

1 Introduced May 10, 2016, by Councilman
2 Borchert, seconded by Councilman
3 Newcomb, (by request of Administration)

4 **RESOLUTION R16-14**

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6 A resolution requesting the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation
7 and Development ("DOTD") not sell, auction or otherwise transfer the property located at
8 1450 Lindberg Drive, Slidell, Louisiana, 70458, rather they maintain same as a commuter
9 lot servicing Louisiana Are Commuter Transportation ("LACT/goSTAT, L.L.C.") and as
10 additional parking for the Community Christian Church (CCC) on Sundays, and other
11 occasions.

12 WHEREAS, DOTD owns the lot located at 1450 Lindberg Drive, Slidell,
13 Louisiana, 70458 ("Lot"); and

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15 WHEREAS, CCC has advised that it depends on the availability of the
16 commuter parking lot for safe off street parking. That during the construction phase of the
17 parking lot, the State of Louisiana asked for and was granted permission to route part of
18 the parking lot drainage through Church property. Permission was granted with an
19 understanding that the Church would have access to the parking lot. Walkways and gates
20 were provided to that end, at the State's expense. CCC declares that this arrangement
21 has worked well for over 20 years; and

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23 WHEREAS, CCC further advised that the Church serves as a major point of
24 distribution to the community with access through the commuter parking lot, declaring that
25 the Red Cross, St. Tammany Parish, and other service organizations utilize and
26 headquarter their operations on the commuter parking lot during emergencies; and

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28 WHEREAS, based upon information and belief, LACT/goSTAT, L.L.C. also
29 utilizes said Lot to serve commuters from Slidell and other parts of St. Tammany Parish to
30 and from other communities; and

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38 WHEREAS, since the posting by DOTD announcing that the Lot is scheduled
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4 for auction on May 18, 2016, the Slidell City Council office has received a number of
5 requests from citizens and CCC raising and identifying hardships that will result should
6 DOTD sell, auction or otherwise eliminate the Lot from service to the citizens of St.
7 Tammany Parish; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Slidell City Council, recognizing that the City does neither
11 own, maintain nor operate the Lot nor any activities occurring in or on the Lot or to or from
12 the Lot to any other location whatsoever, also recognizes and respects the concerns of
13 citizens raised in this matter and as such, requests DOTD maintain the Lot as a commuter
14 lot for the benefit of the citizens of St. Tammany Parish and consistent with its reported
15 agreement with CCC; and
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20 WHEREAS, City further requests and strongly urges DOTD to withdraw their
21 plans to auction, sell or otherwise eliminate the Lot as a commuter lot, or at a minimum,
22 delay any such action until DOTD has considered the concerns of the citizens.
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25 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does
26 hereby request DOTD maintain the Lot as a commuter lot for the benefit of the citizens of
27 St. Tammany Parish and consistent with its reported agreement with CCC.
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30 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it strongly urges
31 DOTD to withdraw their plans to auction, sell or otherwise eliminate the Lot as a commuter
32 lot or at a minimum, delay any such action until DOTD has considered the concerns of the
33 citizens.
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ADOPTED this 10th day of May, 2016.


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