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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to establishing the access Iowa highway system.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 313.2A, Code 1997, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3A. ACCESS IOWA HIGHWAYS. The commission
4 shall designate a portion of the commercial and industrial
5 network as the access Iowa highway system. The purpose of the
6 access Iowa highway system is to enhance the existing Iowa
7 economy and provide for its continuing development and growth
8 in the national and global competitive marketplace. The
9 access Iowa highway system shall maximize intrastate
10 transportation and commerce and provide direct access to the
11 nation's system of interstate highways and other
12 transportation services to Iowa residents.

13 When designating portions of the commercial and industrial
14 network as the access Iowa highway system, the commission
15 shall consider and give priority to direct and interconnected
16 linkages between economic centers with populations of twenty
17 thousand or more and the development of these linkages as
18 four-lane highways. The access Iowa highway system shall be
19 consistent with the designation of access Iowa highways
20 identified in the access Iowa highways report submitted by the
21 department to the general assembly in accordance with 1996
22 Iowa Acts, chapter 1218, section 51.

23 Sec. 2. Section 313.2A, subsection 4, Code 1997, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 4. NETWORK DEVELOPMENT. In establishing priorities for
26 improvement projects to be added to the long-range program
27 described in section 307A.2, the department shall take into
28 consideration the following additional criteria: improvement
29 needs for access Iowa highways required to complete the direct
30 and interconnected linkages given priority under subsection
31 3A; urban area bypasses that improve urban or regional
32 accessibility or improve corridor travel; projects consistent
33 with regional or metropolitan transportation plans established
34 through cooperation by the department and local officials; and
35 the willingness of local officials to provide financial or

1 other assistance for the development of projects.

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EXPLANATION

3 This bill directs the state transportation commission to
4 designate a portion of the commercial and industrial network
5 of highways as the access Iowa highway system. In designating
6 these highways, the commission is to give priority to those
7 highways connecting cities of 20,000 or more in population and
8 to consider developing access Iowa highways as four-lane
9 highways. The access Iowa highway system shall be consistent
10 with the designation of access Iowa highways in the department
11 of transportation report submitted to the general assembly
12 pursuant to 1996 Iowa Acts, chapter 1218, section 51.

13 The bill also makes access Iowa highways part of the
14 criteria to be considered by the department in establishing
15 priorities for the long-range primary road system plan.

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