Introduced January 15, 2025, by Councilwoman Haggerty, seconded by Councilman DiSanti

RESOLUTION R25-02

A resolution urging the Federal Government and State of Louisiana to take quick action to redesign and reconstruct the U.S. Hwy 11 bridge located between North Blvd. and Indiana Ave. in the City Limits of Slidell, State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS the U.S. Hwy 11 bridge between North Blvd. and Indiana Ave. is a major thoroughfare for the citizens of Slidell, Louisiana; however, it is a dated, narrow, and winding overpass with no shoulders and no lighting, all factors increasing the likelihood of collisions on same; and

WHEREAS the bridge has been the scene of dozens of accidents with injuries and numerous fatalities over the decades, including two fatalities in the last 12 months; and

WHEREAS the State of Louisiana, through its Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), is aware of the dangers associated with the bridge and the pressing need to address same; however, sufficient funding has not been allocated to commence necessary roadwork; and

WHEREAS it is imperative that the Federal Government along with the State of Louisiana take swift action to commence the redesign and reconstruction of the bridge and to immediately mitigate the dangers associated with the bridge's current footprint; and

WHEREAS without the Federal Government and State of Louisiana taking such vital steps, more tragic outcomes for the Slidell community are likely to follow.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council, in legal session convened, implores the Federal Government and State of Louisiana to act with all

due haste in funding and commencing the redesign and reconstruction of the U.S. Hwy 11 bridge between North Blvd. and Indiana Ave. in the City of Slidell, State of Louisiana.

ADOPTED this 14th day of January 2025.

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