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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 112

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TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to form a highly collaborative approach with political subdivisions regarding the status of projects in local areas

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to form a highly
3 collaborative approach with political subdivisions regarding the status of projects in
4 local areas including communication with state and city officials regarding entities
5 reporting issues to promote the beautification of Louisiana.

6 WHEREAS, local government is an essential part of our multi-tiered system of
7 government in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, silos in government occur when state departments and agencies work
9 independently and do not share information with local areas where projects are being
10 completed; and

11 WHEREAS, state government communication relative to projects occurring in local
12 areas is essential to the functioning of every local governmental entity; and

13 WHEREAS, lack of communication by the Department of Transportation and
14 Development can lead to problems with local citizens being unaware of road changes and
15 ultimately end in a lack of trust for state government; and

16 WHEREAS, the lack of an equitable distribution of and access to information by
17 local governmental subdivisions has prevented these entities from performing the functions
18 of their offices effectively; and

19 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development incorporating
20 meaningful local government and public involvement in each stage of the transportation

1 decision-making process and project lifecycles can only serve to enhance confidence in local
2 projects; and

3 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development needs to not only
4 communicate internally with its staff but also with the relevant partners in the areas where
5 projects are being undertaken; and

6 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission partners and stakeholders
7 recognize the need to coordinate activities and resources to achieve safer transportation
8 outcomes as well as more informed process; and

9 WHEREAS, ultimately, enhanced planning, which includes public meetings and
10 gathering of input, will allow for informed decisions and ensure that information is being
11 appropriately shared with the public; and

12 WHEREAS, reporting the status of projects in local areas to local government
13 leaders is the best way to keep governmental entities aligned and citizens in the loop during
14 the execution of projects; and

15 WHEREAS, the formation of the collaborative approach with political subdivisions
16 and communication with state and city officials will allow local governments and state
17 entities to work together in a cohesive way, all to the benefit of the projects being locally
18 delivered, and will result in less inconvenience for the community; and

19 WHEREAS, additionally advance notice of issues such as water line leaks and
20 pavement around sewer lines results in less inconvenience to the community; and

21 WHEREAS, to advance the beautification of public spaces, state and city officials
22 shall collectively or independently communicate as necessary to efficiently report issues on
23 private or public property to mitigate damages; and

24 WHEREAS, city operations can sometimes need state government intervention to
25 ensure problems are timely resolved; and

26 WHEREAS, the formation of the collaborative approach and the inclusion of
27 communication with state and city officials concerning reporting issues will allow local
28 governments and state entities to work together in a cohesive way to benefit the delivery of
29 projects and will simultaneously result in less inconvenience to the community.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to form a highly
3 collaborative approach with political subdivisions regarding the status of projects in their
4 areas including communication with state and city officials regarding entities reporting
5 issues to promote the beautification of Louisiana.

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

DIGEST

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