

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 66

BY SENATOR DORSEY-COLOMB

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Requests DOTD to perform a study relative to the increase in the noise decibel levels as a result of the expansion of LA 42 (Burbank Drive) and elsewhere in Baton Rouge.

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to perform a study
3 relative to the increase in the noise decibel levels as a result of the expansion of
4 Louisiana Highway 42, also known as Burbank Drive, and elsewhere in Baton
5 Rouge.

6 WHEREAS, the department has completed an expansion of Louisiana Highway 42,
7 also known as Burbank Drive, between Bluebonnet Boulevard and Siegen Lane in recent
8 years;

9 WHEREAS, the city of Baton Rouge has also completed certain improvements to
10 Louisiana Highway 42 as a part of its Green Light Program plan; and

11 WHEREAS, following completion of these improvements, the noise decibel levels
12 adjacent to Louisiana Highway 42 have increased significantly and severely affected the
13 homeowners in the Lakes at Highland Subdivision as well as other similarly situated
14 residential areas; and

15 WHEREAS, prior to completion of these improvements, there were trees that served
16 as a noise buffer for the Lakes at Highland Subdivision; and

17 WHEREAS, a study needs to be conducted to develop recommendations on how to
18 address minimizing the noise levels affecting residents living adjacent to Louisiana Highway

1 42.

2 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana
3 does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to perform
4 a study relative to the increase in noise decibel levels as a result of the expansion of
5 Louisiana Highway 42, also known as Burbank Drive, and elsewhere in Baton Rouge and
6 to work with the city of Baton Rouge to develop recommendations on how to address
7 minimizing the noise levels affecting residents living adjacent to Louisiana Highway 42.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department shall submit a written report of
9 its findings and recommendations to the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana not later than
10 April 1, 2015.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
12 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development and to the mayor -president
13 of the city of Baton Rouge and parish of East Baton Rouge.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

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Requests DOTD to perform a study relative to the increase in noise decibel levels as a result of the expansion of LA 42, also known as Burbank Drive, and elsewhere in Baton Rouge and to work with the city of Baton Rouge to develop recommendations on how to address minimizing the noise levels affecting residents living adjacent to LA 42. Requests written report of findings and recommendations to the Senate not later than April 1, 2015.