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HR 188 Engrossed

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development to repurpose congressional funds earmarked for the planning, design, and construction of the Pointe Clair Expressway in Iberville Parish for the planning, design, and construction of the widening and improvement of certain portions of La. Hwy. 30.

Provides that the redesignation of the earmarked funds should occur prior to the end of the 2016 federal fiscal year, as mandated by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016.

Provides that the Dept. of Transportation and Development should fund and utilize the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Organization to procure and manage the production of the Stage I Environmental Study.

Provides that the Dept. of Transportation and Development should enter into construction phase contracts for the widening and improvement of any intersection on La. Hwy. 30 within one year of securing the funding.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Transportation</u>, <u>Highways and</u> Public Works to the original bill:

- 1. Urge and request the Dept. of Transportation and Development to repurpose the congressional funds earmarked for the planning, design, and construction of the Pointe Clair Expressway and utilize the funds for the widening and improvement of La. Hwy. 30 instead of directing the Dept. of Transportation and Development to repurpose the earmarked congressional funds for the widening and improvement of La. Hwy 30.
- 2. Clarify that the potential redirection of these earmarked funds does not diminish the importance of the Pointe Clair Expressway project.
- 3. Make technical changes.