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Aviation Recommendations

ID	No.	Recommendation
CDE	1	Provide State support for commercial service airport development in accordance with approved master plans.
EC	1	Develop aviation marketing program, using General Fund monies, to attract additional air service, air cargo, and aerospace companies.
EC	2	Study challenges/opportunities of helicopter industry in support of Louisiana business, industry and economic growth.
EC	3	Update Statewide Economic Impact of Aviation Study every 3 to 5 years.
INF	1	Upgrade General Aviation infrastructure identified in the Louisiana Airport System Plan to minimum standards.
INF	2	Re-establish program of land acquisition/aviation easements for obstruction removal.
INF	3	Support an ongoing annual appropriation to the General Aviation Air Carrier Airport and Maintenance Program.
INF	4	Support a reauthorization and appropriation of the Federal Airport Improvement Program that best benefits Louisiana aviation.
INF	5	Give priority to the Louisiana Airport System facilities for State funded projects.
INF	6	Support Federal funding of air traffic control towers (both Federal and contract).
INF	7	Consider changing National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) airport designations based on Louisiana Airport System Plan (LASP) analysis and recommendations.
INF	8	Change State system airport designations based on LASP analysis and recommendations.
S	1	Define strategic roles of Louisiana aviation resources during natural disasters. [ANG nursing home evacuation plan.]
EC	4	Establish a comprehensive state policy that defines the application process and development of new airports/heliports to include the evaluation of impacts to existing airports and the ability of the new facilities to be self-sustaining.

Community Development and Enhancement Recommendations

ID	No.	Recommendation
CDE	2	Educate public and elected officials about the need for, and benefits of, public transportation.
CDE	3	Coordinate implementation of Federal funding sources for specialized transit. Develop Task Force of State agencies using Federal funds for human services transportation and public transportation. Regional coordination plans and a statewide coordination plan should be developed.
CDE	4	Encourage all MPOs to develop a comprehensive transit master plan.
CDE	5	Continue implementation of Complete Streets policy.
CDE	6	Develop and implement Statewide Bicycle Goals Map.
CDE	7	Continue to fund local transportation plans but expand scope to include land use, public buildings/facilities, public infrastructure including stormwater management, transportation, drainage, utilities, etc.

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CDE	8	Support rail compacts in their effort to develop intercity passenger rail corridors where ridership levels justify service.
CDE	9	Promote and develop connectivity between public transportation systems and other transportation modes.
CDE	10	Evaluate the feasibility of an Airport to New Orleans CBD bus rapid transit.
CDE	11	Continue to update/maintain statewide bicycle suitability map.
CDE	12	Support local efforts to convert abandoned rail corridors to recreational trails.
ES	1	Work with congressional delegation to create wetland mitigation credits for preserving existing wetlands.
ES	2	Preserve buffers, preferably as wetlands mitigation, to provide separation or appearance of separation between adjacent communities.

Freight Rail Recommendations

ID	No.	Recommendation
EC	5	Conduct economic impact analysis of freight rail in Louisiana in coordination with Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED).
EC	6	Educate the State's legislature and Congressional delegation on the need for State and Federal legislation to support funding for the State's freight railroads.
EC	7	Dedicate \$25M annually from the State capital outlay program for navigation and port related freight rail capital projects.
INF	9	Assist freight railroads in securing grants and loans from existing and future Federal assistance programs.
S	2	Research incentive programs for closures of public and private grade crossings.
CDE	13	Support rail compacts in their effort to develop intercity passenger rail corridors where ridership levels justify service.

Ports and Waterways Recommendations

ID	No.	Recommendation
EC	8	Establish a Statewide Maritime Marketing Program.
EC	9	Study the economic competitiveness of Louisiana ports.
EC	10	Support multi-state coordination of infrastructure improvements along the Mississippi River corridor and tributaries.
EC	11	Continue to work through partnerships to increase funding for and utilization of the inland waterway system and of coastal ports.
EC	12	Support the development of major container terminals and distribution centers through individual port authorities.
EC	13	Support public-private partnerships for maritime facility investment, including distribution centers, through tax credits and other tax incentives.

