41 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
42 Senate from among their respective appointees. The Commission shall meet upon the
43 call of the chairs. A quorum of the Commission shall be eight members.

1 **SECTION 7.** Expenses of Members. – Members of the Commission shall
2 receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowances in accordance with G.S. 120-3.1,
3 138-5, or 138-6, as appropriate.

4 **SECTION 8.** Staff. – Adequate staff shall be provided to the Commission by
5 the Legislative Services Office.

6 **SECTION 9.** Consultants. – The Commission may hire consultants to assist
7 with the study. Before expending any funds for a consultant, the Commission shall
8 report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the
9 consultant selected, the work products to be provided by the consultant, and the cost
10 of the contract, including an itemization of the cost components.

11 **SECTION 10.** Meetings During Legislative Session. – The Commission
12 may meet during a regular or extra session of the General Assembly, subject to approval
13 of the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
14 Senate.

15 **SECTION 11.** Meeting Location. – The Commission shall meet at various
16 locations around the State in order to promote greater public participation in its
17 deliberations. The Legislative Services Commission shall grant adequate meeting space
18 to the Commission in the State Legislative Building or the Legislative Office Building.

19 **SECTION 12.** Report. – The Commission shall submit an interim report to
20 the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee on or before March 1, 2002.
21 The Commission shall submit a final report to the Joint Legislative Transportation
22 Oversight Committee by December 1, 2002. Upon the filing of its final report, the
23 Commission shall terminate.

24 **SECTION 13.** This act is effective when it becomes law.