

SENATE BILL NO. 207—COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

FEBRUARY 23, 2017

Referred to Committee on Transportation

SUMMARY—Creates the Legislative Committee on Transportation.
(BDR 17-529)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to legislative affairs; creating the Legislative Committee on Transportation; setting forth the composition and administration of the Committee; prescribing the powers and duties of the Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 **Section 3** of this bill creates the Legislative Committee on Transportation and
2 provides for the appointment of its membership. **Section 4** of this bill sets forth the
3 manner in which meetings are required to be conducted by the Committee and the
4 compensation of its members. **Section 5** of this bill prescribes the powers and
5 duties of the Committee, including the evaluation and review of transportation
6 infrastructure and funding in this State.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 218E of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this
3 act.

4 **Sec. 2.** *As used in sections 2 to 5, inclusive, of this act, unless*
5 *the context otherwise requires, “Committee” means the Legislative*
6 *Committee on Transportation created by section 3 of this act.*

7 **Sec. 3. 1.** *The Legislative Committee on Transportation,*
8 *consisting of six members, is hereby created. The membership of*
9 *the Committee consists of:*



1 (a) One member of the Senate who was the chair of the
2 committee with primary jurisdiction over transportation issues
3 during the preceding regular session;

4 (b) One member of the Senate appointed by the Majority
5 Leader of the Senate;

6 (c) One member of the Senate appointed by the Minority
7 Leader of the Senate;

8 (d) One member of the Assembly who was the chair of the
9 committee with primary jurisdiction over transportation issues
10 during the preceding regular session;

11 (e) One member of the Assembly appointed by the Speaker of
12 the Assembly; and

13 (f) One member of the Assembly appointed by the Minority
14 Leader of the Assembly.

15 2. The Legislative Commission shall review and approve the
16 budget and work program for the Committee and any changes to
17 the budget or work program for the Committee.

18 3. The member of the Committee described in paragraph (a)
19 of subsection 1 is the Chair of the Committee for the period ending
20 with the convening of each even-numbered regular session. The
21 member of the Committee described in paragraph (d) of
22 subsection 1 is the Chair of the Committee during the next
23 legislative interim, and the position of Chair alternates between
24 the Houses according to this pattern.

25 4. The member of the Committee described in paragraph (d)
26 of subsection 1 is the Vice Chair of the Committee for the period
27 ending with the convening of each even-numbered regular
28 session. The member of the Committee described in paragraph (a)
29 of subsection 1 is the Vice Chair of the Committee during the next
30 legislative interim, and the position of Vice Chair alternates
31 between the Houses according to this pattern.

32 5. Each Chair and Vice Chair holds office for a term of 2
33 years commencing on July 1 of each odd-numbered year. If a
34 vacancy occurs in the office of Chair or Vice Chair, the vacancy
35 must be filled in the same manner as the original method for the
36 remainder of the unexpired term.

37 6. A vacancy on the Committee must be filled in the same
38 manner as the original method for the remainder of the unexpired
39 term.

40 **Sec. 4. 1.** Except as otherwise ordered by the Legislative
41 Commission, the members of the Committee shall meet not earlier
42 than July 1 of each odd-numbered year and not later than
43 August 31 of the following even-numbered year at the times and
44 places specified by a call of the Chair or a majority of the
45 Committee.



1 2. *The Director or his or her designee shall act as the*
2 *nonvoting recording Secretary of the Committee.*

3 3. *Four members of the Committee constitute a quorum, and*
4 *a quorum may exercise all the power and authority conferred*
5 *upon the Committee.*

6 4. *Except during a regular or special session, for each day or*
7 *portion of a day during which a member of the Committee attends*
8 *a meeting of the Committee or is otherwise engaged in the*
9 *business of the Committee, the member is entitled to receive the:*

10 (a) *Compensation provided for a majority of the Legislators*
11 *during the first 60 days of the preceding regular session;*

12 (b) *Per diem allowance provided for state officers and*
13 *employees generally; and*

14 (c) *Travel expenses provided pursuant to NRS 218A.655.*

15 5. *All such compensation, per diem allowances and travel*
16 *expenses must be paid from the Legislative Fund.*

17 **Sec. 5. 1. The Committee may:**

18 (a) *Evaluate, review and comment upon issues related to*
19 *transportation and transportation infrastructure within this State,*
20 *including, without limitation:*

21 (1) *Mechanisms to pay for transportation projects and*
22 *transportation infrastructure;*

23 (2) *The condition of the transportation infrastructure in*
24 *this State and the need for money to maintain and improve the*
25 *infrastructure;*

26 (3) *The impact of emerging technologies on the roadways*
27 *and transit systems in this State;*

28 (4) *Options for funding the development of high-capacity*
29 *transit systems within urban areas of this State; and*

30 (5) *Any other matters that, in the determination of the*
31 *Committee, concern transportation or transportation*
32 *infrastructure in this State.*

33 (b) *Conduct investigations and hold hearings in connection*
34 *with its duties pursuant to this section and exercise any of the*
35 *investigative powers set forth in NRS 218E.105 to 218E.140,*
36 *inclusive.*

37 (c) *Request that the Legislative Counsel Bureau assist in the*
38 *research, investigations, hearings and reviews of the Committee.*

39 (d) *Make recommendations to the Legislature concerning the*
40 *manner in which transportation or transportation infrastructure*
41 *in this State may be improved.*

42 (e) *Work with the Congressional delegation of this State to*
43 *ensure the ability to pay for transportation projects and*
44 *transportation infrastructure on a long-term basis.*



1 **2. The Committee shall consult with and solicit input from**
2 **persons and organizations with expertise in best practices**
3 **regarding paying for transportation projects and transportation**
4 **infrastructure.**

5 **3. The Committee shall, on or before January 15 of each odd-**
6 **numbered year, submit to the Director for transmittal to the**
7 **Legislature a report concerning the activities of the Committee**
8 **during the applicable legislative interim.**

9 **Sec. 6.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
10 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
11 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

12 **Sec. 7.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

