2018 Second Extraordinary Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 48

BY REPRESENTATIVE GLOVER

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Urges and requests coordination and public dialogue between the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and parties interested in the North Market Street corridor

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to create a public
3	input process to discuss the impact that completion of the Interstate 49 North priority
4	project will have on the North Market Street Corridor.
5	WHEREAS, after decades of effort, the Interstate 49 North expansion, which is one
6	of Louisiana's high priority projects, is advancing towards completion; and
7	WHEREAS, completion of the Interstate 49 North project will yield opportunities,
8	but also present challenges for the Shreveport area and the North Market Corridor in
9	particular; and
10	WHEREAS, the past has taught local residents many tough lessons, most
11	importantly, that the advancement of infrastructure is not free and that the decisions made
12	now will affect the local community far into the future; and
13	WHEREAS, the North Market Street corridor will experience an increase in traffic
14	as a result of the project completion and creative solutions are necessary to alleviate the
15	potential negative effects and enhance the positive impacts that the project will have on the
16	North Market Street Corridor; and
17	WHEREAS, despite ongoing discussions of the Interstate 49 Inner City Connector,
18	it may take decades to generate the funding required for the construction of the project; and

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WHEREAS, there are a growing number of citizens who believe that constructing elevated interstate highways through urban cores of our cities were mistakes of the past and should not be repeated; and

WHEREAS, research is necessary and creative solutions must be presented that will
mitigate traffic, improve infrastructure, generate economic benefits, and increase the
property value of those who reside in and around North Shreveport and the downtown
Shreveport areas; and

8 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development should strategize 9 with all relevant partners in the community on how to best leverage a solution that inures to 10 the benefit of residents in the area; and

WHEREAS, this strategy should engage community stakeholders with relevant
information on how to stimulate growth of the community and it should also contemplate
efforts to minimize negative impacts on the local community; and

WHEREAS, foresight and strategic planning may result in a more economicallyviable and locally beneficial solution; and

16 WHEREAS, members of the local community that will be directly affected by the 17 Interstate 49 North improvements deserve true community engagement and want to 18 contribute to improving the area in a way that is meaningful and minimally intrusive to long 19 standing residents.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to create a public input process that includes dialogue with local public officials, local Shreveport residents, commercial and industrial district representatives, educational institutions, and relevant or interested stakeholders and results in potential strategies that will minimize the negative and maximize the positive impact on the North Market Corridor as a result of the Interstate 49 North project completion.

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

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development to create a public input process that results in dialogue between local public officials, local Shreveport residents, commercial and industrial district representatives, educational institutions, and relevant or interested stakeholders to address the impact of the Interstate 49 North project on the North Market Corridor.