

HB 2207 -- TRANSPORTATION SENSOR SYSTEMS

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This bill authorizes the Department of Transportation to operate, and approve construction designs for transportation sensor systems. The transportation sensor system service provider shall determine the site locations and schedule system deployments according to demand and traffic volume. The department may allow the State Highway Patrol to provide transportation sensor system services through a memorandum of understanding.

The department shall minimize the number of any type of sensor placed in a road by private or public entities, and develop an equitable cost-sharing model among entities desiring data from existing sensors. If an existing network can be utilized by a transportation sensor system service provider, including the use of roadside structures and power connections, without cost or liability to the state or disruption of other services, the sensors and data shall be made available and the costs shared according to the cost-sharing model.

Any transportation sensor system service provider shall provide unrestricted real-time data access to their transportation sensor system and associated equipment to the state. The real-time data is considered an open record under the Sunshine law and shall be provided in the same manner and form it is provided by the sensors, whenever possible. If release of the data may present a danger or create a liability to public safety, the department may seek a court order to restrict access to the sensor data.

This bill allows the department to purchase existing sensors from public or private entities for an amount not greater than the equipment purchase price plus installation costs minus any depreciation, as specified in the bill. When ownership of a sensor is transferred to the department the transferring entity shall retain access to the data, free of charge, for as long as it is utilizing the data to provide services within the state.

Application to establish a transportation sensor system or provide transportation sensor system services is made to the department in the form of a request for a memorandum of understanding, signed by the entity seeking to establish the sensor system or provide transportation sensor system services. The department shall approve or deny requests within 90 days of receipt, and any denial shall state the reason or reasons for the denial.