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INTRODUCED BY: PAUL J. HOGAN, PE, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE, DIVISION B

RESOLUTION NO. 6289

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development put forth an emergency project to eliminate the hazardous inside 90-degree curve on LA 632 (WPA Road) in Des Allemands.

- WHEREAS, when traveling along LA 632 (WPA Road), in particular, when approaching the 90-degree hazardous curve, the road is not wide enough for two-way traffic; and,
- WHEREAS, motorists view is obstructed by trees in addition to the hazardous turn; and,
- WHEREAS, numerous accidents and near misses have occurred on a regular basis at this location; and,
- WHEREAS, this curve is very hazardous for any vehicle but more so for large vehicles and vehicles pulling any type of trailer; and,
- WHEREAS, most recently there has been a very bad horse trailer accident causing it to flip and injuring several horses; and,
- WHEREAS, just a few months prior an 18-wheeler accident occurred causing it to also flip over, blocking the road for an extended amount of time; and,
- WHEREAS, Highway 90 is a very heavily traveled roadway with increasing traffic on a daily basis; and,
- WHEREAS, when Highway 90 is blocked from an accident, traffic is detoured to LA 632 (WPA Road) which makes traveling in this location a much greater safety hazard and puts this by-pass at risk of being blocked by an accident in this curve also; and,
- WHEREAS, school buses traveling on LA 632 (WPA Road) presents a dangerous situation for these buses and students; and,
- WHEREAS, recently a request was submitted to the Department of Transportation & Development asking for assistance into what can be done to eliminate this hazardous situation; and,
- WHEREAS, Department of Transportation & Development said that it will consider improvements at this location under a future project; and,
- WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation & Development is responsible for doing projects needed to reduce and eliminate hazardous driving conditions and the elimination of this inside curve on LA 632 (WPA Road) is a project that needs immediate attention as an emergency project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby request that the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development put forth an emergency project to eliminate the hazardous inside 90-degree curve on LA 632 (WPA Road) in Des Allemands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Governor John Bel Edwards, Department of Transportation & Development Secretary Shawn D. Wilson, Department of Transportation & Development District Engineer Administrator Chris G. Morvant, Department of Transportation & Development Assistant District Administrator of Operations Scott G. Boyle, Senator Gary L. Smith, Jr., and Representative Gregory A. Miller.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: BENEDETTO, HOGAN, WILSON, CLULEE, WOODRUFF, BELLOCK, FLETCHER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: GIBBS, FISHER-PERRIER

And the resolution was declared adopted this 15th day of May, 2017, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

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CHAIRMAN: Terrill D. Wilson

SECRETARY: [Signature]

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: 5/16/17

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DISAPPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]

RETD/SECRETARY: 5/16/17

AT: 3:30pm RECD BY: [Signature]