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ID	No.	Recommendation
INF	10	Implement the recommendations of the DOTD's Marine Transportation Systems Plan.
INF	11	Support the full appropriation in the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund for maintenance of navigation channels.
EC	14	Dedicate \$25M annually from the State capital outlay program for navigation and port related freight rail capital projects.

State Highway Operations and Maintenance Recommendations

ID	No.	Recommendation
INF	12	Utilize Federal funds for preservation repairs by DOTD work forces.
INF	13	Support the implementation of the LA Commercial Vehicle Information and Systems Network (CVISN) plan.
INF	14	Transfer 5,000 miles of State highways to local governments through an incentive program.
INF	15	Implement the Statewide Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Plan and integrate use of cost-effective ITS elements into other projects.
INF	16	Increase the cost threshold for DOTD constructed projects when determined to be cost effective.
INF	17	Coordinate with local governments to identify and study alternative local funding sources.
INF	18	Support the interoperability of ITS technologies for trucks.
INF	19	Allow mobility funds money to be used on Priority A and B statewide plan megaprojects without tolling.
INF	20	Increase amount for DOTD letter bids from \$500K to \$1M.
CDE	14	Convert public vehicle fleets to alternative fuels.
S	3	Evaluate emergency preparedness for the DOTD and determine opportunities for improvement.

Trucking Recommendations

ID	No.	Recommendation
CDE	15	Ensure trucking representation and participation by private sector in MPO planning processes.
EC	15	Develop seamless electronic credentialing; one-stop shop for permitting, registrations, license plates, etc.
EC	16	Work with LA Department of Economic Development (LED) and others to address peak hour congestion by providing incentives for extending hours of port operations.
EC	17	Improve quality of connectivity to ports and rail yards.
EC	18	Re-establish Motor Carrier Advisory Committee.
EC	19	Develop a process to identify, monitor, and restore condition of special truck routes that support the energy and mining industry.
EC	20	Improve access to LNG/CNG, propane and other alternative fuels to support commercial transportation.



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PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS BY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

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ID	No.	Recommendation
EC	21	Create a policy to enhance private sector conversion from diesel/gasoline to LNG/CNG, propane, or other alternative fuels to support transportation.
EC	22	Improve regional consistency and uniformity in oversized/overweight truck permitting.
EC	23	Construct weigh station at I-49 at the Arkansas State Line.
EC	24	DOTD and LED to collaborate on identifying transportation needs, issues and impacts when recruiting industry/business into the state.
INF	21	Oppose Federal weight limits increases.
S	4	Improve incident management.
S	5	Increase supply of truck parking.
S	6	Revise/improve roadway design and accommodations for large trucks at intersections and roundabouts.
S	7	Relocate and/or redesign the weigh station along I-10 at the Texas Line.

Plan Recommendations Tied to Budget Line Items

ID	No.	Budget Line Items Recommendation
CDE	16	Provide funding for a portion of rural transit operating expenses to meet the current & future expansion needs.
CDE	17	Develop a state-administered Local Assistance Program to rehab/ reconstruct locally-owned roads. Local match to be required that may vary according to transportation planning criteria.
CDE	18	Continue to fund transportation demand management for MPOs.
INF	22	Increase funding for roadway maintenance and construction.
INF	23	Increase funding for Port Priority Program.
INF	24	Increase funding for Pavement Preservation to meet established goals.
INF	25	Increase funding for Bridge Preservation to meet established goals.
INF	26	Increase funding for Highway Operations.
INF	27	Increase funding for District Operations and Contract Maintenance.
INF	28	Implement Highway Megaprojects in Priority A and B.
INF	29	Continue regular small Capacity Program.
S	8	Increase funding for Highway Safety.
INF	30	Support the establishment of a state-funded Rail Retention and Infrastructure Program and provide statewide funding for shortline rail program.
INF	31	Fund highway/rail grade separation program.
S	10	Continue funding for active warning devices at rail/highway crossings.

LEGEND:

- CDE – Community Development & Enhancement Goal
- EC – Economic Competitiveness Goal
- ES – Environmental Stewardship Goal
- INF – Infrastructure Preservation & Maintenance Goal
- S – Safety Goal