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Department of Transportation

Proposed H.B. 5547 – An Act Establishing a Task Force to Streamline the Process for Approving Bridge Projects.

The Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) agrees in principal with the intent of H.B. 5547. Specifically, ConnDOT and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection are already engaged in on-going discussions and “Lean” process reviews on ways to streamline the permitting process for bridge projects. This bill may duplicate efforts already underway.

If process improvements beyond that already achieved or underway are desired, consideration should be given to engaging a specialized consultant to review all aspects of the bridge program, compare our process with industry best practice and make recommendations for improving the project delivery of bridge projects.

For further information or questions, please contact Pam Sucato, Legislative Program Manager for the Department of Transportation, at (860) 594-3013.