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Subject: Authorizes design-build contracts for new ferries and bridge	

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 Authorizes design-build contracts for new ferries on the Mississippi River and bridges that replace tunnels. (gov sig)

Proposed law authorizes any regional transit authority created by law to let a single contract combining the design and construction phases for any new ferry project on the Mississippi River; provides for definitions; requires that the authority adopt a resolution establishing the design-build program and specifies the minimum contents; establishes certain procedures and limitations regarding the design-build contract; requires that legal challenges to the choice of the designer-builder must be filed within seven calendar days of contract award and provides for certain limitations; provides that a contract for a stipulated maximum total cost may be executed; authorizes the increase or decrease in the final cost of the contract to account for certain conditions; provides that proposed law supersedes conflicting provisions of law relative to bidding for public contracts; require DOTD to give priority and advance to construction in an expedited manner; authorizes use of any source of funds; authorizes use of any contract method provided by law; authorizes DOTD to combine design and construction phases in certain instances; adds ferries and tunnels to the illustrative list of transportation facilities; requires DOTD to consider a design-build contract to replace a specified tunnel and for the department to report to the legislature no later than 2/1/16.

EXPENDITURES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

REVENUES	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. Proposed law authorizes any regional transit authority to let design-build contracts for new ferries on the Mississippi River. Proposed law directs DOTD to give priority and advance to construction as expeditiously as possible any bridge project where a bridge replaces a tunnel. Proposed law directs DOTD to consider a design build contract to replace the tunnel on LA23 and to submit a written report with recommendation to the legislature by 2/1/16.

Authorization for Design Build: DOTD does not anticipate any fiscal or programmatic impact as a result of proposed law.

Priority to Bridges that Replace Tunnels: DOTD reports that this provision of proposed law would shift priorities of projects included in the highway priority program, resulting in a significant programmatic impact. Proposed law would preempt the standard process associated with prioritization of projects in the highway priority program. According to DOTD:

- For FY16, the overall capital outlay budget for the bridge program is approximately \$130M.
- There are currently three tunnels in the state system: Houma, Harvey and Belle Chase
 - Houma - No current project underway for replacement
 - Harvey - A major rehabilitation project is in the final planning stage, but the tunnel will not be replaced by a bridge due to proximity of the West Bank Expressway.
 - Belle Chase - A replacement project is currently in Stage 1 (environmental process). The projected total cost, depending on the alternate site ultimately selected, could be in the range of \$125M-\$130M.

DOTD reports that placing the Belle Chase replacement project into a high priority category could consume all, or a significant portion, of the federal and state budget allocation for the bridge program for one fiscal year and potentially a portion of a second fiscal year. This prioritization could delay bridge projects currently in the funding pipeline.

Report to legislature on LA23: DOTD routinely prepares analyses and reports to the legislature with existing resources.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate	Dual Referral Rules	House	<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}	<i>Evan Brasseaux</i> Evan Brasseaux Staff Director
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F)(2) >= \$500,000 Rev. Red. to State {H & S}		
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S&H}		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}		