

SENATE FILE NO. SF0140

I-80 project master plan.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Von Flatern and Meier and  
Representative(s) Eklund

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to highways; providing that the department  
2 of transportation shall conduct a study and develop a  
3 master project plan for Interstate 80 as specified;  
4 requiring reports; providing for review by the legislature;  
5 providing an appropriation; and providing for an effective  
6 date.

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8 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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10 **Section 1.** In order to accommodate the traveling  
11 public through safe, efficient, convenient and modern  
12 vehicular traffic, it is necessary and in the public  
13 interest for the state to study the needs and develop the  
14 plans necessary to construct, operate, maintain and finance  
15 essential improvements to Interstate 80.

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**Section 2.**

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(a) As used in this act:

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(i) "Interstate 80" means the entire length of interstate highway 80 in Wyoming, or as specifically designated in the project master plan;

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(ii) "Project" means any highway improvement, maintenance and services related to any part of Interstate 80 and all matters related to the financing option associated herewith;

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(iii) "Project master plan" means a comprehensive plan for a project, or a series of projects, as required by this legislation.

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**Section 3.**

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(a) The Wyoming department of transportation shall conduct, or contract with other persons to conduct, a project master plan to enhance the safety and mobility of

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1 Interstate 80. The project master plan shall consider, but  
2 not be limited to, the issues related to the improvements  
3 and implementation of the following:

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5 (i) Current and projected traffic levels,  
6 especially truck traffic, with projected volumes through  
7 2040;

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9 (ii) High frequency crash and road closure  
10 locations;

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12 (iii) Roadway and bridge safety enhancements and  
13 reconstruction;

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15 (iv) Constructing additional lanes to be shared  
16 by all vehicles;

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18 (v) Constructing additional lanes that would be  
19 restricted to certain traffic;

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21 (vi) A cost comparison of reconstructing the  
22 highway using different methods of highway paving;

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1           (vii) Reconstructing the Interstate 25 and  
2 Interstate 80 interchange;

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4           (viii) Currently available and anticipated  
5 intelligent traffic control devices to promote the safe and  
6 efficient flow of traffic;

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8           (ix) The impact of, and potential requirements  
9 for, accommodating autonomous vehicles on Interstate 80 in  
10 the future.

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12           (b) Previous studies shall be reviewed, considered  
13 and updated, including but not limited to:

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15           (i) Interstate 80 tolling feasibility studies  
16 (October 2008 and November 2009);

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18           (ii) I-80/I-25 interchange study (November  
19 2008).

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21           (c) The project master plan shall:

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1           (i) Identify cost effective roadway templates  
2 and provide a detailed description of the roadway under the  
3 specific improvement scenarios listed in paragraphs (a)(i)  
4 through (ix) of this section;

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6           (ii) Identify any safety improvements that will  
7 be realized;

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9           (iii) Estimate the associated construction and  
10 maintenance costs utilizing cost estimate information from  
11 the Wyoming department of transportation;

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13           (iii) Complete a fiscal and financial impact  
14 analysis;

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16           (iv) Present all reasonable and feasible options  
17 and identify all reasonable and feasible funding source  
18 alternatives from which to finance projects;

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20           (v) Define financial assumptions and the need of  
21 Wyoming to provide additional financial assurance for debt,  
22 the availability of bond insurance, the likelihood that

1 investment grade rating can be obtained, the potential for  
2 public financing options and any others as appropriate;

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4 (vi) Describe any necessary legislation for the  
5 Wyoming legislature to consider before proceeding with any  
6 project;

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8 (vii) Consider federal funding impacts, funding  
9 sources, opportunities and alternatives and develop  
10 strategies based on the specific improvements;

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12 (viii) Prepare the necessary information to  
13 facilitate possible federal grant funding requests for any  
14 project emphasizing the impact on safety, the economy, the  
15 significance to the region and nation, the quality of life  
16 and the environment;

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18 (ix) Demonstrate the increased reliability of  
19 the movement of freight and mobility of the public,  
20 effective partnerships and the use of innovation to  
21 maintain Interstate 80 in a state of good repair.

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1           **Section 4.** Upon completion, the project master plan  
2 shall be presented to the transportation commission. If the  
3 project master plan is approved by the commission, a copy  
4 shall be provided to the joint transportation, highways and  
5 military affairs interim committee on or before September  
6 30, 2017.

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8           **Section 5.** The transportation commission and the  
9 department of transportation have the authority to develop  
10 a project master plan and submit all or portions thereof  
11 for funding from the United States.

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13           **Section 6.** There is appropriated from the legislative  
14 stabilization reserve account to the highway fund three  
15 hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) for the execution of  
16 this act. Any unused and unobligated funds shall revert as  
17 provided by law on June 30, 2018.

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1           **Section 7.** This act is effective immediately upon  
2 completion of all acts necessary for a bill to become law  
3 as provided by Article 4, Section 8 of the Wyoming  
4 Constitution.

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