

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO. C-2035

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. BAGERT

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A RESOLUTION **AMENDING** THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH'S LIST OF ROADWAY PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED IN PART BY THE PARISH'S \$50 MILLION BOND ISSUE. RESOLUTION IS AMENDED TO ADD HWY 59 AND I-12.

WHEREAS, population growth in St. Tammany Parish has historically reached over 30% each decade over the last thirty years; and

WHEREAS, population growth over that period developed serious negative impacts on parish infrastructure and operations; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council passed a 10 year infrastructure plan to fund projects related to growth in the parish; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of St. Tammany Parish passed on two occasions a two cent sales tax to pay for roads and drainage projects related to development in the parish; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Council passed mandatory impact fees to supplement local sales tax and state transportation funds related to parish traffic needs; and

WHEREAS, both Parish Administration and Parish Council have worked closely with State DOTD officials to fund and construct roadway projects related to overcoming traffic congestion in the parish; and

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita caused serious impacts to the parish infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita increased the parish population by 60,000 people from the pre-Katrina population of 216,000 to 276,000; and

WHEREAS, the 10-year infrastructure plan was based on a parish population of 255,000; and

WHEREAS, the population increase was parish-wide; and

WHEREAS, the impact to the 10-year plan was to simply speed up the need for the infrastructure in year 2006; and

WHEREAS, the population explosion is expected to retain a population of at least 260,000 people, a number in excess of 255,000; and

WHEREAS, the need for construction projects has affected every area of the parish and most particularly those in the urban areas of the parish; and

WHEREAS, Parish Administration has over 17 projects either in design or at some point in the pre-construction process; and

WHEREAS, the need for projects is critical; and

WHEREAS, the time frame for completion of projects is also critical; and

WHEREAS, the number of projects is voluminous; and

WHEREAS, the Parish Administration and Parish Council officials need to move as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to remain flexible in constructing roadways; and

WHEREAS, funding for these projects come from the bond issue, voluntary impact fees, mandatory impact fees, federal STP funds, and Advanced Construction funds from the state TIP; and

WHEREAS, the bond funds will expedite the construction process by providing an infusion of flexible cash; and

WHEREAS, there may be opportunities for funding projects that Parish government could take advantage of if it remains flexible in completing projects.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES, by its Parish Council acting as governing authority, to support the Parish Administration's efforts to construct over \$170 million in projects over the next five years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the projects making up the project list are listed in three tiers of projects related to where they stand in the pre-construction process from closest to construction (tier 1) to farthest from construction (tier 3).

FURTHER, the tier does not necessarily determine a construction date. If a project in any tier becomes construction ready including funding, then that project will be constructed.

FURTHER, the Parish Council will review the progress of projects on a semi-annual basis.

FINALLY, the projects are listed below. The project list will be evaluated on an annual basis, and the list may be amended at that time.

BOND ISSUE ROAD LIST

PROJECT

STATUS

TIER ONE

LA 59 AND I-12 **design**

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY _____, SECONDED BY _____

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED ADOPTED ON THE _____ DAY OF _____, 2007, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

ATTEST:

BARRY BAGERT, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

DIANE HUESCHEN, COUNCIL CLERK