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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** to abolish the Commission on Transportation (COT) in its advisory capacity to the Director of Transportation on matters within the jurisdiction of the DOT as servicing the COT takes staff time and resources to meet Sunshine Law requirements.

Created in 1961 as an advisory commission, its purpose is no longer necessary today as Commissioners are not fully aware of the details to many of our complex and controversial projects.

We believe this bill will streamline the operations of the DOT without negative impact to the public and respectfully urge its passage.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

