

2022 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19

BY REPRESENTATIVES HODGES AND ROBBY CARTER

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the practicality and feasibility of expanding Highway 16 to a four-lane highway from Watson to the St. Helena Parish line, designing and utilizing a traffic roundabout in Livingston Parish at the intersection of Highway 447 Walker Road North and Highway 1025 Arnold Road, and to report its findings to the House and Senate Transportation, Highways and Public Works Committees prior to the convening of 2023 Regular Session.

WHEREAS, economic growth and increased commercial activity in the Walker area has been most welcomed but unfortunately it has also brought increased traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the four-way stop at the intersection of Highway 447 Walker Road North and Highway 1025 Arnold Road which was once sufficient to handle the traffic volume with little or no delay for motorist is becoming more congested and there is now a need to relieve vehicular traffic congestions; and

WHEREAS, standard four-way stop intersections can become particularly congested increasing frustration and commute time of motorists; and

WHEREAS, traffic roundabouts are designed to provide a continuous flow of traffic, thereby decreasing congestion at heavily traveled intersections while increasing traffic efficiency and promoting driver safety; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development should aggressively pursue alternative and innovative solutions to traffic congestion at heavily traveled and congested intersections by expanding two-lane highways and designing and utilizing traffic

roundabouts as a means to efficiently, safely, and cost effectively eliminate or reduce as much traffic congestion as possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the practicality and feasibility of expanding Highway 16 to a four-lane highway from Watson to the St. Helena Parish line and designing and utilizing a traffic roundabout as an alternative to the four-way stop intersection at Highway 447 Walker Road North and Highway 1025 Arnold Road, and to report its findings to the House and Senate Transportation, Highways and Public Works Committees prior to the convening of the 2023 Regular Session.

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