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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 79

BY REPRESENTATIVE ADAMS

HIGHWAYS: Provides for a study of adding a shoulder to Louisiana Highway 19 between north Zachary and the Mississippi state line

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request that the Department of Transportation and Development to study road		
3	conditions on Louisiana Highway 19 between north Zachary in East Baton Rouge		
4	Parish to the Mississippi state line and make recommendations on the feasibility of		
5	adding a shoulder.		
6	WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 19 between north Zachary to the Mississippi state		
7	line is a rural roadway and currently has minimal or no shoulder; and		
8	WHEREAS, the narrow one lane highway is frequently traveled by motorist; and		
9	WHEREAS, the average daily travel on Louisiana Highway 64 to Port Hudson Pride		
10	road in the city of Zachary involves approximately ten thousand vehicles per day; and		
11	WHEREAS, the average daily travel on Port Hudson Pride road in the city of		
12	Zachary to the city of Slaughter involves approximately seven thousand vehicles per day;		
13	and		
14	WHEREAS, the average daily travel in the city of Slaughter to the city of Wilson		
15	involves approximately five thousand vehicles per day; and		
16	WHEREAS, the average daily travel in the city of Wilson to the Mississippi state line		
17	involves approximately three thousand vehicles per day; and		
18	WHEREAS, there is a need for pavement resurfacing or rehabilitation that includes		
19	designing shoulder improvements to Louisiana Highway 19 between north Zachary to the		
20	Mississippi state line; and		

1	WHE	REAS, a shoulder is an important element in roadways and provides a sense	
2	of security enabling all drivers making emergency stops to leave the traveled roadway; and		
3	WHEREAS, a shoulder accommodates stopped vehicles, emergency use, and		
4	provides lateral support of the subbase, base, and pavement; and		
5	WHE	REAS, the current rural roadway conditions are less safe for motorists that	
6	travel Louisia	ana Highway 19 between north Zachary to the Mississippi state line as there is	
7	no structural support for emergency maneuvers; and		
8	WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development is responsible for		
9	the upkeep of highways in Louisiana in order to ensure the safety of the citizens of this great		
10	state, and enhancing the safety of Louisiana Highway 19 between north Zachary to the		
11	Mississippi state line is imperative.		
12	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby		
13	urge and request that the Department of Transportation and Development study the road		
14	conditions on Louisiana Highway 19 between north Zachary through the Mississippi state		
15	line and detail its findings and recommendations for the feasibility of adding a shoulder.		
16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and		
17	Development's recommendations shall consider enhancements to the safety of Louisiana		
18	Highway 19 between north Zachary and the Mississippi state line and, at a minimum, shall		
19	include the following considerations:		
20	(1)	The feasibility of adding a shoulder.	
21	(2)	The cost of the shoulder.	
22	(3)	The number of accidents that have occurred on the stretch of highway that	
23		is the focus of this study, including the number of deaths and the degree of	
24		damage sustained in those accidents.	
25	(4)	The posted speed limits.	
26	(5)	The portions of the road with and without shoulders.	
27	(6)	The width of all bridges and the degree and number of curves per mile with	
28		special consideration on hills, railroad tracks, and types of crossing guards.	
29	(7)	The impact of each consideration on the safety of the highway.	

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
- 2 Development shall submit a written report to the House Committee on Transportation,
- 3 Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and
- 4 Public Works detailing its findings and recommendations prior to March 1, 2023.
- 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
- 6 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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Urges and request the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to study the road conditions of La. Hwy. 19 between north Zachary in East Baton Rouge Parish to the Mississippi state line 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.