

**Committee on House Transportation, Highways and Public Works
and
Committee on Senate Transportation, Highways and Public Works**

Minutes of Meeting
2016 Interim
September 19, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Kenneth E. Havard, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. in Room 5, in the State Capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The secretary called the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Kenneth Havard, chairman
Representative Terry Brown
Representative Barbara Carpenter
Representative A.B. Franklin
Representative Jerry Gisclair
Representative John Guinn
Representative Jeffery Hall
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill
Representative Terry Landry, vice chairman
Representative Denise Marcelle
Representative Vincent Pierre
Representative J. Rogers Pope

HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Steve Carter
Representative Frank Howard
Representative H. Bernard LeBas
Representative Jack Montoucet
Representative Barbara Norton
Representative Malinda White

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Page Cortez, chairman
Senator Dale Erdey
Senator James R. "Jim" Fannin
Senator Bodi White

SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Sharon Hewitt, vice chairman
Senator Gerald Long
Senator Gary Smith

HOUSE STAFF PRESENT:

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney
Angelique R. Mozee, secretary
Danny Leming, sergeant at arms

SENATE STAFF PRESENT:

Sharon Lyles, attorney
Miles Hesterly, intern
Marcelle Johnson, sergeant at arms

III. OPENING REMARKS

Representative Havard thanked the House and Senate committee members for attending the meeting to discuss the important issues that will affect the citizens of this state. He also thanked the people who came out to hear and support the design-build project.

Senator Cortez acknowledged Representative Pope, Senator Erdey and members of the local delegation that were affected by the Great Flood of 2016, and he commended the Department of Transportation and Development on a job well done in their response during the flood and wished all of them the best as they move forward to recovery.

IV. PRESENTATION

Department of Transportation and Development

Joshua Hollins, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, (225) 379-1600, spoke for information only. He narrated a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Design Build Project - Route I-10, Highland Road to LA 73 - East Baton Rouge and Ascension Parishes", and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records.

Cheryl Durieilh, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, (225) 379-1600, spoke for information only on the design-build project.

Shawn Wilson, secretary, Department of Transportation and Development, no contact information provided, spoke for information only on the design-build project.

V. DISCUSSION

Port Construction and Development Priority Program

Tommy Clark, office of multimodal commerce, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801, (225) 374-4544, spoke for information only on the port construction project.

Randall Withers, Department of Transportation and Development, port priority program, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801, (225) 379-3065, spoke for information only on the recommended projects for approval for the port construction and development priority program and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to approve the recommended port priority projects. Without objection, the projects were approved by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives

Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Terry Landry, Marcelle, Pierre and Pope voted yea.

Senator Cortez offered a motion to approve the recommended port priority projects. Without objection, the projects were approved by a vote of 4 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Cortez, Erdey, Fannin, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 2 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Approval of the Design-Build Project

Shawn Wilson, Joshua Hollins, and Cheryl Durieilh engaged in an open discussion with committee members on the project to widen and improve Interstate 10 between Highland Road in East Baton Rouge Parish and LA 73 in Ascension Parish using the design-build method by the Department of Transportation and Development.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to approve the design-build project. Without objection, the project was approved by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Franklin, Gisclair, Guinn, Hall, Hill, Terry Landry, Marcelle, and Pierre voted yea.

Senator Cortez offered a motion to approve the design-build project. Without objection, the project was approved by a vote of 4 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Cortez, Erdey, Fannin, and White voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 3 in support. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Kenneth E. Havard
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Date adopted: