

2025 Regular Session

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 89

BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS

TRAFFIC. Request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the South Claiborne Avenue Development.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the South
3 Claiborne Avenue Link Development project in partnership with the University of
4 New Orleans Transportation Institute.

5 WHEREAS, the South Claiborne Avenue corridor serves as a vital artery for the city
6 of New Orleans, providing access to numerous businesses, schools, churches, and
7 recreational areas; and

8 WHEREAS, there is a critical need to improve accessibility, safety, and economic
9 development opportunities along South Claiborne Avenue through the implementation of
10 sustainable transportation infrastructure; and

11 WHEREAS, the proposed South Claiborne Avenue Link Development project will
12 utilize the neutral ground along South Claiborne Avenue to develop a dedicated bike and
13 pedestrian path, increasing mobility for residents and enhancing connectivity to local
14 businesses and community amenities; and

15 WHEREAS, the first phase of the South Claiborne Avenue Link will extend from the
16 intersection of South Claiborne Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to the
17 intersection of South Claiborne Avenue and Louisiana Avenue, providing a safe and
18 accessible corridor for dozens of businesses and thousands of residents, including children

1 and parents accessing area schools and parks; and

2 WHEREAS, this project has the potential to be a catalyst for broader economic and
3 community development by linking major destinations such as the Superdome and the
4 Smoothie King Center, located within a half-mile of the project area; and

5 WHEREAS, prior to design and construction, a comprehensive planning study is
6 necessary to determine technical specifications, engage local communities, estimate costs
7 and scheduling, identify funding sources, and develop maintenance strategies; and

8 WHEREAS, the University of New Orleans Transportation Institute (UNOTI),
9 recognized by the United States Department of Transportation as Louisiana's only Tier I
10 University Transportation Center, possesses unique qualifications and experience to
11 participate in this study; and

12 WHEREAS, UNOTI has demonstrated its expertise through previous research and
13 community engagement related to bike and pedestrian path development, including
14 successful studies of the Lafitte Greenway and other transformational projects.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislation of Louisiana
16 does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
17 to conduct a planning study for the South Claiborne Avenue Link Development project in
18 partnership with the University of New Orleans Transportation Institute.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this study include a community engagement
20 process, technical assessments, funding strategies, and recommendations for long-term
21 maintenance to ensure the successful implementation of the project.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
23 Development and University of New Orleans Transportation Institute report its findings and
24 recommendations to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works
25 and to the David R. Poynter Legislative Research Library, as required by R.S. 24:771 no
26 later than sixty days prior to the start of the 2026 Regular Session of the Legislature.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Senate Legislative Services. The keyword, summary, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

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