

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 23

BY SENATOR HARRIS

TRAFFIC. Requests the Lakefront Management Authority to keep the westbound lanes of traffic open on Lakeshore Drive to vehicular traffic and to allow two-way traffic between the Senator Ted Hickey Bridge and Franklin Avenue on weekends.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Lakefront Management Authority to keep the westbound lanes of
3 traffic open on Lakeshore Drive to vehicular traffic and to allow traffic in both
4 directions (eastbound and westbound) between the Senator Ted Hickey Bridge and
5 Franklin Avenue.

6 WHEREAS, the Lakefront Management Authority, hereafter referred to as the
7 "authority", is a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana and the governing authority
8 of the nonflood protection assets within the jurisdiction of the Southeast Louisiana Flood
9 Protection Authority-East; and

10 WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East is established
11 as a levee district pursuant to Article VI, Sections 38 and 38.1 of the Constitution of
12 Louisiana and is operated by a board of commissioners; and

13 WHEREAS, the legislature may appropriate up to five hundred thousand dollars
14 annually to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East from the Coastal
15 Protection and Restoration Fund pursuant to Article VI, Section 38.1(C) of the constitution;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Lakeshore Drive and adjacent parkways and green spaces are part of
18 the nonflood protection assets owned by the authority and under the management, control,

1 regulation, operation, and maintenance of the authority pursuant to R.S. 38:330.12.1; and

2 WHEREAS, for public safety reasons the westbound traffic lanes on Lakeshore
3 Drive for many years have been closed on weekends to vehicular traffic between the Senator
4 Ted Hickey Bridge and Franklin Avenue and on weekends these lanes of traffic have only
5 been available for recreational use by pedestrians, joggers, skaters, and bikers, thus not
6 allowing the use of motorized vehicles; and

7 WHEREAS, in 2014, there were requests from members of the public to open the
8 westbound traffic lanes on Lakeshore Drive on weekends to vehicular traffic between the
9 Senator Ted Hickey Bridge and Franklin Avenue; and

10 WHEREAS, after considering those requests from members of the public, the then
11 Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority, after considering the recommendation
12 of the Recreation/Subdivision Committee authorized the opening on weekends of the
13 westbound lanes of traffic on Lakeshore Drive to vehicular traffic and to allow traffic in both
14 directions (eastbound and westbound) between the Senator Ted Hickey Bridge and Franklin
15 Avenue; and

16 WHEREAS, since the opening on weekends of the westbound lanes of traffic on
17 Lakeshore Drive between the Senator Ted Hickey Bridge and Franklin Avenue, the traffic
18 flow demonstrates a need to keep the westbound lanes of traffic open on Lakeshore Drive
19 on weekends to vehicular traffic without any safety concerns between Senator Ted Hickey
20 Bridge and Franklin Avenue; and

21 WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East shall not
22 interfere in the authority's full corporate powers to manage, control, regulate, operate, and
23 maintain assets within its jurisdiction.

24 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
25 does hereby urge and request the Lakefront Management Authority within its full power to
26 manage, control, regulate, operate, and maintain a nonflood protection asset, pursuant to R.S.
27 38:330.12.1(A) keep the westbound lanes of traffic open on Lakeshore Drive to vehicular
28 traffic and to allow traffic in both directions (eastbound and westbound) between the Senator
29 Ted Hickey Bridge and Franklin Avenue.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the

1 chairman and the executive director of the Lakeshore Management Authority and the
2 president of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East at their respective
3 offices.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

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