

SENATE NO. 2092

AN ACT TO PLAN FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court
2 assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

3 Section 16G of chapter 6A of the General Laws is amended by adding at the end thereof the
4 following new paragraph:

5 (l) In addition to the other powers and duties set forth in this chapter, the secretary shall be
6 consulted on any highway project proposed to be undertaken by any agency, department,
7 board, commission, or authority of the Commonwealth the construction of which is
8 estimated to cost greater than ten million dollars in the manner more specifically set
9 forth in this section. Prior to the placement of any such project on the Commonwealth's
10 statewide transportation plan, or prior to the rescheduling of any such project on the
11 statewide transportation plan, the secretary shall consult with the sponsor of such
12 project, the office of transportation planning, the applicable metropolitan planning
13 organization and other interested parties, and shall issue a statement on the economic

14 benefits of each such project. Such statement shall include, at a minimum, a finding as
15 to whether the project is consistent with the needs for commercial and industrial or
16 residential growth in the Commonwealth and a comment as to whether the project is
17 likely to improve the economic vitality of the Commonwealth. All such statements,
18 findings, and comments shall be considered by the office of transportation planning and
19 metropolitan planning organizations in recommendations pertaining to the statewide
20 transportation improvement plans.

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