



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007**  
**Revised Committee Statement**  
**LB 277**

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**Hearing Date:** February 27, 2007

**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications

**Introducer(s):** (Mines)

**Title:** Change provisions relating to a metropolitan transportation improvement program in lieu of a Department of Roads plan

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

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| 7 | Yes                 | Senators Schimek, Fischer, Stuthman, Pedersen, Loudon, Hudkins and Aguilar |
|   | No                  |  |
|   | Present, not voting |  |
| 1 | Absent              | Senator Mines  |
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**Proponents:**

Senator Mick Mines, Introducer  
Karl Fredrickson  
Jack Cheloha

**Representing:**

District #18  
City of Lincoln  
City of Omaha

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Stephen J. Burnham

**Representing:**

FHWA (Federal Highway Administration)

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 277 allows any county or municipality which is designated as a metropolitan planning organization pursuant to federal law to submit their annual federal reports to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards in lieu of the annual one and six-year plans required under state law.

Current statute requires the Department of Roads, and each county and municipality to file an annual plan and a six year plan of highway, road, and street improvements to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards.

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The bill authorizes any county or municipality that is designated as a metropolitan planning organization to submit an annual metropolitan transportation improvement program in the place of the annual and six year plans.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

The committee amendment, AM588, makes a technical change to the bill. The amendment makes a reference to statutory sections 39-2116 and 39-2117 where 39-2115 is referenced in the bill. Section 39-2116 charges the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards (NBCS) with reviewing all six year plans. Section 39-2117 requires the Department of Roads, each county and each municipality to annually update their six year plans. Referencing these two statutes gives the reader of the bill better clarity as to where these plans can be located.

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**Senator Deb Fischer, Chairperson**