

1 (3) Attempting to address concerns of such local governing authority, the railroad,
2 or other interested party timely communicated to the department in writing or received at
3 any public hearing held by the local governing authority relative to the closure; and

4 WHEREAS, R.S. 48:390 requires the Department of Transportation and
5 Development to complete a study of all public railroad crossings to establish priorities for
6 improvement, relocation, or closure and to develop a prioritized plan to implement railroad
7 grade crossing improvements, relocations, or closures pursuant to the Federal Railroad
8 Crossing Safety Program; and

9 WHEREAS, the department holds public meetings on proposed closures of public
10 railroad grade crossings on state maintained highways pursuant to the department-adopted
11 procedures entitled "Public Meeting Procedures for Highway/Rail Grade Crossing
12 Consolidation and Closure on State Maintained Highways" adopted in September 2011; and

13 WHEREAS, such public meeting procedures provide for department notification and
14 explanation of proposed closures on state maintained highways; and

15 WHEREAS, at such public meetings the department accepts written comments and
16 requests for additional information; and

17 WHEREAS, the department does not hold such public meetings prior to proposed
18 closure of a public railroad grade crossing on non-state maintained parish and municipal
19 roadways.

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
21 urge and request the Department of Transportation and Development to hold public meetings
22 prior to a proposed closure of a public railroad grade crossing on non-state maintained parish
23 and municipal roadways.

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

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

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SCR No.

Requests DOTD hold a public meeting prior to proposed closure of a public railroad grade crossing on non-state maintained parish and municipal roadways.