
DIGEST

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Abstract: Makes changes to the process required to obtain access connection permits from the Dept. of Transportation and Development.

Present law provides that the chief engineer of the Dept. of Transportation and Development, from time to time, must prepare and promulgate descriptions and illustrations of various types and styles of entrances and exits consistent with this purpose and shall issue permits of necessity and convenience for the installation of entrances and exits in accordance with its promulgated regulations and standards.

Proposed law requires that the promulgation of these items be done pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law requires that an access connection permit be granted or denied within 45 days from receipt of the preliminary access connection request form. Specifies that if the access connection permit is not granted or denied within this time period, the access connection permit will be considered granted and development may proceed as requested.

Proposed law requires that an access connection permit be granted or denied within 30 days from receipt of the preliminary access connection request form if the property owner provides the department with actual field measurements for sight distance and sight obstructions. Specifies that if an access connection permit is not granted or denied within this time period, the permit will be considered granted and the development may proceed as requested.

Proposed law provides that the Dept. of Transportation and Development shall not require more than one traffic study or drainage study to be completed by the property owner requesting the access connection permit.

Proposed law provides that an access connection permit may be granted subject to stipulations that the property owner will not proceed with development until such time that the permit is endorsed by the parish or municipal, or both.

Proposed law provides that an access connection permit must allow for Dept. of Transportation and Development required alterations or improvements to be constructed as phases of the development are constructed.

Proposed law requires that the Dept. of Transportation and Development take economic benefits of

the development into account when traffic conditions are not optimum in the issuance of access connection permits.

(Amends R.S. 48:344)