

Angela Gaubert

From: Scott Boyle <Scott.Boyle@LA.GOV>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 6:08 PM
To: Paul Hogan
Cc: Valarie Berthelot; Bao Le; Nicole Rizzo; Angela Gaubert; Chris Morvant; Ennis Johnson; Donovan Archote
Subject: RE: Resolution 6289

Councilman Hogan,

This email is written in response to St. Charles Parish Council Resolution No. 6289, requesting that DOTD initiate an emergency project to eliminate the hazardous 90 degree curve on LA 632 (WPA Road) in Des Allemands, St. Charles Parish. A field review has been conducted at this location. As you are aware, LA 632 is a two-lane, undivided highway oriented in a general east-west direction and is posted with a 55 mile per hour speed limit. Turn Warning signs with 15 mile per hour advisory speed plaques are installed in both directions of LA 632 in advance of the curve. In addition, Chevron signs and Large Arrow warning signs are also in place to provide guidance to motorists and to further define this curve.

Our office recently conducted spot speed studies along LA 632 at two locations. The principal factor that the Department utilizes to establish a speed zone is the 85th percentile speed. The 85th percentile speed is the speed at which 85 percent of motorists are travelling at or below on a given section of roadway. In addition to the 85th percentile speed, roadside development and geometric alignment are considered when establishing the speed limit. It was determined that motorists are travelling at or slightly above the statutory speed limit, 55 miles per hour, in the section east of the curve. In the section west of the curve, motorists are travelling slightly under the statutory speed limit. Our office will be performing a full speed study to determine if the speed limit should be reduced in the section west of the curve. In the interim, a copy of this email will be forwarded to Captain Donovan Archote, Louisiana State Police Troop B Commander, for his review of the general speeding that was observed during the field review.

This office also reviewed crash records that were provided by the Louisiana State Police and St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office. While there were some crashes that were documented along LA 632, there was no significant pattern of accidents noted. The crash records do verify that a crash, referenced in the resolution, occurred involving an overturned 18-wheeler in February 2017. A turning radius evaluation confirmed that larger commercial vehicles may have difficulty maneuvering through the curve. By copy of this email, it is recommended that Mr. Ennis Johnson, Assistant District Administrator-Engineering, investigate the feasibility of improving the alignment of this curve through a construction project. We will keep you updated as this develops. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me as (504) 437-3102. We thank you for your interest in the safe operation of Louisiana's highways. Best regards,

Scott G. Boyle, P.E., PTOE

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From: Paul Hogan [phogan@stcharlesgov.net]
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2018 11:51 AM
To: Scott Boyle

Cc: Valarie Berthelot; Bao Le; Nicole Rizzo; Angela Gaubert; Chris Morvant

Subject: RE: Resolution 6289

Scott,

Please advise on the latest with having addressed the 90 degree curve on the WPA Road noted in the attached council resolution.

Thanks,

Paul J. Hogan, PE
Councilman at Large, Div. B
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From: Scott Boyle [mailto:Scott.Boyle@LA.GOV]

Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 12:13 PM

To: Angela Gaubert <agaubert@stcharlesgov.net>; Chris Morvant <Chris.Morvant@LA.GOV>

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Ms. Gaubert,

We are in the process of conducting a speed study at this location. Will send results and other formal recommendations by next week.

Our office has addressed comments and feedback from our Traffic Engineering Headquarters section regarding the US 90/LA 632 traffic signal study and we should have a final decision very soon. Best regards,

Scott G. Boyle, P.E., PTOE

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From: Angela Gaubert [mailto:agaubert@stcharlesgov.net]

Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 10:32 AM

To: Chris Morvant

Cc: Scott Boyle; Paul Hogan; Tiffany K. Clark

Subject: FW: Resolution 6289

Mr. Morvant,

Has there been any update on the attached Resolution regarding the curve on LA 632?
Please advise.

Thank you.

Angela Gaubert

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From: Angela Gaubert

Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2018 10:34 AM

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Mr. Morvant,

Can you please give an update on attached Resolution 6289, signed by the Parish Council on May 15, 2017, regarding the curve on WPA Road, LA 632?

Please advise.

Thanks.

Angela Gaubert

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