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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 340

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHASSION

TRANSPORTATION: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility of installing more safety measures and implementing new infrastructure on certain portions of Louisiana Highway 182

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the
3 feasibility of installing road safety measures and constructing new infrastructure,
4 including pedestrian crosswalks, an overpass, flashing warning signals, and more
5 visible road surface markings from Interstate 10 (I-10) and Interstate 49 (I-49) on
6 Louisiana Highway 182 (LA-182) to the intersection of East Pinhook Road.

7 WHEREAS, street improvements are necessary not only for motorists but also for
8 pedestrians who frequently travel along LA-182 and the East Pinhook Road intersection; and

9 WHEREAS, the National Association of City Transportation Officials recommends
10 the use of crosswalks on streets with higher volumes, higher speeds, or more lanes; and

11 WHEREAS, marked crosswalks and pedestrian warning signs can improve safety
12 for pedestrians crossing the road, but alone may not be sufficient for drivers to visibly locate
13 crossing locations to yield to pedestrians; and

14 WHEREAS, to improve the safety of crosswalks, the Federal Highway
15 Administration (FHWA) suggests enhancing visibility of the crosswalks, installation of
16 lighting, and sign and pavement markings; and

17 WHEREAS, according to the FHWA, the installation of rectangular rapid flashing
18 beacons enhance pedestrian conspicuity and increase driver awareness at crosswalks; and

19 WHEREAS, the FHWA reports that approximately a quarter of traffic fatalities and
20 a half of all traffic injuries in the United States occur at intersections; and

1 WHEREAS, according to the Texas A&M Transportation Institute, grade separation
2 through the use of overpasses on areas with high volume traffic relieves congestion and
3 improves safety for pedestrians and drivers; and

4 WHEREAS, LA-182 is a major corridor in Lafayette Parish, with approximately
5 seventy thousand drivers on the highway per day; and

6 WHEREAS, located along LA-182 are hotels, businesses, restaurants, churches, and
7 shopping centers, creating significant pedestrian traffic; and

8 WHEREAS, there are currently no crosswalks, flashing warning signals, or visible
9 road surface markings along LA-182 near I-49 and I-10; and

10 WHEREAS, according to The Current, a non-profit news organization serving
11 Lafayette, the list of pedestrian and bike-rider deaths is substantial on LA-182; and

12 WHEREAS, the Center for Analytics and Research in Transportation Safety's data
13 on Lafayette reports that there was a one hundred sixty-eight percent increase in fatal or
14 serious injury accidents from 2019 to 2023; and

15 WHEREAS, beginning in January 2025, the Department of Transportation and
16 Development began a rehabilitation project on the section of LA-182 from the railroad
17 junction to the I-10 and I-49 Interchange; and

18 WHEREAS, this project does not include improvements related to pedestrian safety;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, according to The Daily Advertiser, a newspaper in Lafayette, fifty-four
21 car accidents occurred on West Pinhook Road over the course of eighteen months; and

22 WHEREAS, the current road surface markings at the intersection of LA-182 and East
23 Pinhook Road are faded and barely visible; and

24 WHEREAS, there are no flashing warning signals or other signage at the intersection
25 of LA-182; and

26 WHEREAS, the installation of well-designed pedestrian crosswalks with appropriate
27 signage and signal timing will improve safety and mobility for pedestrians along LA-182
28 near I-49 and I-10; and

29 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
30 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and

1 Development to study the feasibility of installing road safety measures and constructing new
2 infrastructure, including pedestrian crosswalks, an overpass, flashing warning signals, and
3 more visible road surface markings from I-10 and I-49 on LA-182 to the intersection of East
4 Pinhook Road.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
6 Development shall submit a written report detailing its findings to the House Committee on
7 Transportation, Highways and Public Works by August 1, 2026.

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

DIGEST

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