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2022 Regular Session

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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

# BY REPRESENTATIVES HODGES AND ROBBY CARTER

HIGHWAYS: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study the practicality and feasibility of designing and utilizing a traffic roundabout at a four-way stop intersection in Livingston Parish

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2	To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the
3	practicality and feasibility of expanding Highway 16 to a four-lane highway from
4	Watson to the St. Helena Parish line, designing and utilizing a traffic roundabout in
5	Livingston Parish at the intersection of Highway 447 Walker Road North and
6	Highway 1025 Arnold Road, and to report its findings to the House and Senate
7	Transportation, Highways and Public Works Committees prior to the convening of
8	2023 Regular Session.
9	WHEREAS, economic growth and increased commercial activity in the Walker area
10	has been most welcomed but unfortunately it has also brought increased traffic congestion;
11	and
12	WHEREAS, the four-way stop at the intersection of Highway 447 Walker Road
13	North and Highway 1025 Arnold Road which was once sufficient to handle the traffic
14	volume with little or no delay for motorist is becoming more congested and there is now a
15	need to relieve vehicular traffic congestions; and
16	WHEREAS, standard four-way stop intersections can become particularly congested
17	increasing frustration and commute time of motorists; and
18	WHEREAS, traffic roundabouts are designed to provide a continuous flow of traffic,
19	thereby decreasing congestion at heavily traveled intersections while increasing traffic
20	efficiency and promoting driver safety; and

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development should aggressively 2 pursue alternative and innovative solutions to traffic congestion at heavily traveled and 3 congested intersections by expanding two-lane highways and designing and utilizing traffic 4 roundabouts as a means to efficiently, safely, and cost effectively eliminate or reduce as 5 much traffic congestion as possible. 6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby 7 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the practicality 8 and feasibility of expanding Highway 16 to a four-lane highway from Watson to the St. 9 Helena Parish line and designing and utilizing a traffic roundabout as an alternative to the 10 four-way stop intersection at Highway 447 Walker Road North and Highway 1025 Arnold 11 Road, and to report its findings to the House and Senate Transportation, Highways and 12 Public Works Committees prior to the convening of the 2023 Regular Session. 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the 14 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

#### **DIGEST**

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Hodges

Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development to study the practicality and feasibility of expanding Hwy. 16 to a four-lane highway from Watson to the St. Helena Parish line and designing and utilizing a traffic roundabout as an alternative to the four-way stop intersection at Hwy. 447 Walker Road North and Hwy. 1025 Arnold Road and to report its findings to the House and Senate Transportation Committees prior to the 2023 R.S.

# Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add the expansion of Hwy. 16 to a four-lane highway from Watson to St. Helena Parish line to the study.