

the concurrence of the Governor, be increased or diminished provided the total of the Supplemental Highway Program as budgeted is not increased; (7) The Commission is further authorized to expend such sum as is approved in the Budget for construction and reconstruction projects enumerated in each first year program under the Commission's continuing five-year construction program. (8) In order to accomplish the purposes of this Act and to effect the transition herein required, authority is hereby granted to the respective agencies with the approval of the Governor to amend the 1969 State Budget to conform with the provisions herein authorized. Copies of such budget amendments shall be filed with the Department of Legislative Reference, the State Fiscal Research Bureau and the Department of Budget and Procurement.

(b) *Definitions.*

1. As used in this section the term "Emergency Projects" shall mean unanticipated bridge maintenance and repair; repair or improvement of the highway system due to storm and flood damage and other unforeseen causes; new construction of traffic lights and signs; improvements of the existing highway system determined by the Commission to be necessary because of population shifts or new commercial and industrial growth; and for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of State highway construction projects of an emergency nature when so determined by the Commission.

2. As used in this section the term "Supplemental Highway Program" shall include such items as are determined by the Commission to be critical in nature, the construction or improvement of which is deemed by the Commission to be necessary for the safety or welfare of the travelling public. They shall include the State Roads Commission portion of projects under the Federal Highway Safety Act, the Highway Beautification Act and other Federal acts requiring matching State highway money; the reconstruction and improvement of highways on the State System by the use of bituminous overlays or other recognized methods of improvement; spot improvements which shall include construction items that will eliminate horizontal and vertical curves, correct poor sight conditions, construct left hand turning slots, channelization and other construction, reconstruction or improvements intended to promote the safety of the travelling public; secondary highway improvement projects on the secondary system, which improvements can be wholly or substantially made within the existing right of way; traffic control improvements on the existing highway system; engineering and other studies on future highway projects and engineering and other studies occasioned by population shifts and commercial or industrial growth when it is determined by the Commission that the best interest of the State requires that such engineering and other studies be made.

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During the calendar year 1968 there shall be prepared and approved by Commission resolution a State Highway System construction and reconstruction program for the period beginning July 1, 1969 and ending June 30, 1974. This initial five-year construction and reconstruction program ~~should~~ SHALL incorporate the unfinished portion of the current six-year construction program (1964-1970) and such other additional projects from the Commission's