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**RESOLUTION NO. 5725** 

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to adopt a plan for the four lane continuation of Louisiana Highway 3127.

WHEREAS, there is significant traffic congestion on I-10 and I-12 in the Baton Rouge area; and,

WHEREAS, Baton Rouge needs immediate relief and lessening of the traffic congestion; and, immediate relief would be achieved by completing Louisiana Highway 3127, four lanes from Louisiana Highway 90 to Louisiana Highway 70, and the continuation of Louisiana Highway 3127 along the rural areas of Ascension, Iberville, and West Baton Rouge Parishes to I-10 intersection with Louisiana Highway 77; and,

WHEREAS, this route would not only provide a different truck route for traffic and other vehicles traveling east, but would also serve as an "Evacuation Route" during emergency conditions for residents of Plaquemines, Jefferson, and lower Lafourche Parishes; and,

**WHEREAS,** the continuation of Louisiana Highway 3127, the "West Bank Expressway", will not involve the relocation of mass residents; and,

**WHEREAS,** the continuation of Louisiana Highway 3127 will provide immediate relief at less cost in comparison to other alternatives; and,

**WHEREAS,** continuation of Louisiana Highway 3127 will provide greater utilization of the existing Sunshine Bridge, Gramercy Bridge, Luling Bridge, and both New Orleans Bridges; and,

WHEREAS, the continuation of Louisiana Highway 3127 will provide an ease of traffic flow with no traffic lights, no dog legs, no traffic congestion and will provide an additional route and access to the existing bridges and surrounding communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, enthusiastically and wholeheartedly request that the Governor, the State Legislature, the Regional Planning Commission, and the Department of Transportation and Development adopt a plan and implement said plan for the four lane continuation of Louisiana Highway 3127.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Bobby Jindal, United States Senator Mary Landrieu, United States Senator David Vitter, United States Representative Charlie Melancon, United States Representative Steve Scalise, Senator Joel T. Chaisson II, Representative Gary L. Smith, Jr., Representative Ernest D. Wooton, the Regional Planning Commission, Members of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development: Secretary William Ankner, District Administrator Michael Stack, Legislative Liaison Roy Quezaire, and Assistant District Administrator of Operations R. H. "Buzzy" Wegner asking that they help to adopt a plan and implement said plan for the four lane continuation of Louisiana Highway 3127.

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

YEAS: AUTHEMEN

AUTHEMENT, RAYMOND, TASTET, BENEDETTO, HOGAN, COCHRAN,

LAMBERT, NUSS

NAYS:

NONE

ABSENT: SCHEXNAYDRE

And the resolution was declared adopted this <u>1st</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2010 to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

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CHAIRMAN: DILLY Caymond, DR
SECRETARY: Barblica Jacob Juker
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: March 2 2010
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PARISH PRESIDENT: VIIII
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