



1 greater authority in transportation decisionmaking, including project prioritization and  
2 funding allocation; (3) authority to regulate traffic over a larger portion of the transportation  
3 network in any given jurisdiction; and (4) the ability to implement parish and municipal  
4 comprehensive plans with less interference and less dependency on the state; and

5 WHEREAS, "right sizing" the state highway system would allow the Department of  
6 Transportation and Development to focus its efforts on the components of the transportation  
7 system that are most important to all of Louisiana's economy, namely, those that serve a  
8 significant role in freight movement, tourism, and business travel.

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby  
10 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to develop a proposal  
11 for "right-sizing" the state highway system in accordance with principals and criteria that it  
12 shall identify for such purpose. The requested "right-sizing" proposal shall include but not  
13 be limited to the following:

14 (1) A report outlining the proposal.

15 (2) Maps for each parish showing exactly which routes would be transferred from  
16 the state highway system.

17 (3) Exact figures for increasing the Parish Transportation Fund and decreasing the  
18 Department of Transportation and Development's operating budget and staffing levels.

19 (4) Proposed revisions to the Parish Transportation Fund formulas.

20 (5) A schedule for transferring state roads to local governments, increasing funding  
21 to the Parish Transportation Fund, increasing local capital assistance programs, including  
22 off-system bridges, local road safety, and a proposed congestion relief fund, and reducing  
23 the Department of Transportation and Development's operating budget and staffing levels.

24 (6) Legislation necessary to implement the proposal and to ensure that increased  
25 funding for the Parish Transportation Fund will continue with future administrations.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Department of Transportation and Development  
27 shall submit the "right-sizing" proposal to the House and Senate committees on  
28 transportation, highway and public works no later than January 31, 2012.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the  
30 secretary of the Department of Transportation and Development.

DIGEST

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