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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 315

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

HIGHWAYS/INTERSTATE: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study the benefits of implementing the D.R.I.V.E. Initiative (Department of Transportation and Development's Responsibility for Interstate 12 Vitality and Efficiency) for major improvements to the shoulders and capacity of the Interstate 12 and Interstate 55 Interchange

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to study
3 the benefits of implementing the D.R.I.V.E. Initiative (DOTD's Responsibility for
4 Interstate 12 Vitality and Efficiency), including major improvements to the shoulders
5 and capacity of Interstate 12 (I-12) and Interstate 55 (I-55) Interchange, and to
6 develop a comprehensive, shovel-ready plan that addresses safety, congestion, and
7 regional connectivity.

8 WHEREAS, I-12 serves as a critical corridor for both daily commuters and
9 commercial traffic throughout southeastern Louisiana; and

10 WHEREAS, as our region continues to grow, so does the pressure on I-12 with
11 traffic volumes increasing steadily and leading to frequent slowdowns, dangerous
12 bottlenecks, and limited access for first responders during emergencies; and

13 WHEREAS, the limited shoulders and constrained capacity of I-12 present persistent
14 safety risks, increase emergency response times, and hinder the efficiency of traffic flow
15 during peak hours and major incidents; and

16 WHEREAS, wider shoulders would help clear wrecks faster, reduce secondary
17 crashes, provide safer space for emergency stops, and give our state flexibility to meet future
18 traffic demands; and

1 WHEREAS, strategic improvements to I-12, including its shoulders and
2 interchanges, are essential to accommodate current and future transportation demands,
3 enhance motorist safety, and foster continued economic growth; and

4 WHEREAS, the interchange between I-12 and I-55 is a critical junction in
5 Louisiana's highway network and would benefit from targeted upgrades to improve traffic
6 movement and overall system reliability; and

7 WHEREAS, the D.R.I.V.E. Initiative seeks to address these longstanding
8 transportation challenges through proactive planning and investment in high-impact
9 infrastructure improvements; and

10 WHEREAS, as part of the D.R.I.V.E. Initiative, a comprehensive approach to
11 improving I-12 should include efforts to study the efficacy and possible removal of ramp
12 metering devices to eliminate unnecessary lane restrictions and evaluate the impact of
13 on-ramp surveillance cameras, which may impede traffic flow and diminish public
14 confidence in transportation infrastructure; and

15 WHEREAS, implementing the D.R.I.V.E. Initiative will establish the DOTD's
16 responsibility for I-12's vitality and efficiency through a transformative investment in
17 infrastructure, including the I-12 and I-55 Interchange which is a key junction critical to
18 regional transportation and commerce.

19 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
20 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and
21 Development to study the benefits of implementing the D.R.I.V.E. Initiative (DOTD's
22 Responsibility for Interstate 12 Vitality and Efficiency) including major improvements to
23 the shoulders, to develop a comprehensive and shovel-ready plan that addresses
24 long-standing safety concerns, reduces congestion, and supports regional growth, including
25 improvements to the I-12 and I-55 Interchange.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
27 Development shall submit a written report detailing its findings to the House Committee on
28 Transportation, Highways and Public Works by 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 (DOTD) to study the benefits of implementing the D.R.I.V.E. Initiative (DOTD's Responsibility for Interstate 12 (I-12) Vitality and Efficiency) including major improvements to the shoulders and capacity of I-12, to develop a comprehensive and shovel-ready plan that addresses long-standing safety concerns, reduces congestion, and supports regional growth, including improvements to the I-12 and I-55 Interchange. Requires the DOTD submit a written report detailing its findings to the House transportation committee by Aug. 1, 2026.