

2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 43

BY REPRESENTATIVE FOIL

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to erect a traffic control signal on Perkins Road at Santa Maria Parkway.

WHEREAS, traffic control signals are designed to enhance highway safety, facilitate the orderly movement of traffic, and reduce traffic delays and accidents; and

WHEREAS, traffic signals offer maximum control at intersections and increase the traffic handling capacity of an intersection; and

WHEREAS, a traffic signal is a valuable device for improving the safety and efficiency of vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a traffic signal may interrupt extremely heavy flows of traffic and permit the crossing and turning of vehicles that could not otherwise move safely through the intersection; and

WHEREAS, traffic signals assign the right-of-way to various traffic movements and thereby profoundly influence traffic flow and reduce the frequency and severity of certain types of accidents, especially right-angle collisions; and

WHEREAS, population growth as well as economic development in the area has resulted in increased congestion at the intersection and it is expected that such congestion will continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of Perkins Road and Santa Maria Parkway is frequently traveled and has become increasingly congested with the traffic of area residents, commuters, and others, which all lead to greater driver frustration and a rise in accidents at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the rise in vehicular accidents has caused damage to property and imperiled the lives and limbs of all who travel Perkins Road; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a traffic signal on Perkins Road will assist in alleviating speeding and minimizing traffic volume, thus increasing the safety of the intersection; and

WHEREAS, the immediate need for this traffic signal and the savings to persons and property far outweighs the minimal costs associated with erecting the traffic signal; and

WHEREAS, the installation of a traffic signal would mitigate the hazardous situation that exists at this intersection; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state of Louisiana to provide for the safety of its citizens to the best of its ability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development, in consultation with the local governing authority, to erect a traffic control signal on Perkins Road at Santa Maria Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES