

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 60

BY REPRESENTATIVES MCMAKIN, BAYHAM, BERAULT, BILLINGS, CARRIER, CARVER, EGAN, RISER, SAWYER, WRIGHT, AND WYBLE AND SENATORS EDMONDS, FOIL, HENRY, HODGES, MCMATH, MIGUEZ, MIZELL, AND SEABAUGH

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the merging lanes of I-12 present persistent safety risks, increase emergency response times, and hinder the efficiency of traffic flow during peak hours and major incidents; and

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

WHEREAS, I-12 traverses through the following House districts: (1) sixty-eight, Representative Don Wallace McMakin, (2) sixty-nine, Representative Paul Sawyer, (3) one hundred and one, Representative Vanessa Caston LaFleur, (4) sixty-six, Representative Chenevert, (5) sixty-five, Representative Lauren Ventrella, (6) seventy-one, Representative Roger William Wilder III, (7) ninety-five, Representative Shane Mack, (8) seventy-three, Representative Kimberly Landry Coates, (9) seventy-two, Representative Robby Carter, (10) eighty-six, Representative Nicholas Muscarello, (11) seventy-seven, Representative Mark Wright, (12) eighty-nine, Representative Kim Carver, (13) one hundred and four, Representative Jack "Jay" William Gallé, Jr., (14) ninety, Representative Brian Leonard Glorioso, and (15) seventy-six, Representative Stephanie H. Berault; and the following Senate districts: (1) sixteen, Senator Franklin J. Foil, (2) fifteen, Senator Regina Barrow, (3) six, Senator Rick Edmonds, (4) thirteen, Senator Valerie Hodges, (5) thirty-seven, Senator William "Bill" Wheat, Jr., (6) eleven, Senator Patrick McMath, and (7) one, Senator Robert "Bob" Owen.

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

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the benefits of implementing the D.R.I.V.E. Initiative (DOTD's Responsibility for Interstate 12 Vitality and Efficiency) including major improvements to the merging lanes and 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of the D.R.I.V.E. Initiative, a comprehensive approach to improving I-12 should include efforts to study the effectiveness and possible removal of ramp metering devices to eliminate unnecessary lane restrictions and evaluate the impact of on-ramp surveillance cameras, which may impede traffic flow and diminish public confidence in transportation infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DOTD shall submit updates via email once a quarter to each representative and senator of the districts encompassing I-12.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the DOTD shall submit a written report detailing its findings to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works prior to August 1, 2027.

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

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE