

Regular Session, 2014

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

BY REPRESENTATIVES HENSGENS AND CHAMPAGNE

TRANSPORTATION: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study and make recommendations relative to a hurricane evacuation route for and economic development of a certain portion of La. Highway 330.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a study  
3 and make recommendations relative to a hurricane evacuation route for and  
4 economic development of Louisiana Highway 330, south of Abbeville through  
5 Henry, as well as providing a turning lane at the major economic development site.

6 WHEREAS, the maintenance of roads and highways is of great importance to the  
7 state of Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 330, from the city of Abbeville to the town of  
9 Henry, is a major thoroughfare in the parish of Vermilion, and is in need of significant  
10 maintenance and overlay; and

11 WHEREAS, Vermilion Parish sustained significant flood and wind damage from  
12 Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005, and a hurricane evacuation route is vital to emergency  
13 preparedness; and

14 WHEREAS, providing a turning lane at this site will alleviate congestion and aid in  
15 traffic flow during hurricane evacuation.

16 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
17 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request that the Department of Transportation  
18 and Development conduct a study of Louisiana Highway 330, south of Abbeville through  
19 Henry, and make recommendations regarding a hurricane evacuation route, economic  
20 development, and providing a turning lane at the major economic development site.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study by the Department of Transportation  
2 of Development should consider assessments of the following: (1) all safe and practical  
3 modes of transportation available for evacuations, including contraflow; (2) the extent to  
4 which evacuation plans are coordinated with adjoining jurisdictions; (3) methods of  
5 communicating evacuation plans and preparing citizens in advance of evacuations; (4)  
6 methods of coordinating communication with evacuees during plan execution; (5) the  
7 availability of food, water, restrooms, fueling stations, and shelter opportunities along  
8 evacuation routes; and (6) the time required to evacuate under the plan.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and  
10 Development shall make a written report to the Louisiana House of Representatives detailing  
11 their findings no later than January 1, 2015.

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

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#### DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development to conduct a study and make recommendations relative to a hurricane evacuation route for and economic development of La. Highway 330, south of Abbeville through Henry, as well as providing a turning lane at the major economic development site. Provides that the department shall make a written report to the La. House of Representatives no later than Jan. 1, 2015.