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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 347

BY REPRESENTATIVE PHELPS

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to obtain input and approval from the legislative delegation representing a parish that is on the priority list for funding or is subject to receive transportation funding prior to the allocation or reallocation of funds for any transportation infrastructure projects in that area

A RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to obtain
3	formal input and approval from the legislative delegation representing a parish that
4	is on the priority list for funding or is subject to receive transportation funding before
5	allocating or reallocating funds for transportation and infrastructure projects in that
6	area.
7	WHEREAS, the DOTD serves as the principal state agency for the planning, funding,
8	and execution of critical transportation infrastructure projects in Louisiana; and
9	WHEREAS, the DOTD regularly receives and distributes significant state and federal
10	transportation funding for highways, bridges, airports, transit systems, and other
11	infrastructure; and
12	WHEREAS, the DOTD State Management Plan provides that "The project
13	evaluation is used to determine necessary changes to the project prior to funding as well as
14	the maximum level of funding which the project will be eligible to receive under the funding
15	allocation process" demonstrating the department's discretion in determining project
16	selection and funding levels; and
17	WHEREAS, members of the legislature, as elected representatives of their districts,
18	possess essential local knowledge and serve as advocates for their constituents' infrastructure
19	needs, particularly with regard to safety, economic development, and regional growth; and

1 WHEREAS, requiring consultation with and approval from a legislative delegation 2 prior to the DOTD's final allocation or reallocation of funds for transportation projects 3 within their jurisdiction enhances accountability, increases transparency, and ensures that 4 appropriations reflect the priorities and concerns of the communities most affected; and 5 WHEREAS, formal legislative delegation input would provide a necessary check on 6 the exercise of administrative discretion and support more equitable and need-based project 7 development throughout Louisiana. 8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the 9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the DOTD to formally consult with 10 and obtain the input and approval of the legislative delegation representing any parish or region that is on the priority list for funding or is subject to receive transportation funding 12 prior to the allocation, reallocation, or redirection of funds for any transportation or 13 infrastructure project within that area. 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 15 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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