

2018 Regular Session

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 9

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ROADS/HIGHWAYS. Extends creation of the Louisiana Supply Chain and Transportation Council.

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To extend the creation, members, and charge of the Louisiana Supply Chain and Transportation Council as provided in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature to study and make recommendations regarding increasing resilience in various modes of transportation through increased communication, collaboration, development of geographic information technologies, and new innovations in transportation resilience.

WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature created the Louisiana Supply Chain and Transportation Council to make recommendations to the legislature relative to improvements in commercial and workforce transportation to assist in making the Louisiana economy more resilient to disaster, and to advise the Department of Transportation and Development on actions necessary to accomplish the following, including any additional recommendations the council may find beneficial:

- (1) Provide advanced geospatial planning and coordination to predict and avoid points of failure and to inform transportation provided in real time of routes likely to remain open during and after a disaster;
- (2) Recommend agreements between providers of different modes of transportation,

1 companies shipping or receiving goods, and public agencies to provide for effective routing
2 of transportation under scenarios;

3 (3) Support funding and resources to increase utilization of technology and new
4 innovations in lessening the risk of closure, including innovation in water, road, and air
5 modes of transportation;

6 (4) Increase effectiveness of relationships among local, state, and federal
7 transportation agencies, providers of transportation, shippers and receivers of goods, and
8 their employees, to ensure constant communication and robust predisaster recovery
9 planning; and

10 WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 of the 2017 Regular Session of
11 the Legislature further mandated submission of a written report and recommendations, no
12 later than February 1, 2018; and

13 WHEREAS, individual members of the council were appointed, an organizational
14 meeting was held where co-chairpersons were elected, and an executive committee was
15 appointed; and

16 WHEREAS, the council met numerous occasions seeking to identify all potential
17 entities available to assist in the gathering of essential data and other resources necessary for
18 preparation of a written report on or before February 1, 2018; and

19 WHEREAS, the magnitude of the mandate charged to the council has become a
20 project of such proportion not envisioned by Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99 of the
21 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature; and

22 WHEREAS, as of its December 11, 2017, meeting, all of the necessary resource
23 entities have been identified and are ready to commence the necessary studies to formulate
24 a written report; and

25 WHEREAS, the council submitted a preliminary report on January 31, 2018,
26 indicating that a final detailed written report cannot be finalized and submitted by February
27 1, 2018; and

28 WHEREAS, the co-chairmen of the council request extension of the creation,
29 members, and charge to the council, all as provided in Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 99
30 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature, and that the council submit a final written

1 report on or before March 1, 2019, to the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House
2 of Representatives, the chairmen of the house and senate committees on transportation,
3 highways, and public works, and the secretary of the Department of Transportation and
4 Development.

5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
6 accept the preliminary report of the council submitted on January 1, 2018.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby extend
8 the creation, members, and charge of the Louisiana Supply Chain and Transportation
9 Council to meet, undertake projects, and make recommendations to the legislature relative
10 to improvements in commercial and workforce transportation to assist in making the
11 Louisiana economy more resilient to disaster, all as provided in Senate Concurrent
12 Resolution No. 99 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall continue to be supported by the
14 Department of Transportation and Development, assisted by the Department of Economic
15 Development, and shall be a public-private partnership including local, state, and federal
16 agencies, private transport and business associations, and quasi-governmental entities such
17 as regional planning districts.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the council shall continue to serve
19 without compensation, except per diem or expense reimbursement to which any member
20 may be individually entitled as a member of their respective organization.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
22 Development shall continue to provide meeting space for all council meetings.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council shall submit a final written report
24 and recommendations, no later than March 1, 2019, to the president of the Senate, the
25 speaker of the House of Representatives, the house and senate committees on transportation,
26 highways, and public works, and the secretary of the Department of Transportation and
27 Development.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
29 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development, the secretary of the
30 Department of Economic Development, the executive director of the office of community

