

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

BY REPRESENTATIVES WILDER, BOURRIAQUE, BOYER, CHASSION,
DICKERSON, MURRAY, SAWYER, SCHAMERHORN, AND WALTERS AND
SENATOR WHEAT

TRANSPORTATION: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and
Development make certain improvements to Interstate 12 in Livingston Parish

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to implement
3 improvements to Interstate 12 (I-12) in Livingston Parish.

4 WHEREAS, I-12 spans approximately eighty-six miles in the state of Louisiana; and

5 WHEREAS, approximately seventy thousand vehicles per day travel on I-12 in the
6 state making it a vital corridor in Louisiana; and

7 WHEREAS, I-12 serves as a major hurricane evacuation route, economic corridor,
8 and primary interstate for the state; and

9 WHEREAS, there is constant and significant congestion and elevated crash rates on
10 I-12; and

11 WHEREAS, several serious and fatal crashes have occurred on I-12 over the past
12 year; and

13 WHEREAS, on February 13, 2026, a fatal, three-vehicle collision occurred on I-12
14 westbound near the Albany/Springfield exit in Livingston Parish; and

15 WHEREAS, on December 19, 2025, a fatal, two-vehicle collision occurred on I-12
16 in St. Tammany Parish; and

17 WHEREAS, on October 25, 2025, a single-vehicle collision shut down parts of I-12
18 in Livingston Parish for hours; and

19 WHEREAS, on April 25, 2025, a collision claimed the life of a seventy year old
20 resident on I-12, west of the Louisiana Highway 441 exit in Livingston Parish; and

1 WHEREAS, the I-12 and I-55 interchange in Tangipahoa Parish presents ongoing
2 safety concerns due to heavy commercial freight traffic, complex merging patterns, and
3 recurring congestion, which have resulted in serious collisions, overturned freight trucks, and
4 traffic shutdowns; and

5 WHEREAS, recent litigation concerning I-12 has demonstrated that certain median
6 barrier and roadway designs may have impeded natural drainage patterns and contributed
7 to increased flood risk and damages to adjacent properties during major storm events; and

8 WHEREAS, I-12 serves as a critical evacuation and emergency response corridor,
9 and improving its drainage performance and flood resilience presents an opportunity to
10 enhance both public safety and infrastructure reliability during extreme weather events; and

11 WHEREAS, common improvements to interstates typically involve widening
12 projects, interchange reconstruction, asphalt overlays, concrete median protection, and
13 bridge replacements.

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
15 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to implement
16 improvements to I-12 in the parish of Livingston.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
18 Development is urged to incorporate drainage capacity, flood risk reduction, and hydrologic
19 connectivity considerations into any evaluation, design, or improvement of I-12, including
20 the assessment of median barrier permeability, cross-drainage structures, and other measures
21 necessary to ensure that roadway improvements do not exacerbate flooding impacts on
22 surrounding communities.

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

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HCR 69 Engrossed

2026 Regular Session

Wilder

Urges and requests that the Dept. of Transportation and Development implement improvements to I-12 within Livingston Parish.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Add a clause that specifies that recent litigation concerning Interstate 12 has demonstrated that certain median barrier and roadway designs may have impeded natural drainage patterns and contributed to increased flood risk and damages to adjacent properties during major storm events.
2. Add a clause that specifies that Interstate 12 serves as a critical evacuation and emergency response corridor, and improving its drainage performance and flood resilience presents an opportunity to enhance both public safety and infrastructure reliability during extreme weather events.
3. Add a clause that specifies that the Department of Transportation and Development is urged to incorporate drainage capacity, flood risk reduction, and hydrologic connectivity considerations into any evaluation, design, or improvement of Interstate 12, including the assessment of median barrier permeability, cross-drainage structures, and other measures necessary to ensure that roadway improvements do not exacerbate flooding impacts on surrounding communities.