

E AND R AMENDMENTS TO LB 579

Introduced by McKinney, 11, Chairman Enrollment and Review

1 1. Strike the original sections and all amendments thereto and
2 insert the following new sections:

3 Section 1. Section 39-1365.01, Revised Statutes Cumulative
4 Supplement, 2020, is amended to read:

5 39-1365.01 The department shall be responsible for developing a
6 specific and long-range state highway system plan. The department shall
7 annually formulate plans to meet the state highway system needs of all
8 facets of the state and shall assign priorities for such needs. The
9 department shall, on or before December 1 of each year, present such
10 plans and the report required in section 39-1365.02 to the Legislature.
11 The plans shall be referred to the appropriate standing committees of the
12 Legislature for review. The department shall consider the preservation of
13 the existing state highway system asset as its primary priority except as
14 may otherwise be provided in state or federal law. In establishing
15 secondary priorities, the department shall consider a variety of factors,
16 including, but not limited to, current and projected traffic volume,
17 safety requirements, economic development needs, current and projected
18 demographic trends, and enhancement of the quality of life for all
19 Nebraska citizens. The state highway system plan shall include the
20 designation of those portions of the state highway system which shall be
21 expressways.

22 Sec. 2. Section 39-1365.02, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
23 2020, is amended to read:

24 39-1365.02 (1) The department shall apply for and make maximum use
25 of available federal funding, including discretionary funding, on all
26 highway construction projects which are eligible for such assistance.

27 (2) The department shall transmit electronically to the Legislature,

1 by December 1 of each year, a report on the needs of the state highway
2 system, the department's planning procedures, and the progress being made
3 on the expressway system. Such report shall include:

4 (a) The criteria by which highway needs are determined;

5 (b) The standards established for each classification of highways;

6 (c) An assessment of current and projected needs of the state
7 highway system, such needs to be defined by category of improvement
8 required to bring each segment up to standards. Projected fund
9 availability shall not be a consideration by which needs are determined;

10 (d) Criteria and data, including factors enumerated in section
11 39-1365.01, upon which decisions may be made on possible special priority
12 highways for commercial growth;

13 (e) A review of the department's procedure for selection of projects
14 for the annual construction program, the five-year planning program, and
15 extended planning programs. The review shall include a statement of all
16 state highway projects under construction, other than any part of the
17 expressway system, and the estimated cost of each project;

18 (f) A review of the progress being made toward completion of the
19 expressway system, as such system was designated on January 1, 2016, and
20 whether such work is on pace for completion prior to June 30, 2033. The
21 review shall include a statement of the amount of money spent on the
22 expressway system, as of the date of the report, and the number of miles
23 of the expressway system yet to be completed and expected milestone dates
24 for other expressway projects, including planning, permitting, designing,
25 bid letting, and required funding for project completion;

26 (g) A review of the Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund and the
27 fund's component programs under sections 39-2803 to 39-2807. This review
28 shall include a listing of projects funded and planned to be funded under
29 each of the three component programs; and

30 (h) A review of the outcomes of the Economic Opportunity Program,
31 including the growth in permanent jobs and related income and the net

1 increase in overall business activity.

2 Sec. 3. Original sections 39-1365.01 and 39-1365.02, Revised
3 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020, are repealed.

4 2. On page 1, strike beginning with "section" in line 1 through line
5 6 and insert "sections 39-1365.01 and 39-1365.02, Revised Statutes
6 Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to provide requirements for a report and a
7 presentation by the Department of Transportation; and to repeal the
8 original sections."