

House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works

Minutes of Meeting
2022 Regular Session
May 25, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Mark Wright, chairman of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. in Room 3, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Mark Wright, chairman
Representative Kendrick "Ken" Brass, vice chairman
Representative Kathy Edmonston
Representative Michael "Gabe" Firment
Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg
Representative Foy Bryan Gadberry
Representative Dodie Horton
Representative Ed Larvadain, III
Representative Charles Anthony Owen
Representative Vincent J. Pierre
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Larry Selders

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative Mack Marcel Cormier
Representative Cedric B. Glover
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Robert "Bob" Owen

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

LeeAnne Sharlow, attorney
Carlesia Bibbins, attorney
Brandy Phillips, committee administrative assistant

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Vivian Hurst, sergeant at arms
Faye Talbot, sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION OF LEGISLATION

Senate Bill No. 497 by Senator Cloud

Senator Cloud presented Senate Bill No. 497, which restricts alteration of a vehicle's wheel well.

Lt. Bryan Lee, Louisiana State Police, 7919 Independence Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806, (225) 925-4239, spoke for information only.

Representative Schamerhorn offered a motion to report Senate Bill No. 497 favorably. Without objection, Senate Bill No. 497 was reported favorably by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firmont, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of the use of Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for renovations and improvements to Gonzales Middle School

Mr. Louis Saab, Ascension Parish School Board, 8555 United Plaza Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70809, (337) 581-6960, presented the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for renovations and improvements to Gonzales Middle School pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4, which included a PowerPoint presentation.

Representative Brass offered a motion to approve the CMAR project for renovations and improvements to Gonzales Middle School pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 11 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firmont, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 1 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

Approval of the use of Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the construction of the Hwy 89 Widening Project pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4.

Mayor Ken Ritter, City of Youngsville, 305 Iberia Street, Youngsville, LA 70592, (337) 849-5176, presented the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the construction of the Hwy 89 Widening Project pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4.

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to approve the CMAR project for the construction of the Hwy 89 Widening Project pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders 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 use of Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the construction of the Fortune Road Roundabout and Extension Project pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4.

Mayor Ken Ritter, City of Youngsville, 305 Iberia Street, Youngsville, LA 70592, (337) 849-5176, presented the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the construction of the Fortune Road Roundabout and Extension Project pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to approve the CMAR project for the construction of the Fortune Road Roundabout and Extension Project pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 12 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Gadberry, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Pierre, Schamerhorn, and Selders voted yea.

Approval of the use of Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the Lafayette Consolidated Government for the construction of baseball and softball fields at Brown Memorial Park pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4.

Mr. Josh Borill, Lafayette Parish, P.O. Box 80825, Lafayette, LA 70598, (337) 581-1326, presented the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the Lafayette Consolidated Government for the construction of baseball and softball fields at Brown Memorial Park pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to approve the CMAR project for the Lafayette Consolidated Government for the construction of baseball and softball fields at Brown Memorial Park pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays.

Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Approval of the use of Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the Lafayette Consolidated Government for construction at Moore Park pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4.

Mr. Josh Borill, Lafayette Parish, P.O. Box 80825, Lafayette, LA 70598, (332) 581-1326, presented the Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) for a project under \$15 million for the Lafayette Consolidated Government for construction at Moore Park pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4.

Representative Pierre offered a motion to approve the CMAR project for the Lafayette Consolidated Government for construction at Moore Park pursuant to R.S. 38:2225.2.4. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 10 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Firment, Freiberg, Horton, Larvadain, Charles Owen, Pierre, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

Representative Brass in the chair.

Review and receive testimony from the Department of Transportation and Development relative to highway construction projects, including the I-10 widening, the I-12 widening, the Calcasieu Bridge, the Mississippi River Bridge, and the north and south Louisiana rail.

Secretary Shawn Wilson, DOTD, no witness card provided, addressed the committee regarding the progress of the I-10 widening, the I-12 widening, the Calcasieu Bridge, the Mississippi River Bridge, and the north and south Louisiana rail construction projects.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Gadberry offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Wright, Brass, Edmonston, Freiberg, Gadberry, and Schamerhorn voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Mark Wright

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Date adopted: