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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to utilize the design-build method for any major reconstruction project resulting from a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency.

Present law authorizes the secretary of DOTD, with approval of the House and Senate transportation committees, to implement a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of combining the design and construction phases of a transportation facility, including but not limited to highways, interchanges, or bridges into a single contract.

Present law limits the department to utilizing the design-build method to construct the new Mississippi River Bridge at St. Francisville (connection to US 61), including approach structures and connecting roadways, and one additional project selected by the secretary, however, the cost of the additional project shall not exceed \$5 million.

Proposed law retains present law but additionally authorizes the department to utilize the design-build method for any major reconstruction project resulting from a gubernatorially declared disaster or emergency.

(Adds R.S. 48:250.4)