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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21

BY REPRESENTATIVE FONTENOT

HIGHWAYS: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study the safety of LA Hwy. 20 and feasibility of adding a shoulder

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request that the Department of Transportation and Development study the road
3	conditions on Louisiana Highway 20 at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 3127
4	in St. James Parish through the Thibodaux city limits and make recommendations
5	on safety improvements, including the feasibility of adding a shoulder.
6	WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 20 at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 3127
7	currently has minimal or no shoulder; and
8	WHEREAS, the narrow two-lane highway has proven to be dangerous as a result of
9	numerous serious bodily injuries and fatalities that have occurred, and it is frequently
10	traveled by bus drivers; and
11	WHEREAS, a school traffic guard was fatally struck in this area while performing
12	work duties as a crossing guard; and
13	WHEREAS, Chackbay Elementary School is located on Louisiana Highway 20; and
14	WHEREAS, numerous head-on collisions have claimed the lives of many individuals
15	traversing this stretch of highway; and
16	WHEREAS, construction replacement of narrow lanes on Louisiana Highway 20
17	bridge in lower St. James and upper Lafourche Parish is underway with a wider, safer one;
18	and
19	WHEREAS, the Bayou Chevreuil Task Force that helped promote widening the
20	Louisiana Highway 20 bridge collected parish and state data that indicated the bridge and
21	highway were well above the state averages for crashes and fatalities; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development is responsible for 2 the upkeep of highways in Louisiana in order to ensure the safety of the citizens of this great 3 state, and enhancing the safety of Louisiana Highway 20 at the intersection of Louisiana 4 Highway 3127 in St. James Parish through Thibodaux city limits is imperative. 5 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 6 urge and request that the Department of Transportation and Development to study the road conditions on Louisiana Highway 20 at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 3127 in St. 7 8 James Parish through the Thibodaux city limits and detail its findings and recommendations 9 for safety improvements, including the feasibility of adding a shoulder. 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation and 11 Development's recommendations shall consider enhancements to the safety of a Louisiana 12 Highway 20 at the intersection of Louisiana Highway 3127 in St. James Parish through the 13 Thibodaux city limits and, at a minimum, shall include the following considerations: 14 (1) The feasibility of adding a shoulder. 15 (2) The cost of the shoulder. 16 (3) The number of accidents that have occurred on the stretch of highway that 17 is the focus of this study, including the number of deaths and the degree of 18 damage sustained in those accidents. 19 (4) The posted speed limits. 20 (5) The portions of the road with and without shoulders. 21 (6) The width of all bridges and the degree and number of curves per mile with 22 special consideration on hills, railroad tracks, and types of crossing guards. 23 (7) The impact of each consideration on the safety of the highway. 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and 25 Development shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Transportation, 26 Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and 27 Public Works detailing its findings and recommendations prior to March 1, 2023.

DIGEST

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Urges and request the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to study the road conditions of LA Hwy. 20 and the feasibility of adding a shoulder to improve safety. Requires the DOTD to submit a written report of its findings to the House and Senate Transportation committees prior to March 1, 2023.