

1 Introduced January 14, 2025, by Councilwoman
2 Haggerty, seconded by Councilman Disanti

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4 **RESOLUTION R25-01**

5 A resolution urging the State of Louisiana to take expedited action to reopen
6 the U.S. Hwy 90 bridges between Louisiana and Mississippi as it is critical during
7 evacuation periods.

8 WHEREAS federal and state highways comprise many of the major
9 thoroughfares in the Slidell area; and

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11 WHEREAS there are five bridges between Louisiana and Mississippi over the
12 Pearl River Delta built in 1933 as part of the original U.S. Hwy 90 route; and

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14 WHEREAS four of the bridges were closed in May 2022 after a DOTD
15 inspection determined they are unsafe for the traveling public; and

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17 WHEREAS the fifth bridge, the East Pearl River bridge, remains open, but was
18 determined to be well past its expected service time; and

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20 WHEREAS these bridges are a vital travel route for those who live throughout
21 the Pearl River Delta; and

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23 WHEREAS U.S. Hwy 90 is a critical evacuation route when dangerous
24 hurricanes threaten residents of Eastern St. Tammany Parish, St. Bernard Parish and New
25 Orleans; and

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27 WHEREAS U.S. Hwy 90 provides a vital east-west artery for when Interstate
28 10 is shut down or clogged with traffic; and

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30 WHEREAS the closure of the bridges on U.S. Hwy 90 presents a significant
31 safety risk to the Citizens of Slidell; and

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4 WHEREAS the State of Louisiana, through its Department of Transportation
5 and Development (DOTD), is aware of the dangers associated with the bridge on U.S.
6 Hwy 90 being closed; and
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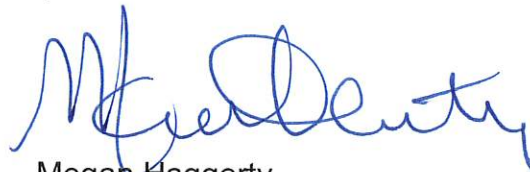
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9 WHEREAS it is imperative that the State of Louisiana take swift action to
10 reopen the bridges on U.S. Hwy 90; and
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12 WHEREAS without the State taking such vital steps, the wellbeing of our
13 community, especially during times of crisis, is at risk.
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15 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council, in legal
16 session convened, implores the State of Louisiana to act with all due haste in reopening
17 the U.S. Hwy 90 bridges to immediately mitigate the dangers associated with the bridges'
18 closure.
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22 **ADOPTED** this 14th day of January 2025.
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