

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

Minutes of Meeting
2024-2025 Interim
March 24, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, chair of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. in Room 6, in the state capitol in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

II. ROLL CALL

HOUSE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Representative Ryan Bourriaque, chair
Representative Chad Michael Boyer
Representative Jacob Braud
Representative Tehmi Jahi Chassion
Representative Kellee Hennessy Dickerson
Representative Bryan Fontenot, vice chair
Representative Patricia "Pat" Moore
Representative Tammy T. Phelps
Representative Rodney Wayne Schamerhorn
Representative Phillip Eric Tarver
Representative Jeffrey Fons "Jeff" Wiley
Representative Steven Jackson
Representative Joy Walters

HOUSE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Representative C. Travis Johnson

SENATE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Senator Patrick Connick, chair
Senator Mark Abraham
Senator Patrick McMath
Senator Edward "Ed" Price
Senator William "Bill" Wheat

SENATE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Senator Gary Carter, vice chair
Senator Heather Cloud

HOUSE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allison Williams, House attorney

Darcas Deverteuil, House committee administrative assistant

SENATE STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Archana Cadge, Senate attorney
Christine Peck, Senate attorney
Serena Mohammad, Senate secretary

ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Myrtis Jarrell, House sergeant at arms
Tony Lombard, Senate sergeant at arms

III. DISCUSSION

To vote on the FY 2025-2026 priority list for the Port Construction and Development Priority Program

Julia Fisher Cormier, commissioner, office of multimodal commerce- DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Rd., Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on the Port Construction and Development Program, and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records. Ms. Cormier informed the committee that there were no changes to the program from the previous joint committee meeting.

Senator Price offered a motion to approve the FY 2025-2026 priority list for the Port Construction and Development Program. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 16 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea. Senators Connick, Abraham, McMath, Price, and Wheat voted yea.

Witness cards submitted by individuals who did not speak are as follows: 7 for information only. Witness cards are included in the committee records.

To vote on the FY 2025-2026 priority list for Class II and III Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program (Freight Rail)

Julia Fisher Cormier, commissioner, office of multimodal commerce- DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Rd., Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on the Class II and III Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program, and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records. Ms. Cormier informed the committee that there were no changes to the program from the previous joint committee meeting.

Senator Price offered a motion to approve the FY 2025-2026 priority list for the Class II and III Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea. Senators Connick, Abraham, McMath, Price, and Wheat 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.

To vote on the FY 2025-2026 priority list for the Airport Construction and Development Priority Program

Julia Fisher Cormier, commissioner, office of multimodal commerce- DOTD, 1201 Capitol Access Rd., Baton Rouge, LA, spoke for information only on the Airport Construction and Development Priority Program, and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records. Ms. Cormier briefly explained to the committee that there were a few changes to this program from the previous joint committee meeting.

Representative Wiley offered a motion to approve the FY 2025-2026 priority list for the Airport Construction and Development Priority Program. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea. Senators Connick, Abraham, McMath, Price, and Wheat 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.

To vote on the FY 2025-2026 priority list for the Statewide Flood Control Program

Lucas Johnson, Statewide Flood Control Program, no address provided, spoke for information only on the Statewide Flood Control Program, and provided a handout, Exhibit A, which is included in the committee records. Mr. Johnson informed the committee that there were no changes to the program from the previous Joint Committee meeting.

Senator Price offered a motion to approve the FY 2025-2026 priority list for the Statewide Flood Control Program. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriaque, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea. Senators Connick, Abraham, McMath, Price, and Wheat voted yea.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

The minutes from the Joint Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works meetings dated March 7, and March 11, 2024, were presented to the committee for approval. Senator Price offered a motion to approve the minutes. Without objection, the minutes were approved by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriague, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea. Senators Connick, Abraham, McMath, Price, and Wheat voted yea.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Representative Bourriague offered a motion to adjourn. Without objection, the motion passed by a vote of 17 yeas and 0 nays. Representatives Bourriague, Boyer, Braud, Chassion, Dickerson, Fontenot, Jackson, Moore, Phelps, Schamerhorn, Tarver, and Wiley voted yea. Senators Connick, Abraham, McMath, Price, and Wheat voted yea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair Ryan Bourriague
House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works