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To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to carry out highway and bridge projects to improve the flow of traffic between the States of Nebraska and Iowa and to direct the Secretary to designate certain highways in those States as an Interstate System route.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BEREUTER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE PROJECTS.**

4 (a) **AUTHORITY.**—For the purpose of improving the
5 interstate flow of traffic and relieving present and pro-
6 jected traffic burdens on the existing highway network, the

1 Secretary of Transportation is authorized to carry out
2 highway projects to plan, engineer, and construct—

3 (1) modifications to United States Route 34 to
4 connect United States Route 75 south of
5 Plattsmouth, Nebraska, with Interstate Route 29
6 south of Pacific Junction, Iowa, including a bridge
7 across the Missouri River to be located south of and
8 adjacent to the existing toll bridge at Plattsmouth,
9 Nebraska; and

10 (2) an extension of Interstate Route 480 from
11 its southern terminus in Omaha, Nebraska, south-
12 ward on the route of United States Route 75 in
13 Sarpy County, Nebraska, and eastward (including a
14 bridge over the Missouri River) to connect with
15 Interstate Route 29 north of Pacific Junction, Iowa.

16 (b) APPLICABILITY OF TITLE 23.—Funds authorized
17 by this section shall be available for obligation in the same
18 manner as if such funds were apportioned under chapter
19 1 of title 23, United States Code, except that the Federal
20 share of the cost of the construction of the two bridges
21 shall be 80 percent and such funds shall remain available
22 until expended. Funds authorized by this section shall not
23 be subject to any obligation limitation.

24 (c) STATE SHARES.—The States of Nebraska and
25 Iowa, or political subdivisions of such States, shall each

1 provide 10 percent of the cost of construction of the
2 bridges authorized under this section.

3 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—To carry
4 out this section, there is authorized to be appropriated out
5 of the Highway Trust Fund (other than Mass Transit Ac-
6 count) such sums as may be necessary.

7 **SEC. 2. DESIGNATION OF INTERSTATE SYSTEM ROUTE.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b)(2), not-
9 withstanding section 103(c) of title 23, United States
10 Code, the Secretary of Transportation shall designate as
11 an Interstate System route the highway, including the
12 bridge over the Missouri River, described in section
13 1(a)(2).

14 (b) SUBSTANDARD FEATURES.—

15 (1) UPGRADING.—Each segment of the highway
16 described in subsection (a) that does not substan-
17 tially meet the Interstate System design standards
18 under section 109(b) of title 23, United States Code,
19 in effect on the date of enactment of this Act shall
20 be upgraded in accordance with plans and schedules
21 developed by the State in which the segment is lo-
22 cated.

23 (2) DESIGNATION.—Each segment of the high-
24 way described in subsection (a) that on the date of
25 enactment of this Act is not at least 4 lanes wide,

1 separated by a median, access-controlled, and grade-
2 separated—

3 (A) shall be designated as a future Inter-
4 state System route; and

5 (B) shall become part of the Interstate
6 System route designated under subsection (a)
7 at such time as the Secretary determines that
8 the segment substantially meets the Interstate
9 System design standards described in para-
10 graph (1).

11 (c) TREATMENT OF ROUTE.—

12 (1) MILEAGE LIMITATION.—The mileage of the
13 Interstate System route designated under subsection
14 (a) shall not be charged against the limitation estab-
15 lished by section 103(c)(2) of title 23, United States
16 Code.

17 (2) USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS.—A State may use
18 funds available to the State under paragraphs (1)
19 and (3) of section 104(b) of title 23, United States
20 Code, to eliminate substandard features of, and to
21 resurface, restore, rehabilitate, or reconstruct, any
22 portion of the designated route.

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