

2020-0109

INTRODUCED BY: BOB FISHER, COUNCILMAN, DISTRICT VI

WENDY BENEDETTO, COUNCILWOMAN-AT-LARGE, DIVISION A

RESOLUTION NO. 6490

A resolution requesting the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development perform a traffic study to determine the feasibility of the installation of a signal light at the intersection of Airline Highway (LA 61) and East Harding Street, New Sarpy and further request the installation of a signal light if study determines light is warranted.

WHEREAS, the local governing authority has repeatedly made requests to the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development asking that a signal light be installed at this busy intersection; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 3538 was adopted on November 5, 1990 requesting local Senators and Representatives to support the members of the St. Charles Parish Council in their request for the installation of a signal light at US/LA 61 and East Harding Street; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 5178 was adopted on April 19, 2004 requesting the Department of Transportation & Development perform a traffic study to determine the feasibility of the installation of a signal light at the intersection of LA 61 and East Harding Street; and,

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2007, the Parish President requested that the Department of Transportation & Development install a signal light at the intersection of East Harding Street and US 61 due to another tragic accident which occurred at said intersection claiming the lives of two St. Charles Parish residents; and,

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 6404 was adopted on May 6, 2019 requesting that the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development install a "traffic light" at the intersection of Airline Highway and East Harding Street; and,

WHEREAS, East Harding Street is the primary means of traveling to Airline Highway for residents of New Sarpy traveling to and from their jobs; and,

WHEREAS, East Harding Street is used daily by the school buses transporting students to and from school; and,

WHEREAS, with the open span of roadway from the traffic signal lights at Prospect Avenue (LA 627) in Norco and Ormond Boulevard in Destrehan, and with the enormous amount of traffic traveling at high rates of speed it has created a very dangerous and difficult situation for vehicles entering East Harding Street from Airline Highway and vehicles turning onto Airline Highway from East Harding Street; and,

WHEREAS, the increased traffic from the industrial plants causes a potentially hazardous condition for east bound traffic; and,

WHEREAS, many serious accidents have occurred at the intersection of US/LA 61 and East Harding Street which emphasizes the need for the installation of a signal light at this intersection.

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 perform a traffic study to determine the feasibility of the installation of a signal light at the intersection of Airline Highway (LA 61) and East Harding Street, New Sarpy and further request the installation of a signal light if study determines light is warranted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Senator Gary L. Smith, Jr., Senator Edward J. "Ed" Price, Representative Randal L. Gaines, Representative Gregory A. Miller, and Representative Joseph A. Stagni requesting their assistance in this regard.

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

YEAS: BENEDETTO, FONSECA, DARENSBOURG GORDON, CLULEE, GIBBS, DUFRENE, BELLOCK, FISHER, FISHER-PERRIER

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

And the resolution was declared adopted this 20th day of April, 2020, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

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CHAIRMAN: [Signature]

SECRETARY: Michelle Dupontato

DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: April 21, 2020

APPROVED: [Signature] **DISAPPROVED:** _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: Mathew Jewell

RETD/SECRETARY: April 21, 2020

AT: 3:39 pm **RECD BY:** [Signature]