

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 123

BY REPRESENTATIVES ORTEGO AND PIERRE

A RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the study should evaluate the feasibility of implementing alternative frontage road concepts; and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development, in consultation with the Lafayette Metropolitan Planning Organization and

the Federal Highway Administration, to conduct a study relative to constructing roundabouts and changing frontage roads adjacent to certain interchanges with interstate roadways and urban arterial roads; such study should include the development of a master plan that includes recommendations on road design, phasing, and landscaping of Interstate 49 exits, frontage roads, and interchanges in Lafayette Parish.

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

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

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES