

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 189

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

TRANSPORTATION: Urges and requests the Department of Transportation and Development to update a study regarding a new bridge at Paris Road in St. Bernard Parish

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 To urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to update the
3 previously completed study of the feasibility of the construction of an additional
4 Mississippi River bridge to provide a solution to traffic problems and enhance
5 development and further assess the advisability of the construction of an additional
6 Mississippi River bridge.

7 WHEREAS, South Louisiana is particularly vulnerable to hurricanes, and a new
8 Mississippi River crossing will improve the region's capability to evacuate at-risk areas; and

9 WHEREAS, the addition of a bridge over the Mississippi River at Chalmette will
10 substantially improve transportation through the region and improve access to New Orleans
11 east, St. Bernard Parish, the west bank of Orleans Parish, the west bank of Jefferson Parish
12 and Plaquemines Parish; and

13 WHEREAS, the Crescent City Connection Bridge is burdened to provide river
14 crossing access for all vehicular trips originating on the west bank with destinations in New
15 Orleans east, or points east of the city, and a new bridge crossing at Chalmette would
16 provide an alternate route for such trips; and

17 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development previously
18 conducted a study of the feasibility of the construction of the Chalmette-Algiers Mississippi
19 River Bridge, for which the final report was issued in August of 1999.

1 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
2 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development, in consultation with
3 local governing authorities, to update the previous completed study of the feasibility of
4 constructing an additional Mississippi River bridge, including an analysis of toll feasibility,
5 and further assess the advisability of constructing an additional Mississippi River bridge.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation and
7 Development submit a preliminary report of the updated study to the House Committee on
8 Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation,
9 Highways and Public Works on or before January 1, 2017.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the
11 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the Dept. of Transportation and Development to update the previously completed study of the feasibility of constructing an additional Mississippi River bridge and assess the advisability of constructing an additional Mississippi River bridge.

Requires the department to submit a preliminary report of the updated study to the House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works and the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works on or before Jan. 1, 2017.