

**HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS****HCR 45****2025 Regular Session****Bourriaque**

TRANSPORTATION: Authorizes and directs the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, through its office of transformation, to evaluate district alignments, maintenance facilities, and laboratory operations, including the establishment of a district construction engineer role, while ensuring continued project delivery during the transition

**Synopsis of Senate Amendments**

1. Makes technical changes.
2. Modifies a provision in proposed law from deputy directors to executive staff to reflect the appropriate leadership level responsible for collaboration with the office of transformation.
3. Encourages the Department of Transportation and Development to engage in interagency coordination to expand access to federal infrastructure funding, with a focus on underserved and rural areas.
4. Provides for improved coordination between the Department of Transportation and Development, regional transportation planning organizations, the office of rural development, and the governor's office of intergovernmental affairs to prioritize expanding federal infrastructure funding access in underserved and rural areas as a core component of the statewide transportation strategy.
5. Specifies the importance of maintaining consistent project letting and sustaining contracting opportunities during the Department of Transportation and Development's restructuring, and commits to improving year-over-year letting totals and closing funding gaps to ensure operational stability, transparency, and public confidence.

**Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate**

Authorizes and directs the La. Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to evaluate and recommend improvements to district alignments, maintenance facilities, and laboratory operations, to prioritize continued project delivery during the transition period, to support necessary organizational and operational reforms to ensure the effective and timely delivery of infrastructure projects, and to encourage interagency coordination to expand access to federal infrastructure funding, with a focus on underserved and rural areas. Requires the DOTD to submit a written report detailing its findings and recommendations to the House and Senate Transportation committees prior to the 2026 R.S.