

SENATE BILL NO. 225
INTRODUCED BY S. KITZENBERG

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE RAWHIDE STAMPEDE RUSTLERS AND RENDEZVOUS TRADE CORRIDOR; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT A FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 16 BETWEEN GLENDIVE AND THE PORT OF RAYMOND; REQUIRING THAT THE TRIBAL GOVERNMENT ON THE FORT PECK INDIAN RESERVATION BE NOTIFIED; AND AMENDING SECTION 60-2-110, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Rawhide stampede rustlers and rendezvous trade corridor -- planning.

The commission shall direct the department to plan and construct a four-lane highway, to be known as the rawhide stampede rustlers and rendezvous trade corridor, along the present route of state highway 16 from Glendive to the port of Raymond in order to facilitate trade between Canada and Mexico, to encourage economic development, and to enhance the safety of motorists along the route. Planning for the state highway 16 project must be included in any future fiscal plan developed by the department.

Section 2. Section 60-2-110, MCA, is amended to read:

"60-2-110. Setting priorities and selecting projects. (1) Except as provided in [section 1] and 60-2-133, the commission shall establish priorities and select and designate segments for construction and reconstruction on the national highway system, the primary highway system, the secondary highway system, the urban highway system, and state highways.

(2) The commission shall consult with the board of county commissioners of the county in which a highway is located when establishing priorities and when selecting and designating segments on the secondary highway system for construction and reconstruction.

(3) The commission shall consult with the appropriate local government authorities when establishing priorities and selecting and designating segments on the urban highway system for construction and reconstruction.

(4) The commission shall use information gathered or discovered by and documents prepared by the department, and department officials and employees shall provide assistance and advice.

(5) The commission shall establish and determine priorities and projects for rail and transit programs and, to the extent possible, coordinate intermodal transportation within the state.

(6) In carrying out the requirements of this section, the department shall:

(a) make recommendations to the commission;

(b) establish the requirements and procedures for administering this section; and

(c) take all reasonable steps to ensure the integrity and viability of agricultural and rural transportation and related needs."

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Notification to tribal government.** The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to the tribal government located on the Fort Peck reservation.

NEW SECTION. **Section 4. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 60, chapter 2, part 1, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 2, part 1, apply to [section 1].

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