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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 260

BY REPRESENTATIVE TAYLOR

HIGHWAYS: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to evaluate and install pedestrian crosswalks at certain intersections along United States Highway 61

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to
3 evaluate and install pedestrian crosswalks at certain intersections along United States
4 Highway 61 to improve road conditions and promote safety.

5 WHEREAS, Airline Highway is a major corridor for St. John the Baptist Parish; and

6 WHEREAS, intersections at Carrollwood Drive, Belle Point Boulevard, and Belle
7 Terre Boulevard in LaPlace have become concerning due to high accident rates and
8 fatalities; and

9 WHEREAS, St. John Parish is actively pursuing complete street improvements along
10 Belle Terre Boulevard; and

11 WHEREAS, streetscape improvements for United States Highway 61 in St. John the
12 Baptist Parish may be put out to bid earlier than expected, thanks to record-breaking funding
13 from the DOTD; and

14 WHEREAS, the DOTD has secured funding for streetscape improvements along
15 Airline Highway in St. John the Baptist Parish; and

16 WHEREAS, improvements are urgently needed on Airline Highway because it is a
17 heavily traveled, aging route and serves as a primary evacuation corridor in the state; and

18 WHEREAS, Airline Highway is considered one of the most dangerous thoroughfares
19 in the LaPlace area; and

1 WHEREAS, numerous conflict points exist along the highway, including traffic
2 signals that encourage motorists to speed to beat the lights, contributing to collisions; and

3 WHEREAS, in early 2023, a public open house with the DOTD was held to discuss
4 the proposed removal of certain traffic signals, resulting in the removal of only one signal;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, improving Airline Highway will facilitate better access for motorists
7 and local businesses, especially during peak hours such as lunch; and

8 WHEREAS, street improvements are necessary not only for motorists but also for
9 pedestrians who frequently travel along the highway; and

10 WHEREAS, located along Airline Highway are schools, senior living facilities, and
11 shopping centers in LaPlace, creating significant pedestrian traffic; and

12 WHEREAS, pedestrian safety improvements, including the addition of clearly
13 marked crosswalks and enhanced pedestrian signalization, are essential to reduce accidents
14 and protect vulnerable users; and

15 WHEREAS, the installation of well-designed pedestrian crosswalks with appropriate
16 signage and signal timing will improve safety and mobility for pedestrians along Airline
17 Highway.

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
19 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and
20 Development to evaluate and install pedestrian crosswalks at certain intersections along
21 United States Highway 61 to improve road conditions and promote safety.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
23 Development shall at a minimum include in its evaluation the intersections of United States
24 Highway 61 at Carrollwood Drive, United States Highway 61 at Belle Point Boulevard, and
25 United States Highway 61 at Belle Terre Boulevard in LaPlace, Louisiana.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DOTD shall submit a written report detailing
27 its findings to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works by
28 August 1, 2026.

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

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development to evaluate and install pedestrian crosswalks at certain intersections along U.S. Hwy. 61 to improve road conditions and promote safety. Requires the department submit a written report detailing its findings to the House transportation committee by Aug. 1, 2026.