

1 Introduced April 8, 2003, by Councilman
2 Canada, seconded by Council Members
3 Williams, Livaudais, Burkhalter, Binder,
4 Cusimano, Kingston, Harbison, and Cromer

5 **RESOLUTION R03-11**

6 A resolution urging and requesting the St. Tammany Legislative
7 Delegation to introduce a concurrent resolution directing the Secretary of the
8 Department of Transportation and Development to reverse his decision to eliminate
9 capacity projects in the Highway Priority Program and to further instruct the Secretary of
10 the Department of Transportation and Development to continue and expand the
11 capacity projects included within the Highway Priority Program.

12 WHEREAS, St. Tammany is the fifth largest and fastest growing parish in
13 Louisiana; and

14 WHEREAS, there is a critical need along I-12 and I-10 for capacity road
15 improvements in growing areas of the state; and

16 WHEREAS, poor road capacity in growth areas is a serious impediment to
17 transportation safety and economic development and hinders growth; and

18 WHEREAS, high growth areas are paying disproportionate roads taxes
19 relative to the services received; and

20 WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and
21 Development has stated that unless the legislature passes additional taxes there will be
22 no more capacity projects included in the Highway Priority Program regardless of the
23 need for them as expressed by local and regional officials, the State Transportation
24 Improvement Program, and other research documents delineating the need for capacity
25 projects; and

26 WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and
27 Development has made the decision to change priorities of state projects to suit his
28 needs without notifying the City of Slidell; and
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3 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation and Development holds the
4 key to improving our transportation needs and promoting economic development.
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6 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it
7 requests that when representatives of the Department of Transportation and
8 Development change let dates, or anticipated let dates, of any project within the
9 Highway Priority Program, they are directed to notify the area legislators as well as the
10 local governing authorities within a fourteen day period and allow for legislative review
11 and comment.
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Slidell City Council does hereby
17 urge and request the St. Tammany Legislative Delegation to introduce a Concurrent
18 Resolution and direct the Secretary of the Department of Transportation and
19 Development to reverse his decision to eliminate capacity projects in the Highway
20 Priority Program and to further instruct the Secretary of the Department of
21 Transportation and Development to continue and expand the capacity projects included
22 within the Highway Priority Program.
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28 **ADOPTED** this 8th day of April, 2003.

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30 Pearl Williams
31 President of the Council
32 Councilwoman-at-Large

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34 Shawn B. McManus
35 Clerk of the Council
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