

2001 ASSEMBLY BILL 700

January 4, 2002 – Introduced by Representatives DUFF, STONE, JENSEN and WALKER, cosponsored by Senators KANAVAS and HUELSMAN. Referred to Committee on Transportation.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 84.013 (1) (a) (intro.); and *to create* 84.014 (5) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** designing and constructing southeast Wisconsin freeway
3 rehabilitation projects for vehicular traffic capacity expansion and exempting
4 any southeast Wisconsin freeway rehabilitation project from the requirement
5 of enumeration as a major highway project.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Current law provides funding for rehabilitation of southeast Wisconsin freeways in Kenosha, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha counties by the department of transportation (DOT). This bill requires DOT to design and construct any southeast Wisconsin freeway rehabilitation project to allow for vehicular traffic capacity expansion on the freeway to meet the projected vehicular traffic capacity needs, as determined by DOT in consultation with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, for the next 30 years. This requirement does not apply to a project involving only resurfacing or interim repairs, or for which preliminary engineering was begun before the bill becomes law.

Current law requires that any major highway project, unlike other construction projects undertaken by DOT, receive the approval of the transportation projects commission and the legislature (generally referred to as “enumeration”) before the project may be constructed. “Major highway project” is defined as a project having a total cost of more than \$5,000,000 and involving construction of a new highway 2.5 miles or more in length; reconstruction or reconditioning of an existing highway that

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relocates at least 2.5 miles of the highway or adds one or more lanes 5 miles or more in length to the highway; or improvement of an existing multilane divided highway to freeway standards.

This bill exempts southeast Wisconsin freeway rehabilitation projects from the definition of major highway project, thereby eliminating any requirement of enumeration for such rehabilitation projects.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 84.013 (1) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

2 84.013 (1) (a) (intro.) “Major highway project” means a project, except a project
3 providing an approach to a bridge over a river that forms a boundary of the state or
4 a southeast Wisconsin freeway rehabilitation project under s. 84.014, which has a
5 total cost of more than \$5,000,000 and which involves any of the following:

6 **SECTION 2.** 84.014 (5) of the statutes is created to read:

7 84.014 (5) The department shall design and construct any southeast Wisconsin
8 freeway rehabilitation project to allow for expansion of capacity for vehicular traffic
9 on the freeway to meet the projected vehicular traffic capacity needs, as determined
10 by the department in consultation with the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional
11 Planning Commission, for 30 years following the completion of the project. This
12 subsection does not apply to a southeast Wisconsin freeway rehabilitation project
13 that is limited to resurfacing of a freeway or interim repairs to a freeway, or to a
14 southeast Wisconsin freeway rehabilitation project for which preliminary
15 engineering was begun before the effective date of this subsection [revisor inserts
16 date].

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