

1 present difficulties, and how to add an evaculane and a high-occupancy vehicle lane to the
2 current spillway project as well as other evacuation routes; and

3 WHEREAS, evaculanes are designed to move traffic quickly prior to or during a
4 catastrophic event by increasing capacity; and

5 WHEREAS, feasibility and costs for improving contraflow options and the ability
6 to coordinate among parties are necessary to improving a successful evacuation plan; and

7 WHEREAS, the cost of bridge repairs and the ability to expedite repairs on the
8 Highway 90 St. Tammany Parish evacuation route is unknown; and

9 WHEREAS, sirens are effective at notifying the public of impending danger,
10 including natural or manmade disasters; and

11 WHEREAS, an additional benefit to Louisiana residents includes alternative safety
12 systems such as sirens near at-risk populations to warn of impending disasters and prompt
13 citizens to listen to local radio or television stations for emergency messages; and

14 WHEREAS, the state would benefit from a study that considers the following:

- 15 (1) The immediate implementation of a seamless plan for contraflow.
- 16 (2) The implementation and oversight of siren systems.
- 17 (3) The impact of the lack of siren systems.
- 18 (4) Other safety measures to mitigate hazardous conditions.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
20 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to work with
21 representatives from local political subdivisions and the Louisiana Task Force on Contraflow
22 and Sirens to study contraflow in the state of Louisiana, the implementation of alternative
23 safety mechanisms to alert residents of impending danger, and other safety measures to
24 mitigate hazardous conditions.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include the needs resulting from
26 contraflow implementation; such as, bottlenecks, bridges, existing construction that could
27 present difficulties, and how to add an evaculane to relevant evacuation routes and a high-
28 occupancy vehicle lane to the current spillway project.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall consider the cost of bridge repairs
30 and the ability to expedite repairs on the Highway 90 evacuation route.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall culminate with the Department
2 of Transportation and Development providing a written report of its findings to the House
3 Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, the Senate Committee on
4 Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, and the Louisiana Task Force on Contraflow
5 and Sirens by February 1, 2024.

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

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development work with representatives from local political subdivisions and the La. Task Force on Contraflow and Sirens to study contraflow procedures, evaculanes, and siren systems used for natural and manmade disasters. Requires the department to provide a written report detailing its findings to the House and Senate transportation committees and the La. Task Force on Contraflow and Sirens by Feb. 1, 2024.