

“OJT NEWS”

Governor’s Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment unanimously adopts resolutions

BATON ROUGE – On Tuesday, December 13, 2016 the Governor’s Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment unanimously adopted the actionable recommendations that will be included in a report to the Governor by the end of the year. Today’s action is a culmination of over six months of meetings held in communities across the State as Task Force members sought input on how best to solve the State’s multimodal transportation needs.

[The 10 resolutions](#) include various policy and financing recommendations for addressing the State’s multimodal transportation needs for the Governor to consider as he plans for the 2017 Regular Legislative Session. Most notably, the Task Force has determined that an annual increase of \$700 million for transportation is necessary and required in order to finance the important A and B megaprojects across the State and to better serve all users of the transportation system in both urban and rural areas of the state. The other resolutions establish a thoughtful framework within which to generate and strategically invest the new revenue.



“When the Task Force was formed, we were charged with making recommendations to address Louisiana’s multimodal infrastructure needs in a meaningful way and we have met that charge through these resolutions,” said DOTD Secretary Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D. “The average driver in Louisiana only pays \$108 per year in state gas tax, which has lost purchasing power every year since it was last adjusted in 1990. It takes funding to construct the dozens of key projects that are needed to improve safety, address congestion and facilitate economic development across the State. The time has come to do something about it. We can’t afford to standby any longer.”

“Given President-elect Trump’s discussions at the federal level about investing in the nation’s transportation infrastructure, State action to raise revenue for transportation is even more critical,” Wilson added. “Louisiana is not prepared to participate fully in new federal funding opportunities strictly due to limited revenue needed to successfully compete, match, and draw down additional federal funds.”

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Electronic Payroll Training - March 14, 2017



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Gov. Edwards will review the Task Force report and determine what the Administration will submit to the State Legislature in the 2017 regular Session.

Louisiana has a more than \$13 billion backlog in state highway and bridge needs, plus another \$16 billion is needed to address bigger projects outlined in the [Statewide Transportation Plan](#). These projects include: widening I-10 in Baton Rouge and New Orleans; construction of I-49 South in Lafayette, I-12 on the Northshore; and I-20 in Shreveport and Monroe; replacing the I-10 Bridge over the Calcasieu River in Lake Charles; and a new bridge across the Mississippi River in Baton Rouge.

The task force is co-chaired by Secretary Wilson and Maj. Gen. John Basilica, vice president and Gulf Coast district leader for HNTB Corporation.

In June 2016, Governor Edwards announced the formation of the task force. The group's task was to find investment solutions to address transportation needs in Louisiana and to make recommendations to the Governor for legislative action by January 1, 2017. For more information, please visit the [Task Force web page](#).

Over 750 business leaders and citizens participated in regional task force meetings to offer input. These meetings were held in New Orleans, Shreveport, Lake Charles, Houma, Lafayette, Monroe, Alexandria, Baton Rouge and Houma.

LA DOTD ON THE JOB TRAINING SURVEY

QUESTIONS: PLEASE WRITE IN ANSWER OR FILL IN CIRCLE AS APPROPRIATE.

We thank you in advance for completing the questionnaire. We ask that you please elaborate in the comment sections so we can further assist you.

When you have finished, please fax back to Mr. Kenyatta Sparks at 225-769-3596 or email to: Kenyatta.Sparks@sjbgroup.com. Thank you.

1. Has your company ever participated in the DOTD OJT Program? Yes No

2. If yes, was the program beneficial to your company? Yes No

Comments: _____

3. Would your company be interested in participating in the DOTD's OJT Program on Federally aided highway construction projects that support OJT Goals? Yes No

Comments: _____

4. What barriers would prevent your company from participating in the OJT Program?

Comments: _____

5. What suggestions would your company make to assist the DOTD in making the OJT Program more efficient and user friendly to achieve the OJT Program Goals?

Comments: _____

6. Does your firm participate in any training and or apprentice programs? Yes No

7. If yes, your program might qualify and meet the federal standards required for the OJT Program. Is there someone in your office that we can contact to get more information on your program?

Comments: _____

In 2008, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, LA Associated General Contractors, Louisiana Division Office, Federal Highway Administration and contractors partnered to create the On-The-Job Training program to be utilized on LADOTD's highway construction projects. The OJT Program was developed in conformity with FHWA requirements. The LADOTD seeks to achieve the goal to provide training to individuals, including minorities, women, disadvantaged individuals and protected veterans. Please note that there are now OJT goals on selected projects. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Stephanie Ducote, DOTD Compliance Programs Director or Mr. Gene McArdle, DOTD Labor/OJT Compliance Manager at 225-379-1382.

CONCRETE PAVER SUBGRADER *DOT NO. 853.663-021* OPERATOR

Approximate training time: 18 Weeks or 720 Hours

JOB DESCRIPTION

Operates a machine that fine grades subgrade and prepares the ground for pouring concrete. The machine is equipped with knives or blades to loosen dirt and eject it from subgrade. Starts stops and manipulates levers for moving equipment and attachments, including electronic controls. May oil, grease, or otherwise service and make necessary adjustments to equipment as needed. Performs other related duties.

WAGE STRUCTURE

Trainee will be paid the trainee wages specified in the construction contract. If no trainee wages are specified in the construction contract, minimum trainee wages will be as follows (but not less than the current minimum wage):

1. **The Beginning of the Training Period:** Sixty percent (60%) of the skilled wage rate specified in the contract of this classification.
2. **After Completion of One Half (½) of the Training Period:** Seventy-five percent (75%) of the skilled wage rate specified in the contract for this classification.
3. **After Completion of Three Fourths (¾) of the Training Period:** Ninety percent (90%) of the skilled wage rate specified in the contract for this classification.
4. **On Completion of the Training Period:** One hundred percent (100%) of the skilled wage rate specified in the contract for this classification.

