

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

BY SENATOR HODGES

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to review the feasibility of widening Louisiana Highway 16 to four lanes from Louisiana Highway 1019 to Louisiana Highway 1022.

WHEREAS, the World Population Review reported Livingston Parish's population increased eleven out of the twelve years from 2010 to 2022, and experienced its largest annual population increase of more than two percent between 2020 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, Denham Springs is currently growing at an accelerated rate and its population has increased since the most recent census; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments strive to protect motorists and enhance safety on roads, streets, and highways of the state, particularly those which experience an increased volume of traffic; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 16 decreases from four lanes to two lanes on the north side of the overpass of Louisiana Highway 1019; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 16 runs north to south and is adjacent to Live Oak High School and the Live Oak Sports Complex, as well as providing a throughway to North Live Oak Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, this section of highway experiences heavy traffic congestion for the city and parish and is further exacerbated by motorists attempting to make left hand turns from Louisiana Highway 16; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Highway 16 is heavily traveled and widening the highway from two lanes to four lanes from Louisiana Highway 1019 to Louisiana Highway 1022 may alleviate traffic congestion and provide easier and safer travel to motorists.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to review the feasibility of widening Louisiana Highway 16 from two lanes to four lanes from Louisiana Highway 1019 to Louisiana Highway 1022 in Livingston Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development shall consider traffic patterns, traffic volume, traffic speed, road features including curves and visibility, and whether fewer forms of traffic control would be effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and Development shall report its findings to the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, the senator representing Senate District 13, and the Poynter Legislative Research Library before February 1, 2025.

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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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES