

1 WHEREAS, the traffic congestion on Louisiana Highway 30 has made the route
2 inconvenient to motorists traveling in the area and the widening and improvement of the
3 highway in the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, and Iberville would alleviate
4 growing traffic congestion; and

5 WHEREAS, prior to September 30, 2005, two million four hundred three thousand
6 five hundred forty dollars was earmarked for the plan, design, and construction of the Pointe
7 Clair Expressway in Iberville Parish; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 125 of the Department of Transportation Appropriations Act,
9 2016 (Pub. L. No. 114-113, Division L, Title I), provides the authority for a state or territory
10 to repurpose any earmark that was designated on or before September 30, 2005, and is less
11 than ten percent obligated or final vouchered and closed; and

12 WHEREAS, the repurposed funds may be obligated on a new or existing project in
13 the state within fifty miles of the earmark designation and the Consolidated Appropriations
14 Act of 2016 requires the redesignation of these funds occur prior to the end of the 2016
15 federal fiscal year; and

16 WHEREAS, as of December 18, 2015, the total unobligated balance of the earmark
17 project to plan, design, and construct Pointe Clair Expressway in Iberville Parish was two
18 million four hundred three thousand five hundred forty dollars; and

19 WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 30, in the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge,
20 and Iberville, is within the congressional designated fifty-mile radius of the geographical
21 area for which the funding was originally designated; and

22 WHEREAS, in order to receive future participating federal funds, the next step
23 needed for the Louisiana Highway 30 improvements is a Stage I Environmental Study.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
25 direct the Department of Transportation and Development to repurpose congressional funds
26 earmarked for the planning, design, and construction of the Pointe Clair Expressway in
27 Iberville Parish, and to secure the state match of six hundred thousand eight hundred and
28 eighty-five dollars for the planning, design, and construction of the widening of Louisiana
29 Highway 30 by first funding one million five hundred thousand dollars of the three million
30 four thousand four hundred twenty-five dollars in available unobligated funds for the Stage

1 I Environmental Study of widening Louisiana Highway 30 from West Lee Drive/Brightside
2 Lane to United States Highway 61, and subsequently utilizing the remainder to fund the
3 design and construction of needed improvements to the intersection of Louisiana Highway
4 74 and Louisiana Highway 30 in Saint Gabriel, Louisiana.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the redesignation of these funds shall occur prior
6 to the end of the 2016 federal fiscal year as required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act
7 of 2016.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
9 Development shall fund and utilize the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Organization,
10 which includes the parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, and Iberville, to procure and
11 manage the production of the Stage I Environmental Study and once funding is secured, the
12 department shall enter into construction phase contracts for the widening and improvement
13 of any intersection on Louisiana Highway 30 within one year.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this Resolution be transmitted
15 to the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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Directs the Dept. of Transportation and Development to repurpose congressional funds earmarked for the planning, design, and construction of the Pointe Clair Expressway in Iberville Parish for the planning, design, and construction of the widening and improvement of certain portions of La. Hwy. 30.

Requires the redesignation of the earmarked funds occur prior to the end of the 2016 federal fiscal year, as mandated by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016.

Requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development to fund and utilize the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Organization to procure and manage the production of the Stage I Environmental Study.

Requires the Dept. of Transportation and Development enter into construction phase contracts for the widening and improvement of any intersection on La. Hwy. 30 within one year of securing the funding.