

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 389 (HB 640)**

**2025 Regular Session**

**Bourriaque**

New law specifies that it is the intent of the legislature to implement extraordinary measures to ensure that transportation infrastructure projects, including but not limited to roads and bridges, are planned, executed, and delivered in a manner that is expeditious, transparent, safe, and effective, thereby demonstrating accountability and responsiveness to the citizens of La.

New law specifies that the office of La. Hwy. Construction is created in the office of the governor, division of administration.

New law specifies that the office is responsible for the oversight and delivery of all aspects of nonfederal aid hwys. within the state system, including study, planning, engineering, design, construction, operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement, in coordination with relevant agencies.

New law defines "office" as the office of La. Hwy. Construction.

New law authorizes the office to contract with public and private entities for all phases of non-federal aid hwy. projects; accept and manage grants; use nonfederal funds and in-kind contributions for cost-share requirements; develop cost-sharing guidelines; enter cooperative agreements with local governments; exercise procurement procedures available to the Dept. of Transportation and Development in existing law; and adopt rules to implement these provisions.

New law authorizes the office to use services from other state agencies, receive various lawful funding sources, take any legal actions needed to carry out its duties, and engage in and utilize emergency procurement procedures for any purpose until Jan. 1, 2026.

New law requires that by Jan. 15th each year, the office submit a report to the Joint Committee on Transportation, Hwys. and Public Works detailing all planned, initiated, or advanced projects, including their status, scope, funding sources, and timelines.

New law specifies that the executive director of the office of La. Hwy. Construction is appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation, and serves at the governor's pleasure.

New law authorizes the executive director to oversee the office's operations, management, and administration.

New law specifies that the duties of the executive director include coordinating budget requests for office projects, aligning functions across state agencies for efficiency, and taking necessary actions to fulfill the office's responsibilities.

New law specifies that the executive director may review and recommend changes to state policies affecting office projects and appoint advisory panels as needed.

Effective upon signature of governor (June 20, 2025).

(Adds R.S. 49:220.51-220.53)