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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 261

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

HIGHWAYS: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility of installing flashing warning signals at certain intersections along United States Highway 61

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to study  
3 the feasibility of installing flashing warning signals at certain intersections along  
4 United States Highway 61 and Martin Luther King Drive in Reserve, Louisiana.

5 WHEREAS, United States Highway 61 and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive are vital  
6 corridors in Reserve, Louisiana that carry substantial volumes of vehicular and pedestrian  
7 traffic; and

8 WHEREAS, recent motor vehicle crashes along these routes have resulted in serious  
9 injuries and fatalities which highlight the significant traffic safety concerns; and

10 WHEREAS, reports from the Louisiana State Police document multiple severe  
11 crashes, including fatal multivehicle collisions occurring at these intersections in recent  
12 years; and

13 WHEREAS, traffic safety research and state initiatives demonstrate that flashing  
14 warning signals, such as flashing yellow left-turn arrows, effectively reduce accident rates  
15 by alerting drivers to potential hazards; and

16 WHEREAS, the DOTD continues to prioritize road safety through the modernization  
17 of traffic control devices statewide; and

18 WHEREAS, the DOTD has committed approximately eleven million dollars toward  
19 upgrading one thousand two hundred traffic signals statewide, including the installation of  
20 flashing warning signals proven to reduce traffic collisions; and

1 WHEREAS, flashing warning signals provide dynamic, high-visibility alerts to  
2 drivers, encouraging cautious driving behavior and reducing the likelihood of crashes at  
3 intersections known for hazardous traffic conditions; and

4 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of public safety that the DOTD conduct a  
5 feasibility study to determine the most effective locations and types of flashing warning  
6 signals to install at key intersections along United States Highway 61 and Martin Luther  
7 King Jr. Drive in Reserve, Louisiana.

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and  
10 Development to study the feasibility of installing flashing warning signals at certain  
11 intersections along United States Highway 61 and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Reserve,  
12 Louisiana.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and  
14 Development shall at a minimum include in its feasibility study the intersections of United  
15 States Highway 61 at West 10th Street, United States Highway 61 at West 2nd Street, and  
16 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive at East 13th Street in Reserve, Louisiana.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DOTD shall submit a written report detailing  
18 its findings to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works by  
19 August 1, 2026.

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

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#### DIGEST

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Urges and request the Dept. of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility of installing flashing warning signals at certain intersections along U.S. Hwy. 61 and Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. in Reserve, La. Requires that the department submit a written report detailing its findings to the House transportation committee by Aug. 1, 2026.