



General Assembly

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AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PLAN AND REPORT ON THE STATE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM USING RESULTS-BASED ACCOUNTABILITY PRINCIPLES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (1) of section 13b-4 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2011*):

4 (1) To coordinate and develop comprehensive, integrated
5 transportation policy and [planning to include a long-range master] a
6 strategic plan of transportation for the state, based on the principles of
7 results-based accountability;

8 Sec. 2. Section 13b-15 of the general statutes is repealed and the
9 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

10 [(a) The commissioner shall develop and revise biennially a
11 comprehensive, master transportation plan designed to fulfill the
12 present and future needs of the state and to assure the development
13 and maintenance of an adequate, safe and efficient transportation
14 system.]

15 (a) The Commissioner of Transportation shall establish an annual
16 transportation system progress reporting process based on the
17 strategic plan developed pursuant to section 13b-4, as amended this

18 act. On or before January 15, 2012, and annually thereafter, the
19 Department of Transportation shall submit to the General Assembly,
20 in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a, and shall publish on
21 the Department of Transportation Internet web site a report on the
22 progress of state policies and programs in promoting the desired
23 results from Connecticut's transportation system. Improvement shall
24 be measured by primary indicators of progress in achieving the
25 system's desired results. A statement of the desired results of the state
26 transportation system, the primary indicators of progress toward such
27 results, and the department's strategic plan and annual progress report
28 submitted to the General Assembly shall be prepared jointly by the
29 department and the Transportation Strategy Board, with input from
30 major stakeholder groups. In developing [the] such strategic plan and
31 annual progress reports, the commissioner shall consider the
32 department's statutory responsibilities, the guiding principles and
33 transportation strategies adopted by the Governor and the General
34 Assembly, national performance measures established under federal
35 law for state transportation departments, the state conservation and
36 development plan adopted by the General Assembly pursuant to
37 chapter 297, the federally mandated factors specified in the current
38 federal surface transportation authorization legislation, and the
39 department's assessment of existing transportation facilities carried out
40 under section 13b-16. The commissioner shall also give consideration
41 to: (1) Reports and studies relating to the planning and development of
42 the state; (2) any existing reports, surveys, plans or studies relating to
43 transportation prepared for or by any agency, board or commission of
44 the state; and (3) regional long-range transportation plans prepared by
45 regional planning organizations in this state.

46 [(b) In such master transportation plan the commissioner shall: (1)
47 Set forth the commissioner's recommendations for planning,
48 engineering, acquisition of rights-of-way, construction and
49 reconstruction and rehabilitation and modernization of transportation
50 facilities; (2) consider, among other things, federal air quality
51 standards, conservation and cost of energy supplies, present and

52 projected travel volumes, reduction in travel volumes due to the
53 implementation of transportation management programs, safety,
54 maintenance costs and other sufficiency factors where appropriate, as
55 well as long-range land use, environmental impact, energy impact and
56 economic development patterns of the state; (3) indicate the order of
57 priority of need for improvements within each mode of transportation,
58 according to the commissioner's judgment; and (4) indicate the
59 priorities for the next five-year period, both by need and by fiscal
60 capability, for each mode of transportation. The indication of such
61 priorities shall include an individual accounting of the amount and
62 source of all funding for each potential program and an approximate
63 timetable, including the starting and completion dates for each
64 potential program.

65 (c) The commissioner shall, relative to the current federal surface
66 transportation authorization legislation: (1) Identify the funds to be
67 received annually in the federal program funding categories; (2)
68 identify the projects to be funded annually through each funding
69 category; (3) identify the projects to be funded annually through each
70 category continued or established by such legislation, as a result of the
71 change in formulas and new flexibility allowed under the current
72 federal surface transportation authorization legislation; (4) identify
73 which projects will require the expenditure of state funds to leverage
74 federal funds; (5) identify the amount and percentage of state funds
75 that must be expended for each project in order to leverage federal
76 funds; (6) identify the amount of federal funds that may be expended
77 annually to repair local bridges identified as being in poor condition;
78 (7) identify the economic impact of the federal funds allocated to the
79 state in terms of job creation or retention; (8) identify the mass transit
80 projects to be funded; and (9) identify the manner in which the
81 department intends to comply with the requirements of the Clean Air
82 Act, as amended by P.L. 101-549, and how the department intends to
83 expend any funds allocated to the department to achieve the goals of
84 the act.

85 (d) In such plan the commissioner shall identify the amount of

86 funds and projects to be undertaken pursuant to the Americans with
87 Disabilities Act of 1990.

88 (e) The plan shall be completed and submitted biennially to the
89 Governor on or before January thirty-first of each odd-numbered year.
90 The commissioner shall, biennially, on or before January thirty-first of
91 each odd-numbered year, notify all members of the General Assembly
92 of the availability of the plan. The commissioner shall send a written
93 copy or electronic storage media of the plan to any member requesting
94 the plan.]

95 [(f)] (b) In developing and revising the strategic plan and preparing
96 the annual progress reports, the commissioner may: (1) Conduct public
97 hearings; (2) consult and cooperate with officials and representatives
98 of the federal government, neighboring states, interstate commissions
99 and authorities, local agencies and authorities, interested corporations
100 and other organizations concerning problems affecting transportation
101 in the state; (3) request and receive from any agency or other unit of
102 the government of the state or of any political subdivision of the state,
103 or from any public authority, such assistance and data as may be
104 necessary to enable the commissioner to carry out the commissioner's
105 responsibilities under this section; (4) to the extent the commissioner
106 may deem appropriate, make use of, and incorporate in the plan, any
107 existing long-range transportation plan, survey or report developed by
108 any public or private agency or person; and (5) employ consultants.

109 [(g) Copies of the] (c) The department shall post the strategic plan,
110 including revisions, on its Internet web site and shall keep copies of
111 such plan, as revised, [shall be kept] on file as a public record in the
112 office of the commissioner.

113 Sec. 3. Section 13b-57g of the general statutes is amended by adding
114 subsection (l) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

115 (NEW) (l) On and after October 1, 2011, the board shall prepare
116 jointly with the Commissioner of Transportation the results-based
117 accountability strategic plan, results statements, indicators and

118 progress reports, in accordance with section 13b-15, as amended by
119 this act.

120 Sec. 4. Section 13b-57h of the general statutes is amended by adding
121 subsection (d) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2011*):

122 (NEW) (d) On and after October 1, 2011, the TSB projects
123 enumerated in subsection (b) of this section shall be completed in
124 accordance with the strategic plan of transportation developed
125 pursuant to section 13b-15, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	13b-4(1)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	13b-15
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	13b-57g
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2011</i>	13b-57h

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