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HOUSE BILL 468

Short Title: DOT/Funding for Preliminary Engineering. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Shepard and Torbett (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Transportation, if favorable, State and Local Government II

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ENTER  
3 INTO AGREEMENTS WITH UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO FUND  
4 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING FOR CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-66.8 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 136-66.8. Agreements with units of local government to expedite projects.**

8 (a) Agreements Authorized. – The Department of Transportation may enter into  
9 agreements with units of local government for either of the purpose of expediting following  
10 purposes:

11 (1) Expediting transportation projects currently programmed in the  
12 Transportation Improvement Plan-Program.

13 (2) Funding preliminary engineering for projects not currently programmed in  
14 the Transportation Improvement Program but programmed in the  
15 immediately preceding Transportation Improvement Program.

16 (b) Form of Project Agreements. – The agreements ~~affected~~ authorized by subdivision  
17 (1) of subsection (a) of this section shall be between the Department of Transportation and  
18 units of local government. The agreements may authorize units of local government to  
19 construct projects scheduled in the Transportation Improvement ~~Plan-Program~~ more than two  
20 years from the date of the agreement. The units of local government shall fund one hundred  
21 percent (100%) of the project at current prices. In a future year, when the project is funded  
22 from State and federal sources, the units of local government shall be reimbursed an  
23 appropriate share of the funds, at the future programmed project funding amount, as identified  
24 and scheduled in the Transportation Improvement ~~Plan-Program~~.

25 (b1) Form of Preliminary Engineering Agreement. – The agreements authorized by  
26 subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section shall be between the Department of  
27 Transportation and units of local government. The units of local government shall fund one  
28 hundred percent (100%) of the preliminary engineering funding at current prices. In a future  
29 year, when the project is funded from State and federal sources, the units of local government  
30 shall be reimbursed for the amount expended in accordance with the agreement.

31 (c) Report. – The Department of Transportation shall annually report to the Joint  
32 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee by December ~~1, 2006,~~ 1 on any agreements  
33 executed with units of local government pursuant to this section."

34 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

