

**SENATE . . . . . No. 233**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Karen E. Spilka***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act providing for the evaluation of the economic impact of transportation projects.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Karen E. Spilka*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Spilka, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 233) of Karen E. Spilka for legislation to evaluate the economic impact of transportation projects. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 190 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act providing for the evaluation of the economic impact of transportation projects.

*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 16G of chapter 6A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2012 official edition  
2 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:-

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

11 shall issue a statement on the economic benefits of each such project. Such statement shall  
12 include, at a minimum, a finding as to whether the project is consistent with the needs for  
13 commercial and industrial or residential growth in the Commonwealth, the public benefit  
14 anticipated from the completion of the project and a comment as to whether the project is likely  
15 to improve the economic vitality of the Commonwealth. All such statements, findings, and  
16 comments shall be considered by the department of transportation and metropolitan planning  
17 organizations in recommendations pertaining to the statewide transportation improvement plans.