

Regular Session, 2013

HOUSE BILL NO. 721 (Substitute for House Bill No. 31 by Representative Montoucet)

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONToucET

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Requires DOTD to provide maps of highway priority projects by House and Senate districts to all members of the legislature

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:231(A), relative to the highway priority construction  
3 program; to provide for the presentation of the proposed program of construction to  
4 members of the legislature; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 48:231(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §231. Final construction program for current fiscal year; public hearings; Joint  
8 Highway Priority Construction Committee; reports; review by legislature;  
9 restrictions on legislature

10 A.(1) Beginning on October 1, 2010, and not later than October ~~1~~ first of each  
11 year thereafter, the department shall provide a proposed program of construction for  
12 the coming fiscal year to the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee.

13 (2) The committee shall hold public hearings in each highway district for the  
14 purpose of reviewing priorities for the coming fiscal year.

15 (3) At each public hearing, the department shall provide each House of  
16 Representatives and Senate member with a map indicating the following regarding  
17 projects within their respective House or Senate district:

18 (a) All projects proposed for construction within their district for the coming  
19 fiscal year.

20 (b) All completed projects within their district for the three previous fiscal  
21 years.

(4) The department shall make the maps required to be provided to members of the legislature pursuant to Paragraph (3) of this Subsection available to any person upon request following the public hearings.

(5) A report based on the testimony received at ~~said~~ the hearings shall be sent to the department. The department ~~then shall~~ shall then create the final construction program for the coming fiscal year for submission to the legislature.

(6) When this final construction program is communicated to the legislature for funding for the coming fiscal year, any project which the legislature determines is not in the proper order of priority in accordance with the factors stated in R.S. 48:229 may be deleted by the legislature. However, the legislature shall not add any projects to this final construction program, nor shall the legislature make substitutions for projects which have been removed.

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# DIGEST

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HB No. 721

**Abstract:** Requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to provide each House and Senate member a map indicating all projects proposed for construction within their respective district for the coming fiscal year and all completed projects within their respective district for the previous three fiscal years.

Present law provides that beginning on Oct. 1, 2010, and not later than Oct. 1 of each year thereafter, the Dept. of Transportation and Development shall provide a proposed program of construction for the coming fiscal year to the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee. The committee is required hold public hearings in each highway district for the purpose of reviewing priorities for the coming fiscal year.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to provide each House and Senate member a map indicating all projects proposed for construction within their respective districts for the coming fiscal year and all completed projects within their respective districts for the previous three fiscal years.

Proposed law requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to make these maps available to House and Senate members at the public hearings required by present law and be made available to any person upon request following the public hearings.

(Amends R.S. 48:231(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Made technical corrections.
2. Clarified that the Dept. of Transportation and Development is to provide the maps required to be presented to members of the House and Senate and to any person who makes a request following the public hearings.