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3	(By Delegate Guthrie)
4	[Introduced January 12, 2011; referred to the
5	Committee on Roads and Transportation then Finance.]
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10	A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by
11	adding thereto a new section, designated §17-4-36a, relating
12	to state road, rail and waterway systems; and providing that
13	bicycle, pedestrian and transit ways be given full
14	consideration in the planning, development and redevelopment
15	of state roads, railways and waterways.
16	Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:
17	That the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended
18	by adding thereto a new section, designated $\$17-4-36a$, to read as
19	follows:
20	ARTICLE 4. STATE ROAD, RAIL AND WATERWAY SYSTEMS.
21	§17-4-36a. Bicycle, pedestrian and transit ways.
22	(a) Bicycle, pedestrian and transit ways shall be given full
23	consideration and funding in the planning, development and

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1 redevelopment of state roads, rail beds and waterways including the 2 incorporation of bicycle, pedestrian and transit ways into state, 3 regional and local plans and programs. (b) In or within five miles of an urban area or rural 4 5 municipality, bicycle, pedestrian and transit ways shall be 6 established in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction or other change of any state road, rail bed or waterway including: 7 (1) In pavement resurfacing projects that widen or narrow the 8 9 existing traveled way to provide stabilized shoulders, rail beds 10 and waterways; or 11 (2) Bicycle, pedestrian and transit ways may be included in 12 pavement resurfacing and stabilization projects when local support 13 is evident and bicycling, walking and contemporary low cost, low 14 emission vehicles for transit ways can be added within the overall 15 scope of the original or redesigned roadwork, rail bed or waterway. 16 (c) The Department of Transportation shall establish design and construction standards for bicycle, pedestrian and transit 17 18 ways. Beginning July 1, 2011, this section shall apply to 19 planning, training, redesign and reengineering work. Beginning 20 July 1, 2012, this section shall apply to construction and 21 reconstruction projects along state roadways, rail beds and 22 waterways.

23 (1) Beginning July 1, 2011, the Division of Transportation
24 shall allocate a minimum of \$500,000 per annum from a proportionate

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1 fifty-fifty share of federal and state funds to municipalities
2 located within five miles of an urban area or rural municipality
3 located on a state road, railway bed or waterway. Municipalities
4 or local governments shall use these funds to create a minimum of
5 two full-time positions within local community development,
6 community association or other locally recognized and authorized
7 organizations where local support is evident.

8 (2) Locally employed full-time employees shall serve as 9 liaison officers between urban and rural municipalities and the 10 Department of Transportation to develop and implement community 11 approved plans for engineering design, redesign and construction of 12 state roads, rail beds and waterways.

13 (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, 14 community approved plans solely shall determine standards and 15 limits for vehicle size and weights and shall also determine 16 standards and system designs to contain and remove air, water, 17 dust and noise pollution along state roads, rail way beds and 18 waterways locally identified for construction and reconstruction 19 design. These standards and system designs shall include coal haul 20 trucks, coal tipples, rail cars used to transport coal, chemicals 21 and timber, and barges used to transport coal, chemicals and other 22 combustible liquids.

(e) County, municipal and state law-enforcement agencies shall
 share equal responsibility for enforcing compliance with approved

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1 community standards and system designs implemented on state

2 roadways, rail beds and waterways.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to include bicycle, pedestrian and transit ways in consideration in the planning, development and redevelopment of state roads, railways and waterways. It provides that bicycle, pedestrian and transit ways shall be established in conjunction with the construction, reconstruction or other changes of any state road, rail bed or transit way, with special emphasis to projects in or within five miles of an urban area or rural municipality.

\$17-4-36a is new; therefore, it has been completely underscored.