

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-3391

COUNCIL SPONSOR: GOULD/BRISTER

PROVIDED BY: PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ALIGNMENT P AS THE PREFERRED ROUTE OF LA 3241 (I-12 TO BUSH) TRAFFIC STUDY REPORT.

Whereas, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development proposes to construct a four-lane arterial highway from the southern terminus of the present four-lane arterial portion of LA 21 in Bush, LA to I-12; and

WHEREAS, this proposed highway is to fulfill the legislative mandate of Louisiana Revised Statute 47:820.2B(e) with one of the primary needs of reducing congestion and delays on the existing roadway network by providing a more direct route for those traveling from Washington Parish and Northern St. Tammany Parish to the I-23 corridor, and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish is experiencing considerable strain and congestion on its existing highway system in the area and as a result, St. Tammany Parish Government strongly endorses and supports the purpose and need for this project, and

WHEREAS, The St. Tammany Parish Department of Engineering has reviewed the LA 3241 (I-12 to Bush) Traffic Study Report of the Environmental Impact Statement prepared for the USACE by Urban Systems, Inc. dated June 2011, and

WHEREAS, St. Tammany Parish has evaluated the alignment of four practical Alternatives (B/O, P, Q, and J) connecting LA 21 in Bush to the I-12 corridor and has determined that Alternative P provides the greatest traffic use and benefits, reducing traffic congestion on surrounding highways; while having minimal impacts to existing housing, businesses, Parish government operations, and proposed projects, and

WHEREAS, Alternative P also minimizes the impacts to potential endangered species habitat, and

WHEREAS, If Alignment P is approved, St. Tammany Parish will revise our hurricane evacuation plan to show that many of the residents in the western part of St. Tammany Parish will use this road to evacuate to the north which will reduce traffic on other routes allowing shorter travel times for southshore residents.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES that St. Tammany Parish Government strongly supports the selection of Alignment P by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as the route for the LA 3241 Project.

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 3 DAY OF MAY, 2012, AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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MARTIN W. GOULD, JR., COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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THERESA L. FORD, COUNCIL CLERK