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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the feasibility and take appropriate steps to add a third lane to the Interstate 10 (I-10) East off-ramp on Siegen Lane in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to improve traffic flow and enhance public safety.

WHEREAS, the Siegen Lane interchange in East Baton Rouge Parish is one of the most heavily traveled access points along I-10, regularly experiencing traffic backups, especially during morning and evening peak hours; and

WHEREAS, the I-10 East off-ramp on Siegen Lane currently consists of one lane that opens into two lanes as it joins the access road coming from the Mall of Louisiana, and then expands to five lanes at the signal-two turning northbound onto Siegen Lane, one continuing straight to the I-10 East on-ramp, and two turning southbound onto Siegen Lane; and

WHEREAS, despite the lane expansions near the signal, the limited capacity of the ramp's initial segment contributes to significant congestion, particularly at the point of transition from the interstate to the access roads; and

WHEREAS, the persistent congestion at this location not only delays commuters and commercial vehicles but also increases the likelihood of traffic incidents and hinders emergency response times; and

WHEREAS, the current two-lane ramp can no longer accommodate the high traffic demand, contributing to inefficient flow and creating ongoing safety hazards for drivers; and

1 WHEREAS, the addition of a third lane at this interchange could significantly ease
2 traffic congestion, allow for safer lane transitions, and improve overall driving conditions
3 for the thousands of motorists who rely on this corridor daily; and

4 WHEREAS, strategic investment in critical transportation infrastructure such as the
5 I-10 East off-ramp at the Siegen Lane interchange is consistent with the Department of
6 Transportation and Development's mission to enhance the safety, reliability, and efficiency
7 of Louisiana's roadway network for all users; and

8 WHEREAS, the timely improvement of traffic conditions and safety measures at the
9 I-10 East off-ramp on Siegen Lane is essential to promoting economic vitality, protecting
10 the health and safety of the public, and maintaining a transportation infrastructure capable
11 of accommodating the current and future needs of the state of Louisiana.

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
13 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to study the potential
14 of expanding the I-10 East off-ramp on Siegen Lane by adding a third lane to improve traffic
15 flow and enhance public safety.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
17 Development shall submit a report summarizing its findings on the benefits of expanding the
18 I-10 East off-ramp on Siegen Lane by adding a third lane to improve traffic flow and
19 enhance public safety to the House and Senate Committees on Transportation, Highways and
20 Public Works by August 1, 2026.

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

DIGEST

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Urge and request the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to study the potential of expanding the I-10 ramp East off-ramp on Siegen Lane by adding a third lane to improve traffic flow and enhance public safety. Requires the DOTD to submit a report summarizing its findings to the House and Senate committees on transportation by Aug. 1, 2026.