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INTRODUCED BY: V.J. ST. PIERRE, JR., PARISH PRESIDENT

RESOLUTION NO. 5658

A resolution supporting the La 1 Coalition for their funding request to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for funding through the Tiger Discretionary Grant Program.

WHEREAS, the **South Central Planning & Development Commission**, united by the Parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and Terrebonne is supporting the La 1 Coalition; and,

WHEREAS, \$1.5 billion of grant funds for state or local governments will be awarded by the Secretary of the USDOT through a competitive process to projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region; and,

WHEREAS, Priority will be given for projects that can be completed by February 17, 2012, and also that can complete a project's overall financing package; and,

WHEREAS, the La 1 Project has already received a Record of Decision for environmental clearance for all phases of the project, and has acquired all necessary rights-of-ways; and,

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has already invested over \$ 309 Million for building Phase 1 of the project from Port Fourchon to Leeville; and,

WHEREAS, Phase 2 is expected to cost \$330 Million and the LA 1 Coalition is seeking \$300 million from the Tiger Discretionary Grant fund; and,

WHEREAS, \$30 Million will be provided by the Outer Continental Shelf revenues deposited in the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Trust Fund, and through other various local funding sources; and,

WHEREAS, it has been long established that the strategic significance of Port Fourchon to the Gulf Of Mexico is critical to supporting over 18% of the Nation's daily crude oil and 27% of Nation natural gas; and,

WHEREAS, the accessibility of Port Fourchon is critical to servicing the oil and gas exploration and production infrastructure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby support the funding request by the La 1 Coalition to the United States Department of Transportation through the Tiger Discretionary Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Senator Mary Landrieu, Senator David Vitter, Representative Charlie Melancon, Representative Steve Scalise, Governor Bobby Jindal, Senate President Joel T. Chaisson, II, Representative Gary L. Smith, Jr. and Representative Ernest D. Wooton.

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

YEAS: SCHEXNAYDRE, AUTHEMENT, RAYMOND, TASTET, HOGAN, COCHRAN, LAMBERT, NUSS
NAYS: NONE
ABSENT: BENEDETTO

And the resolution was declared adopted this 20th day of July, 2009, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

CHAIRMAN: [Signature]
SECRETARY: [Signature]
DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: July 21, 2009
APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____
PARISH PRESIDENT: [Signature]
RETD/SECRETARY: July 21, 2009
AT: 4:25 pm RECD BY: BGO vb