A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to convert the inside shoulder of Interstate 12 between the interchange of Interstate 10 and Interstate 12 in East Baton Rouge Parish and its interchange at Louisiana Highway 447 (Exit 15) near Walker, Louisiana, in Livingston Parish, to a travel lane.

WHEREAS, motorists on Interstate 12 between Walker, Louisiana, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, experience heavy traffic and congestion on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 12 is a major east-west traffic corridor; and

WHEREAS, daily traffic counts on Interstate 12 continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, the department should give particular consideration to conversion of the inside shoulder of this portion of Interstate 12 to a travel lane during high peak, weekday commuter hours from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, conversion of the inside shoulder of this portion of Interstate 12 to a travel lane would provide additional traffic capacity at minimal costs to relieve traffic congestion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to convert the inside shoulder of Interstate 12 between the interchange of Interstate 10 and Interstate 12 in East Baton Rouge Parish and its interchange at Louisiana Highway 447 (Exit 15) near Walker, Louisiana, in Livingston Parish, to a travel lane.

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