

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVES ORTEGO AND PIERRE

HIGHWAYS: Directs the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a study relative to constructing roundabouts and changing frontage roads adjacent to certain interchanges with interstate highways and urban arterial roads

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To direct the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a study relative to
3 constructing roundabouts and changing frontage roads adjacent to interchanges with
4 interstate roadways and urban arterial roads in Lafayette Parish.

5 WHEREAS, over the past several years there were a high number of traffic accidents
6 at certain interchanges with Interstate 49; and

7 WHEREAS, between 2010 and 2012 there were one hundred forty-eight traffic
8 accidents at the interchange of Pont des Mouton and Interstate 49; and

9 WHEREAS, between 2010 and 2012 there were one hundred forty-two traffic
10 accidents at the interchange of Gloria Switch Road and Interstate 49; and

11 WHEREAS, between 2010 and 2012 there were sixty-one traffic accidents at the
12 interchange of Louisiana Highway 726 and Interstate 49; and

13 WHEREAS, the construction of roundabouts and changes to frontage roads along
14 Interstate 49 at these interchanges will reduce traffic and subsequently traffic accidents; and

15 WHEREAS, the study shall evaluate the feasibility of implementing alternative
16 frontage road concepts; and

17 WHEREAS, the concepts contemplated and evaluated by this study shall include
18 constructing one-way frontage road systems with "diamond" or "x" ramp configurations at
19 interchanges; and

1 WHEREAS, these frontage road systems have been implemented nationwide to
2 reduce daily transportation delays and improve travel speed.

3 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
4 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby direct the Department of Transportation and
5 Development, in consultation with the Lafayette Metropolitan Planning Organization and
6 the Federal Highway Administration, to conduct a study relative to constructing roundabouts
7 and changing frontage roads adjacent to certain interchanges with interstate roadways and
8 urban arterial roads; such study shall include the development of a master plan that includes
9 recommendations on road design, phasing, and landscaping of Interstate 49 exits, frontage
10 roads, and interchanges in Lafayette Parish.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study shall include an examination of other
12 states policies and experiences as it relates to land development, tax impacts, traffic
13 operations, and traffic level of services for each of the alternates considered.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study shall be conducted by the department
15 prior to December 31, 2015, and a written report of its findings be presented to the House
16 Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on
17 Transportation, Highways and Public Works at least thirty days prior to the convening of the
18 2016 Regular Session of the Legislature of Louisiana.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
20 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, the Lafayette Metropolitan
21 Planning Organization, and the Federal Highway Administration.

DIGEST

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