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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION ON THE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY'S
SELECTION OF A CORRIDOR LOCATION FOR THE SOUTHEAST EXTENSION
PROJECT OF N.C. 540; TO SET FORTH A NEW PRIORITIZATION PROCESS FOR
SELECTION OF FUTURE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY PROJECTS; AND TO REMOVE
AUTHORIZATION FROM THREE PROJECTS OF THE TURNPIKE AUTHORITY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 136-89.183(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

"§ 136-89.183. Powers of the Authority.

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

...

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

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

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



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1 ~~A-With the exception of the projects set forth in sub-subdivisions a. and c. of~~
2 ~~this subdivision, any Turnpike Project selected for construction by the~~
3 ~~Turnpike Authority Authority, prior to the letting of a contract for the~~
4 ~~project, must be (i) eligible for funding under G.S. 136-188 or subject to~~
5 ~~G.S. 136-18(42); (ii) shall be included in any applicable locally adopted~~
6 ~~comprehensive transportation plans plans; and (iii) shall be shown in the~~
7 ~~current State Transportation Improvement Plan prior to the letting of a~~
8 ~~contract for the Turnpike Project. Plan."~~

9 **SECTION 2.** The Department of Transportation shall strive to expedite the federal
10 environmental impact statement process to define the route for the Southeast Extension of the
11 Triangle Expressway Turnpike Project by promptly garnering input from local officials and
12 other stakeholders, accelerating any required State studies, promptly submitting permit
13 applications to the federal government, working closely with the federal government during the
14 permitting process, and taking any other appropriate actions to accelerate the environmental
15 permitting process.

16 **SECTION 3.** As part of its oversight of the Department of Transportation, the Joint
17 Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee shall closely monitor the progress of the
18 Southeast Extension of the Triangle Expressway Turnpike Project.

19 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.