

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 604

BY REPRESENTATIVE HAVARD

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TRANSPORTATION: Revises factors and processes of project development within the Highway Priority Program

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:229.1(B) and 230, relative to the statewide priority process
3 for the Highway Priority Program; to require, as a part of the project development
4 process, the department to list projects by parish and legislative district; to require
5 the department to utilize a seven stage project delivery system; to require the
6 department to prepare a project development schedule and a key performance
7 indicator; to provide for reporting requirements; and to provide for related matters.

8 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

9 Section 1. R.S. 48:229.1(B) and 230 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as
10 follows:

11 §229.1. Statewide prioritization process for the Highway Priority Program

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13 B. Beginning with the Highway Priority Program for Fiscal Year 2017-2018,
14 the department shall provide the legislature and public with this program which shall
15 list projects to be constructed in the ensuing fiscal year by parish and by legislative
16 district in an order of priority that is determined after projects selected pursuant to
17 Subsection C of this Section are analyzed and prioritized based upon the factors set
18 forth in Subsection A of this Section.

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20 §230. Priority reports on future construction projects

1 A. Following the selection of projects, as provided for in R.S. 48:229.1, the
2 department shall utilize the following seven stage project delivery system to identify
3 stages of progress, from concept to construction, for selected projects:

4 STAGE 0- Feasibility Study. Develop a preliminary purpose and need for
5 the project; examine technical feasibility; conduct a preliminary scan to identify
6 potential impacts to the human and natural environment; and develop a preliminary
7 scope and budget.

8 STAGE 1- Environmental Study. Develop alternative corridors and
9 alignment; conduct public meetings and hearings; document impacts to both the
10 human and natural environment; select preferred alternatives; identify mitigation for
11 environment impacts; develop project scope; and develop project budget.

12 STAGE 2- Funding Project Prioritization. Identify funding for design and
13 construction and establish project delivery date.

14 STAGE 3- Final Design Process. Develop final plans, specifications, and
15 estimates; obtain any required federal or railroad permits or agreements; acquire
16 right-of-way; obtain utility relocation agreements; and develop traffic management
17 plans and procedures.

18 STAGE 4- Project Letting. Establish a letting date; determine the
19 construction period; prepare the contract; develop public information plan; conduct
20 bid letting; and award the contract.

21 STAGE 5- Construction. Implement public information plan; implement
22 traffic management plan; and follow through on environmental mitigation.

23 STAGE 6- Operation. Dispose of excess right-of-way; comply with
24 environmental monitoring and commitments; document new utilities; monitor
25 materials performance and warranties; and evaluate project for ease of maintenance
26 and for smooth traffic operations.

27 B. No later than October first of each year, the department shall prepare and
28 make public, in an accessible format, a project development schedule for each
29 project selected. The project development schedule shall list the projects selected

1 in accordance with R.S. 48:229.1, and shall identify all of the following for stages
2 two, three, four, and five of the seven stage project delivery system:

3 (1) Project name.

4 (2) Parish.

5 (3) Route.

6 (4) Control section.

7 (5) Fund.

8 (6) Estimated cost.

9 (7) Category and subcategory.

10 (8) Stage of development with detail.

11 (9) Anticipated start date by quarter and year.

12 (10) Anticipated end date by quarter and year.

13 C.(1) No later than October first of every year, the department shall submit
14 a key performance indicator or KPI, which indicates whether each project in each
15 stage is on-time, ahead of schedule, or behind schedule.

16 (2) If any project is identified in the KPI as behind schedule, the department
17 shall submit a detailed report explaining why the project failed to meet the
18 anticipated deadline set forth in the project development schedule and shall provide,
19 within the report, an updated cost of construction, anticipated start date and
20 anticipated end date.

21 D. The project development schedule and KPI shall be presented annually
22 in accordance and in conjunction with the provisions of R.S. 48:231(A).

23 E. The department also shall provide to the legislature annually an additional
24 list of projects proposed to be commenced within the ensuing four years which are
25 in various stages of planning and preparation. This list shall be subject to change by
26 the department until the department finally approves each project for construction.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Modifies the process of project development within the Highway Priority Program by requiring an annual project development schedule.

Present law requires the department to provide the legislature and public with the Highway Priority Program which must list projects to be constructed, in the ensuing fiscal year, in order of priority that is determined and prioritized by present law. (R.S. 48:229.1)

Proposed law retains present law and also requires the list of projects constructed be listed by parish and legislative district.

Proposed law establishes the following 7 stage project delivery system to identify stages of progress for selected projects:

STAGE 0- Feasibility Study. Develop a preliminary purpose and need for the project; examine technical feasibility; conduct a preliminary scan to identify potential impacts to the human and natural environment; and develop a preliminary scope and budget.

STAGE 1- Environmental Study. Develop alternative corridors and alignment; conduct public meetings and hearings; document impacts to both the human and natural environment; select preferred alternatives; identify mitigation for environment impacts; develop project scope; and develop project budget.

STAGE 2- Funding Project Prioritization. Identify funding for design and construction and establish project delivery date.

STAGE 3- Final Design Process. Develop final plans, specifications, and estimates; obtain any required federal or railroad permits or agreements; acquire right-of-way; obtain utility relocation agreements; and develop traffic management plans and procedures.

STAGE 4- Project Letting. Establish a letting date; determine the construction period; prepare the contract; develop public information plan; conduct bid letting; and award the contract.

STAGE 5- Construction. Implement public information plan; implement traffic management plan; follow through on environmental mitigation.

STAGE 6- Operation. Dispose of excess right-of-way; comply with environmental monitoring and commitments; document new utilities; monitor materials performance and warranties; evaluate project for ease of maintenance and for smooth traffic operations.

Proposed law requires the department prepare and make public a project development schedule for each project that identifies the following information for stages 2, 3, 4, and 5:

- (1) Project name

- (2) Parish
- (3) Route
- (4) Control section
- (5) Fund
- (6) Estimated cost
- (7) Category and subcategory
- (8) Stage of development with detail
- (9) Anticipated start date by quarter and year
- (10) Anticipated end date by quarter and year

Proposed law requires the department to submit a key performance indicator, which indicates whether each project is on-time, ahead of schedule, or behind schedule in each stage no later than Oct. 1st of every year.

Proposed law requires that any project identified in the key performance indicator as behind schedule be included in a detailed report submitted by the department that explains why the project failed to meet its anticipated deadline and must provide an updated cost of construction, a new anticipated start date, and a new anticipated end date.

Proposed law requires the project development schedule and key performance indicator be presented annually in accordance and conjunction with the provisions of present law. (R.S. 48:231(A))

Present law requires the department to annually provide to the legislature an additional list of projects proposed to be commenced within the ensuing four years, which are in various stages of planning and preparation and authorizes the list to change until the department finally approves each project for construction. (R.S. 48:230)

Proposed law retains present law.

(Amends R.S. 48:229.1(B) and 230)