

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69

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TRANSPORTATION: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development make certain improvements to Interstate 12 in certain parishes

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to implement  
3 improvements to Interstate 12 (I-12) in Livingston Parish, East Baton Rouge Parish,  
4 Tangipahoa Parish, and St. Tammany Parish.

5 WHEREAS, I-12 spans approximately eighty-six miles in the state of Louisiana; and

6 WHEREAS, approximately seventy thousand vehicles per day travel on I-12 in the  
7 state making it a vital corridor in Louisiana; and

8 WHEREAS, I-12 serves as a major hurricane evacuation route, economic corridor,  
9 and primary interstate for the state; and

10 WHEREAS, there is constant and significant congestion and elevated crash rates on  
11 I-12; and

12 WHEREAS, several serious and fatal crashes have occurred on I-12 over the past  
13 year; and

14 WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020, a collision claimed the life of a teenager when  
15 she lost control of her vehicle and collided with an eighteen-wheeler in St. Tammany Parish;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, a lawsuit was filed in 2021 by her family against the State of Louisiana  
18 and the Department of Transportation and Development alleging the cable barrier was  
19 defective; and

1           WHEREAS, on October 10, 2025, a single-vehicle, fatal crash occurred on I-12  
2 eastbound near Essen Lane and Airline Highway in Baton Rouge when a vehicle struck a  
3 concrete median resulting in a highway closure for over three hours; and

4           WHEREAS, on February 13, 2026, a fatal, three-vehicle collision occurred on I-12  
5 westbound near the Albany/Springfield exit in Livingston Parish; and

6           WHEREAS, on December 19, 2025, a fatal, two-vehicle collision occurred on I-12  
7 in St. Tammany Parish; and

8           WHEREAS, on October 25, 2025, a single-vehicle collision shut down parts of I-12  
9 in Livingston Parish for hours; and

10          WHEREAS, on April 25, 2025, a collision claimed the life of a seventy year old  
11 resident on I-12, west of the Louisiana Highway 441 exit in Livingston Parish; and

12          WHEREAS, the I-12 and I-55 interchange in Tangipahoa Parish presents ongoing  
13 safety concerns due to heavy commercial freight traffic, complex merging patterns, and  
14 recurring congestion, which have resulted in serious collisions, overturned freight trucks, and  
15 traffic shutdowns; and

16          WHEREAS, recent litigation concerning I-12 has demonstrated that certain median  
17 barrier and roadway designs may have impeded natural drainage patterns and contributed  
18 to increased flood risk and damages to adjacent properties during major storm events; and

19          WHEREAS, I-12 serves as a critical evacuation and emergency response corridor,  
20 and improving its drainage performance and flood resilience presents an opportunity to  
21 enhance both public safety and infrastructure reliability during extreme weather events; and

22          WHEREAS, common improvements to interstates typically involve widening  
23 projects, interchange reconstruction, asphalt overlays, concrete median protection, and  
24 bridge replacements.

25          THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
26 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to implement  
27 improvements to I-12 in the parishes of Livingston, East Baton Rouge, Tangipahoa, and St.  
28 Tammany.

29          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and  
30 Development is urged to incorporate drainage capacity, flood risk reduction, and hydrologic

1 connectivity considerations into any evaluation, design, or improvement of I-12, including  
2 the assessment of median barrier permeability, cross-drainage structures, and other measures  
3 necessary to ensure that roadway improvements do not exacerbate flooding impacts on  
4 surrounding communities.

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

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### DIGEST

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Urges and requests that the Department of Transportation and Development implement improvements to Interstate 12 within certain parishes in Louisiana.

#### Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill:

1. Add a clause that specifies that recent litigation concerning Interstate 12 has demonstrated that certain median barrier and roadway designs may have impeded natural drainage patterns and contributed to increased flood risk and damages to adjacent properties during major storm events.
2. Add a clause that specifies that Interstate 12 serves as a critical evacuation and emergency response corridor, and improving its drainage performance and flood resilience presents an opportunity to enhance both public safety and infrastructure reliability during extreme weather events.
3. Add a clause that specifies that the Department of Transportation and Development is urged to incorporate drainage capacity, flood risk reduction, and hydrologic connectivity considerations into any evaluation, design, or improvement of Interstate 12, including the assessment of median barrier permeability, cross-drainage structures, and other measures necessary to ensure that roadway improvements do not exacerbate flooding impacts on surrounding communities.

#### The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Add the parishes of East Baton Rouge, Tangipahoa, and St. Tammany to the areas requesting improvements to Interstate 12.
2. Add clauses that detail a fatal vehicle collision in St. Tammany Parish on Interstate 12 and an associated lawsuit against the state of Louisiana and the Department of Transportation and Development alleging the cable barrier was defective.

3. Add a clause that details a fatal vehicle collision in East Baton Rouge Parish on Interstate 12 that caused a highway closure for over three hours.