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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 136

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

HIGHWAYS: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study road conditions on particular roadways that intersect with United States Highway 61

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the road
3	conditions on particular roadways that intersect with United States Highway 61.
4	WHEREAS, Airline Highway is a major corridor for East Baton Rouge Parish; and
5	WHEREAS, Carrollwood Drive, Belle Point Boulevard, and Belle Terre Boulevard
6	have become concerning intersections due to the accident rates and fatalities; and
7	WHEREAS, St. John Parish is working towards a complete street improvement along
8	Belle Terre Boulevard; and
9	WHEREAS, United States Highway 61 streetscape improvements in St. John the
10	Baptist can go out to bid earlier than expected due to record-breaking funding from the
11	Department of Transportation and Development; and
12	WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development has received
13	funding for streetscape improvements for Airline Highway; and
14	WHEREAS, street improvements are needed on the highway due to it being heavily
15	traveled, old aged, and a main evacuation route in the state; and
16	WHEREAS, Airline Highway is considered as one of the most dangerous
17	intersections in Baton Rouge; and
18	WHEREAS, there are several conflict points along the highway, including red lights
19	which cause motorist to speed to beat the lights which have resulted in collisions; and

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1 WHEREAS, at the beginning of 2023, there was a public open house with the 2 Department of Transportation and Development to discuss the proposed removal of the 3 traffic signals which resulted in only one signal being removed; and 4 WHEREAS, improving this highway will be easier for people to access it as well as 5 for local businesses during lunch hours; and 6 WHEREAS, not only are improvements needed for motorist, but also for pedestrians 7 utilizing the streets; and 8 WHEREAS, Airline Highway consists of schools, senior living homes, and shopping 9 centers which makes it common for traveling by foot to access these locations; and 10 WHEREAS, adding sidewalks, bicycle lanes, and efficient pedestrian call buttons 11 will help alleviate accidents; and 12 WHEREAS, improvements to the highway will improve mobility and greatly reduce 13 the number of severe crashes common to motorists and pedestrians utilizing the busy 14 highway. 15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 16 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the road 17 conditions on particular roadways that intersect with United States Highway 61. 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and 19 Development shall submit a report detailing its findings to the House Committee on 20 Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, 21 Highways, and Public Works by August 1, 2025. 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 23 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

## DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development to study the road conditions on particular roadways that intersect with U.S. Hwy. 61 to improve road conditions and promote safety and submit a written report detailing its findings to the House and Senate transportation committees by Aug. 1, 2025.