

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

Minutes of Meeting  
2016 Interim  
March 14, 2016

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Senator Page Cortez, chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. in Committee 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 Bryan Adams  
Representative Terry Brown  
Representative Barbara Carpenter  
Representative Steve Carter  
Representative Jerry Gisclair  
Representative John Guinn  
Representative Dorothy Sue Hill  
Representative Frank Howard  
Representative Terry Landry, vice chairman  
Representative H. Bernard LeBas  
Representative Denise C. Marcelle  
Representative Jack Montoucet  
Representative Barbara Norton  
Representative Vincent Pierre  
Representative J. Rogers Pope  
Representative Malinda White

**HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Representative A. B. Franklin

**HOUSE STAFF PRESENT:**

Kimberly Callaway, attorney

**SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Page Cortez, chairman  
Senator Dale Erdey  
Senator James R. "Jim" Fannin  
Senator Sharon Hewitt, vice chairman  
Senator Gerald Long  
Senator Gary Smith

**SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Senator Troy Brown

**SENATE STAFF PRESENT:**

Sharon Lyles, attorney

Ashleigh Clare-Kearney, attorney  
Angelique Renee' Mozee

Julie Silva, secretary

**ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:**

**HOUSE:**

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

**SENATE:**

Glenn Arton, sergeant at arms

**III. OPENING REMARKS**

Senator Cortez advised the committee that the purpose of the meeting was to finalize the adoption of the priority programs.

Shawn Wilson, secretary, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70501, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on the priority program. Secretary Wilson advised the committee that they were here to present the statutory required highways, ports, aviation, and statewide flood control programs. He also gave an overview of the tour with the Governor of the flooding throughout the state and commended the state police, wildlife and fisheries, state fire marshal, and the Department of Transportation and Development staff for their commitment and dedication over the last three days, and offered his department's assistance to the members and their constituents of any problems they may be experiencing in their districts. Secretary Wilson also discussed the road show meetings that were held in January and February of this year.

Dr. Eric Kalivoda, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70501, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on the priority programs and road show.

**IV. DISCUSSION**

**Final Approval of the 2016-2017 Highway Priority Construction Program**

Mary Elliott Bergeron, Department of Transportation and Development, P. O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245, (225) 379-1218, spoke for information only on the final approval of the 2016-2017 Highway Priority Construction Program and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records. She gave an overview in reference to changes to the highway priority program and recommended that the committee approve the program.

Senator Erdey advised Secretary Shawn Wilson that he wanted an update of the TIMED projects.

Representative Havard offered a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Highway Priority Construction Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Marcelle, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Senator Hewitt offered a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Highway Priority Construction Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Cortez, Erdey, Fannin, Hewitt, Long, and Smith voted yea.

### **Final Approval of the 2016-2017 Port Construction and Development Priority Program**

Shawn Wilson, secretary, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70501, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on the port construction and development priority program and provided a handout, Exhibit B, which is included in the committee records. Secretary Wilson gave a brief overview of the port priority program. He reported there were no changes and recommended that the committee approve the program.

Representative Havard offered a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Port Priority Construction Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Marcelle, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Senator Hewitt offered a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Port Priority Construction Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Cortez, Erdey, Fannin, Hewitt, Long, and Smith voted yea.

### **Final Approval of the 2016-2017 Airport Construction and Development Priority Program**

Shawn Wilson, secretary, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70501, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on the airport construction and development priority program and provided a handout, Exhibit C, which is included in the committee records. Secretary Wilson gave a brief overview of the program and advised the committee that there were no changes and recommended committee approval.

Representative Havard offered a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Airport Construction and Development Priority Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Marcelle, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Senator Hewitt offered a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Airport Construction and Development Priority Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Cortez, Erdey, Fannin, Hewitt, Long, and Smith voted yea.

Senator Cortez announced that the rural and urban maps requested by Senator Fannin were distributed by staff for their review.

### **Final Approval of the 2016-2017 Statewide Flood Control Priority Program**

Billy Williamson, Department of Transportation and Development, 1201 Capitol Access Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70501, (225) 379-1200, spoke for information only on the statewide flood control priority program and provided a handout, Exhibit D, which is included in the committee records. He gave a brief overview of the program with changes and recommended committee approval.

Representative Terry Landry offered a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Statewide Flood Control Priority Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Havard, Adams, Terry Brown, Carpenter, Steve Carter, Gisclair, Guinn, Hill, Howard, Terry Landry, LeBas, Marcelle, Montoucet, Norton, Pierre, Pope, and White voted yea.

Senator Hewitt offered a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Statewide Flood Control Priority Program. Without objection, the program was approved by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Senators Cortez, Erdey, Fannin, Hewitt, Long, and Smith voted yea.

Senator Hewitt and Representative Norton recognized the organization, American Bikers Active Toward Education (A.B.A.T.E.) of Louisiana, which works towards motorcycle safety, awareness, and realistic motorcycle legislation.

At the request of Senator Erdey, Secretary Shawn Wilson gave an update on the TIMED projects.

Senator Cortez advised Secretary Shawn Wilson that he looks forward to working with him during the upcoming session.

### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **V. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Date adopted: