

AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY APRIL 19, 1999

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 581**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Firebaugh**

February 19, 1999

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~~An act to add Section 100.46 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways. An act to add Section 130051.30 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to transportation.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 581, as amended, Firebaugh. ~~Highways: Long Beach Freeway off-ramp~~ *Transportation: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: traffic congestion.*

*Existing law creates the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority as the successor agency to the Southern California Rapid Transit District and the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.*

*This bill would authorize the authority to conduct a pilot project to evaluate the growth of traffic congestion on the Long Beach Freeway and assess the impact of that congestion on the movement of goods from the Port of Long Beach and the Port of Los Angeles, on persons using the freeway to commute to work, and on traffic in local communities and residential streets.*

~~Under existing law, the Department of Transportation is authorized to do any and all things necessary to lay out, acquire, and construct any section or portion of a state~~

~~highway as a freeway or to make any existing state highway a freeway.~~

~~This bill would require the department to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of building an off ramp on Slauson Avenue on Route 710, otherwise known as the Long Beach Freeway, in the Cities of Bell and Bell Gardens.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~yes~~ no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     ~~SECTION 1. Section 100.46 is added to the Streets and~~  
2     ~~SECTION 1. Section 130051.30 is added to the Public~~  
3     ~~Utilities Code, to read:~~  
4     ~~130051.30. (a) The Los Angeles County Metropolitan~~  
5     ~~Transportation Authority may conduct a pilot project to~~  
6     ~~evaluate the growth of traffic congestion on the Long~~  
7     ~~Beach Freeway and assess the impact of that congestion~~  
8     ~~on all of the following:~~  
9     ~~(1) The movement of goods from the Port of Long~~  
10    ~~Beach and the Port of Los Angeles.~~  
11    ~~(2) Persons using that freeway to commute to and~~  
12    ~~from work.~~  
13    ~~(3) Vehicle traffic in local communities and residential~~  
14    ~~streets.~~  
15    ~~(b) Under the pilot project, the authority may do any~~  
16    ~~of the following relating to traffic congestion on the Long~~  
17    ~~Beach Freeway:~~  
18    ~~(1) Identify the highway interchanges that are most~~  
19    ~~congested and develop an expansion plan for the~~  
20    ~~construction of the highway interchanges needed to~~  
21    ~~reduce traffic congestion in local communities and~~  
22    ~~residential streets and facilitate the movement of goods.~~  
23    ~~(2) Develop criteria to evaluate highway~~  
24    ~~interchanges, including, but not limited to, the local and~~  
25    ~~statewide significance of the interchange to the~~  
26    ~~movement of goods, the local and statewide economy, the~~  
27    ~~retention of employment opportunities, and the growth~~  
28    ~~of industry and commerce.~~



1 (3) Provide funding for the construction of any  
2 highway interchanges needed to reduce traffic  
3 congestion.

4 (4) Cooperate with local transportation and  
5 governmental entities to integrate the highway  
6 interchange expansion plan into subregional  
7 transportation plans and to facilitate construction of the  
8 additional highway interchanges.

9 ~~Highways Code, to read:~~

10 ~~100.46. The department shall conduct a study to~~  
11 ~~determine the feasibility of building an off ramp on~~  
12 ~~Slauson Avenue on Route 710, otherwise known as the~~  
13 ~~Long Beach Freeway, in the Cities of Bell and Bell~~  
14 ~~Gardens.~~

