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Introduced by Sen. SKOUFIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to a state transportation plan

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 15 of the transportation law, subdivision 2 as
2 amended by chapter 524 of the laws of 2005 and subdivision 3 as amended
3 by chapter 1064 of the laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

4 § 15. Comprehensive statewide master plan for transportation. 1. The
5 department shall formulate [~~and from time to time revise~~] a long-range
6 comprehensive statewide master plan for the balanced development and
7 coordination of adequate, safe and efficient commuter and general trans-
8 portation facilities and services in the state at reasonable cost to the
9 people, including, but not limited to, state highways[7] and bridges
10 under the jurisdiction of the commissioner, bicycle and pedestrian
11 facilities on such state highways and bridges, rapid transit, freight
12 and passenger railroad, omnibus, marine and other mass transportation
13 facilities and services, excluding rapid transit, railroad, omnibus,
14 marine and other mass transportation facilities and services under the
15 jurisdiction of either the metropolitan transportation authority as
16 defined in section two hundred nineteen-c of this chapter or a bi-state
17 public benefit corporation, and public use aviation and airport facili-
18 ties and services[7] whether publicly or privately owned, developed,
19 operated or maintained, excluding airports operated by a bi-state public
20 benefit corporation. Such plan shall include a minimum twenty-year
21 forecast period at the time of adoption, assess long-range needs span-
22 ning such period, include a forecast of pavement and bridge conditions
23 of state highways and bridges under the jurisdiction of the commission-
24 er, and take into consideration:

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 a. the most recent twenty-year transportation plan adopted by each
2 metropolitan planning organization within the state pursuant to subpart
3 C of part 450 of title 23 of the code of federal regulations; and

4 b. the most recent long-range statewide transportation plan and state-
5 wide transportation improvement program developed by the state pursuant
6 to subpart B of part 450 of title 23 of the code of federal regulations.

7 2. The department shall submit such plan to the governor, the tempo-
8 rary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly and to the
9 department of state on or before September first, [~~nineteen hundred~~
10 ~~sixty-eight, and thereafter shall submit appropriate revisions of such~~
11 ~~plan~~] two thousand twenty-two. The department shall review and update
12 such plan at least every five years to extend the forecast period to at
13 least twenty years, provided that the department may revise such plan at
14 any other time without extending such forecast period. The department
15 shall submit all such revised and updated plans to the governor, the
16 temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly and to
17 the department of state [~~from time to~~] at the time [~~as~~] such revisions
18 are made. The department of state shall review such plan and such
19 revisions and shall submit a report thereon, together with such recom-
20 mendations as it may deem appropriate, to the governor, the temporary
21 president of the senate and the speaker of the assembly. Such plan and
22 such revisions shall become effective upon approval by the governor
23 [~~and~~], shall serve thereafter as a guide to the public and publicly
24 assisted development of transportation facilities and services in the
25 state, and the department shall maintain hard copies of the most recent
26 version of such plan and revisions thereto on file as a public document
27 in the office of the commissioner and at each regional office of the
28 department.

29 3. In formulating such plan and any such revisions, the department:

30 a. shall conduct [~~one or more~~] at least one public [~~hearings~~] hearing
31 in each department region;

32 b. may consult with and cooperate with (i) officials of departments
33 and agencies of the state having duties and responsibilities concerning
34 transportation;

35 (ii) officials and representatives of public corporations as defined
36 in [~~article one, section three of the general corporation~~] section
37 sixty-five of the general construction law;

38 (iii) officials and representatives of the federal government, of
39 neighboring states and of interstate agencies on problems affecting
40 transportation in this state;

41 (iv) officials and representatives of carriers and transportation
42 facilities and systems in the state; and

43 (v) persons, organizations and groups utilizing, served by, interested
44 in or concerned with transportation facilities and systems in the state;

45 c. may request and receive from any department, division, board,
46 bureau, commission or other agency of the state or any political subdi-
47 vision thereof or any public authority such assistance and data as may
48 be necessary to enable the department to carry out its responsibilities
49 under this section; and

50 d. may make use of and incorporate in the department's plan, any
51 recognized long-range regional plan for transportation, survey or report
52 developed by any public or private agency.

53 4. The department shall maintain on its public website the proposed
54 and adopted long-range comprehensive statewide master plan and all
55 proposed and adopted revisions thereto, and shall provide a means on

1 such website for the public to submit comments thereon to the depart-
2 ment.

3 § 2. Subdivision 13 of section 14 of the transportation law, as added
4 by chapter 420 of the laws of 1968, is amended to read as follows:

5 13. To report from time to time to the governor and make an annual
6 report to the governor and the legislature which shall include its
7 recommendations. Additionally, the commissioner shall submit a report to
8 the governor, the temporary president of the senate, and the speaker of
9 the assembly, beginning September first, two thousand twenty-two and
10 semi annually thereafter, including a list of those capital projects in
11 the department's capital program that have experienced major schedule
12 changes or major cost changes in letting schedule or construction cost,
13 including projects that were eliminated and projects that were added,
14 since the adoption of the most recent state budget. For each project the
15 report shall include the project identification number and description,
16 original and revised letting dates, and a detailed explanation of why
17 the changes occurred. For the purposes of this subdivision, the term
18 "major schedule changes" is defined as a twelve-month or more delay in
19 the letting date of a project, and the term "major cost changes" is
20 defined as one of the following as applicable: a greater than fifty
21 percent change for projects fifteen million dollars or less, and a
22 greater than twenty-five percent change for projects in excess of
23 fifteen million dollars.

24 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.