

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Existing law provides for terms and definitions. New law retains existing law and adds the term "bridges".

Existing law provides for the functions of DOTD.

New law retains existing law and adds the following required responsibilities of the DOTD:

- (1) Inspection of all bridges that are part of the state highway system or as applicable pursuant to the terms in existing law.
- (2) Operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, preservation, and replacement of all bridges owned by DOTD.
- (3) The responsibility of DOTD under new law is not applicable to bridges owned or operated by another state agency, a political subdivision, special district, toll authority, or the federal government, unless otherwise expressly provided by law.

New law requires the DOTD provide a report detailing the condition of all bridges in the state to the Senate and House transportation committees in a public meeting on or before Oct. 1, 2026. New law further provides the report will include at a minimum the number of bridges under the responsibility of DOTD pursuant to existing law, the status of the condition of the bridge, the type of bridge, and the parish it is located, the source of funding to maintain the bridge, and the Specifications for the National Bridge Inventory condition rating.

New law requires the DOTD present a biannual proposed maintenance plan for the preservation of all bridges maintained by the DOTD to the legislature in a joint meeting of the two transportation committees beginning January 1, 2027.

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Amends R.S. 48:21(A); adds R.S. 48:1(25) and 23.1)