

2022 Regular Session

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

1                                 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           WHEREAS, 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           WHEREAS, the current rural roadway conditions are less safe for motorists that  
6 travel Louisiana 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.

1 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.

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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.