

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to implement improvements to Interstate 12 (I-12) in Livingston Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, and St. Tammany Parish.

WHEREAS, I-12 spans approximately eighty-six miles in the state of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, approximately seventy thousand vehicles per day travel on I-12 in the state making it a vital corridor in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, I-12 serves as a major hurricane evacuation route, economic corridor, and primary interstate for the state; and

WHEREAS, there is constant and significant congestion and elevated crash rates on I-12; and

WHEREAS, several serious and fatal crashes have occurred on I-12 over the past year; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020, a collision claimed the life of a teenager when she lost control of her vehicle and collided with an eighteen-wheeler in St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, a lawsuit was filed in 2021 by her family against the State of Louisiana and the Department of Transportation and Development alleging the cable barrier was defective; and

WHEREAS, on October 10, 2025, a single-vehicle, fatal crash occurred on I-12 eastbound near Essen Lane and Airline Highway in Baton Rouge when a vehicle struck a concrete median resulting in a highway closure for over three hours; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2026, a fatal, three-vehicle collision occurred on I-12 westbound near the Albany/Springfield exit in Livingston Parish; and

WHEREAS, on December 19, 2025, a fatal, two-vehicle collision occurred on I-12 in St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2025, a single-vehicle collision shut down parts of I-12 in Livingston Parish for hours; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2025, a collision claimed the life of a seventy year old resident on I-12, west of the Louisiana Highway 441 exit in Livingston Parish; and

WHEREAS, the I-12 and I-55 interchange in Tangipahoa Parish presents ongoing safety concerns due to heavy commercial freight traffic, complex merging patterns, and recurring congestion, which have resulted in serious collisions, overturned freight trucks, and traffic shutdowns; and

WHEREAS, recent litigation concerning I-12 has demonstrated that certain median barrier and roadway designs may have impeded natural drainage patterns and contributed to increased flood risk and damages to adjacent properties during major storm events; and

WHEREAS, I-12 serves as a critical evacuation and emergency response corridor, and improving its drainage performance and flood resilience presents an opportunity to enhance both public safety and infrastructure reliability during extreme weather events; and

WHEREAS, common improvements to interstates typically involve widening projects, interchange reconstruction, asphalt overlays, concrete median protection, and bridge replacements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to implement improvements to I-12 in the parishes of Livingston, East Baton Rouge, Tangipahoa, and St. Tammany.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development is urged to incorporate drainage capacity, flood risk reduction, and hydrologic connectivity considerations into any evaluation, design, or improvement of I-12, including the assessment of median barrier permeability, cross-drainage structures, and other measures necessary to ensure that roadway improvements do not exacerbate flooding impacts on surrounding communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE