

2025 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 45

BY REPRESENTATIVE BOURRIAQUE

TRANSPORTATION: Authorizes and directs the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, through its office of transformation, to evaluate district alignments, maintenance facilities, and laboratory operations, including the establishment of a district construction engineer role, while ensuring continued project delivery during the transition

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To authorize and direct the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development,
3 through the office of transformation and in collaboration with deputy directors, to
4 conduct a thorough evaluation and provide recommendations on district alignments,
5 maintenance facilities, and laboratory operations to consider establishing a district
6 construction engineer role reporting to the district administrator to strengthen project
7 oversight; to direct the office of transformation to focus on facilitating continued
8 project delivery during the transition period; and to express support for
9 organizational and operational reforms necessary to ensure the effective and timely
10 delivery of infrastructure projects.

11 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD)
12 plays a critical role in the construction, maintenance, and delivery of transportation
13 infrastructure and services across the state; and

14 WHEREAS, the office of transformation, together with the DOTD, is tasked with
15 implementing a significant and complex package of reforms aimed at modernizing
16 departmental operations and improving project delivery; and

1 WHEREAS, the purpose of the office of transformation, within the DOTD, is to
2 modernize operations, implement data-driven improvements, and streamline organizational
3 functions; and

4 WHEREAS, the DOTD currently operates through nine geographic districts, each
5 responsible for the oversight, maintenance, and execution of transportation infrastructure
6 projects in their region; and

7 WHEREAS, the DOTD also manages a network of maintenance facilities and
8 laboratory operations essential to project delivery and public safety; and

9 WHEREAS, the DOTD currently relies on a single statewide bridge maintenance
10 crew to address critical structural repairs and preservation needs across Louisiana, yet the
11 scale and urgency of statewide infrastructure demands exceed the capacity of a single crew,
12 creating gaps in timely response, maintenance coverage, and long-term asset preservation;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, the uninterrupted delivery of infrastructure projects is critical to public
15 trust, workforce continuity, and economic development during a period of internal reform;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, the establishment of a district construction engineer position reporting
18 directly to the Chief Construction and Materials Engineer, would provide dedicated
19 oversight of construction quality, project scheduling, contract compliance, and coordination
20 with the department's central office, thereby ensuring alignment with statewide priorities;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the reform to end state taxation on construction projects funded by the
23 Transportation Trust Fund represents a positive step toward maximizing available funding
24 for infrastructure investment; and

25 WHEREAS, a menu of additional funding mechanisms linked to project delivery
26 goals includes: achieving a target percentage of a set letting goal for the fiscal year to unlock
27 supplemental funding for backlog reduction and achieving ninety-five percent progress for
28 projects in the program to similarly unlock additional resources; and

29 WHEREAS, the DOTD shall focus on a statewide program managed by the Materials
30 and Testing Section aimed at improving the quality and extending the life of asphalt as a key

1 component of the department's Quality Assurance Program, further supporting the objective
2 of ensuring consistent project delivery, asset preservation, and long-term infrastructure
3 resilience.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
5 authorize and direct the Department of Transportation and Development, through its office
6 of transformation and in collaboration with deputy directors, to conduct a thorough
7 evaluation and provide recommendations on project delivery improvements, district
8 alignments, statewide bridge maintenance crews, maintenance facilities, and laboratory
9 operations, and to report its findings to the Legislature.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
11 Development shall submit a written report detailing its findings and recommendations to the
12 House and Senate Transportation committees prior to the 2026 Regular Session.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
14 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development and the director of the
15 office of transformation.

DIGEST

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Authorizes and directs the La. Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to evaluate and recommend improvements to district alignments, maintenance facilities, and laboratory operations, to prioritize continued project delivery during the transition period, and to support necessary organizational and operational reforms to ensure the effective and timely delivery of infrastructure projects. Requires the DOTD to submit a written report detailing its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Transportation committees prior to the 2026 R.S.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Specify that the creation of a district construction engineer position reporting directly to the Chief Construction and Materials Engineer would provide dedicated oversight of construction quality, project scheduling, contract compliance, and coordination with the central office, ensuring alignment with statewide priorities.
2. Authorize the Department of Transportation and Development to implement a statewide program managed by the Materials and Testing Section aimed at

improving the quality and extending the life of asphalt as a key component of the department's Quality Assurance Program, supporting consistent project delivery, asset preservation, and infrastructure resilience.

3. Make a technical change.