




ST. CHARLES PARISH

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COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2011

TO: MR. V.J. ST. PIERRE, JR.
PARISH PRESIDENT

FROM: PAUL J. HOGAN, P.E.
COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT IV 

RE: REQUEST FOR MEDIAN CROSSING
DES ALLEMANDS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Parish Council passed Resolution 5842 asking the State to construct a median crossing in front of the Des Allemands Volunteer Fire Department (DAVFD). The State's response, which was provided to the DAVFD, was that the State was not able to construct the crossing but that it would provide a permit for its construction.

Attached you will find a letter from the Des Allemands Volunteer Fire Chief Todd Sparks, which explains the need for the "Emergency Only" crossing. The letter requests assistance from the Parish in having the crossing built. Please have an estimate developed showing the proposed cost for a crossing for the Parish to consider with the request for Parish assistance.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

This is in reference to St. Charles Council Resolution 5842 – CSRN 3521.

On behalf of the Des Allemands Volunteer Fire Department, my name is Chief Todd Sparks.

At the St. Charles Council meeting held in August of 2011, the above resolution was presented by Councilmen Hogan and passed. As I explained to Councilmen Hogan we were advised by our Insurance Company and Department Lawyer that an emergency crossover is needed in front of our eastern driveway, where the Fire trucks exit onto Hwy 90. Right now the Fire Apparatus have to pull onto Hwy 90 and go westbound, then make a u-turn to go eastbound.

Our Insurance Company and Lawyer also advised us this is a very dangerous situation. Making the u-turn could cause a rollover/accident and delays the time of response by the Fire Department.

Now we are being advised the State D.O.T.D., has no problem with the emergency crossover, but will not build it, however will allow St Charles Parish Government to build it through their permit process.

We are only looking out for our first responder's safety and the public. We would appreciate it very much if you could assist us with having this crossover built. Thank You.

Respectfully,

Todd Sparks
Fire Chief

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