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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 207

BY REPRESENTATIVE DICKERSON

HIGHWAYS: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a traffic study to evaluate adding turn lanes onto Louisiana Highway 1024

1 A RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to conduct a traffic
3 study to evaluate the benefits and feasibility of adding turn lanes onto Louisiana
4 Highway 1024.

5 WHEREAS, according to the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission, turns at
6 intersections can cause delays and decrease safety; and

7 WHEREAS, the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission recommends installation
8 of dedicated left-turn and right-turn lanes, deceleration and acceleration lanes, and space to
9 handle turning traffic away from the through traffic will improve delays and increase safety
10 and efficiency; and

11 WHEREAS, installing turn lanes can significantly improve intersections; and

12 WHEREAS, common reasons for installing turn lanes are:

13 (1) Rates of speeds are too high to turn safely onto or away from a roadway.

14 (2) Patterns of rear-end, sideswipe, or weaving crashes when through vehicles
15 conflict with turning vehicles.

16 (3) Drivers have extended wait times to make a turn.

17 (4) A higher number of turning vehicles.

18 WHEREAS, improper turning and a lack of dedicated turn lanes cause a significant
19 portion of United States traffic accidents, with roughly 1.7 million crashes annually; and

1 WHEREAS, intersections without dedicated left turn lanes are highly dangerous and
2 installing them can reduce total intersection accidents by approximately twenty to seventy-
3 six percent, depending on the roadway.

4 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
5 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and
6 Development to conduct a traffic study to evaluate the benefits and feasibility of adding turn
7 lanes onto Louisiana Highway 1024.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
9 Development shall submit a written report detailing its findings for the benefits and
10 feasibility of adding turn lanes onto Louisiana Highway 1024 to the House Committee on
11 Transportation, Highways and Public Works prior to January 1, 2027.

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

DIGEST

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Urges and requests that the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) study the benefits and feasibility of adding turn lanes onto La. Hwy. 1024. Requires the DOTD submit a written report detailing its findings to the House transportation committee before Jan. 1, 2027.