TRAINING BREAKDOWN

I. Orientation and Observation

A. Safety Procedures	5 Hours
B. Observation of Machine in Operation	35 Hours
C. Starting, Stopping and Manipulating Levers for Moving Equipment and Attachments, Including Electronic Controls.....	150 Hours

II. Care and Maintenance

A. Safety Procedures	15 Hours
B. Routine Fueling, Lubricating and Servicing.....	40 Hours
C. Adjustment of Control.....	50 Hours

III. Actual Operation of Equipment

A. Safe Operating Procedures.....	20 Hours
B. Cutting and Furnishing Fine Subgrade Through Manual or Automatic Template Setting	405 Hours

Total.....720Hours

DOTD Prepared for Possible Wintery Weather...

BATON ROUGE – With the possibility of wintery weather, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development has staff, de-icing materials and equipment staged throughout the state to respond in the event of adverse weather. Forecasts call for the possibility of freezing temperatures with some precipitation in isolated areas throughout the state today and Saturday morning.

DOTD will have crews scouting the roadways and bridges and will be prepared to respond, if necessary.

Supply inventories and equipment have been checked, and crews will address any affected bridges and roadways. In addition, DOTD will continue to monitor upcoming weather situations.

For the most up-to-date road status information, DOTD offers motorists various resources:

- **511 Traveler Information:** Travelers can find information regarding road closures by visiting the 511 Traveler Information website at www.511la.org or by dialing 511 from their telephone and saying the route or region about which they are seeking information. Out-of-state travelers can access the system by calling 1-888-ROAD-511 (1-888-762-3511).

- **MyDOTD:** Motorists can receive automatic and up-to-date information on local projects, lane and road closures, and other DOTD activity by signing up for MyDOTD at www.dotd.la.gov.

DOTD urges motorists to use extra caution when traveling on roadways during hazardous weather conditions and stay off the roads whenever possible. DOTD will do everything it can to keep Louisiana's highways and interstate system open in the event of freezing rain, sleet or snow and will prioritize the maintenance and opening of routes based on traffic volumes.

During winter weather conditions, motorists should the following driving safety tips:

- Drive slowly and carefully.
- Avoid driving while distracted.
- Always allow for extra driving time.
- Reduce speeds when visibility is low.
- Make sure there is plenty of room between vehicles.

Also, beware of black ice -- a thin, transparent layer of ice accumulation that can be visually hard to detect on bridges, overpasses, off-ramps and in shady spots. As always, DOTD reminds motorists to buckle up and refrain from drinking and driving.

AGC UPCOMING EVENT:



31ST ANNUAL LOUISIANA AGC SUMMER CONFERENCE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017

TIME: 1:00 PM

LOCATION: HILTON SANDESTEIN BEACH GOLF RESORT & SPA

ADDRESS: 4000 SANDESTIN BLVD

MIRAMAR BEACH, FL 32550

ORGANIZER: KRISTY SMITH

EMAIL: Kristys@lagc.org



Letting of 2/08/2017 LA DOTD Headquarters

Proposal: H.002281.6-R1 LA 66: BIG BAYOU SARA BRIDGE REHAB

DBE Goal: 6%

OJT Goal: 1 Trainees

Specbook: 2006

Description of work: clearing and grubbing, grading, cold planing asphaltic concrete, class ii base course, superpave asphaltic concrete overlay, temporary detour bridging (ladotd supplied), structural metalwork, bridge repairs, and related work.

Parish(es): West Feliciana

Route(s): LA 66

Federal Number: H002281

Estimated Construction Cost: \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000

Construction Proposal Documents

Proposal: H.003298.6 ROAD INTERCHANGE AND I-20 FRONTAGE ROADS

Local Public Agency project

DBE Goal: 10%

OJT Goal: 8 Trainees

Specbook: 2006

Description of work: grading, drainage structures, cold planing asphaltic concrete, class ii base course, lime treatment, superpave asphaltic concrete pavement, portland cement concrete pavement, steel plate girder spans bridge, drilled shaft foundations, and related work.

Parish(es): Lincoln

Route(s): I-20

Federal Number: I-3107(514)

Estimated Construction Cost: \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000

Construction Proposal Documents

Proposal: H.009028.6-R2 AIRLINE PARK BLVD: W METAIRIE - 0.4 M N

Local Public Agency project

DBE Goal: 11%

OJT Goal: 2 Trainees

Specbook: 2006

Description of work: grading, drainage structures, pavement patching, class ii base course, traffic maintenance superpave asphaltic concrete, portland cement concrete pavement, cofferdams, pumping station, and related work.

Parish(es): Jefferson

Federal Number: H009028

Estimated Construction Cost: \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000

Construction Proposal Documents

Proposal: H.011562.6 LA 129: N. JCT. LA 909 - LA 907

DBE Goal: 5%

OJT Goal: 3 Trainees

Specbook: 2016

Description of work: clearing and grubbing (selective), asphalt concrete overlay, milling asphalt pavement, pavement patching, asphalt surface treatment, drainage structures, and related work.

Parish(es): Concordia

Route(s): LA 129

Federal Number: H011562

Estimated Construction Cost: \$2,500,000 to \$5,000,000

Construction Proposal Documents

What can SJB Group do for You?

SJB Group, LLC can provide **free assistance** to Prime Contractors in the following areas:

By acting as a liaison between the Prime Contractor and LADOTD for project information, and in problems occurring on the jobsite.

By informing of upcoming LADOT lettings, and project information for other agencies throughout the state.

By assisting you in developing an approved OJT Program.

By assisting you in the enrollment and recordkeeping of your participants.



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