Introduced November 19, 2024, by Councilman Brownfield, seconded by Councilwoman Haggerty

RESOLUTION R24-33

A resolution urging the State of Louisiana to take quick action to redesign and reconstruct the Hwy 11 bridge between North Blvd. and Indiana Ave. and to immediately mitigate the dangers associated with the bridge's current footprint.

WHEREAS state highways compromise many of the major thoroughfares in Slidell; and

WHEREAS the Hwy 11 bridge between North Blvd. and Indiana Ave. is one of those major thoroughfares; however, it is a dated, narrow, and winding state 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 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 State 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 State of Louisiana to act with all due haste in funding and commencing the redesign and reconstruction of the Hwy 11 bridge between North Blvd. and Indiana Ave. in Slidell, LA and to immediately mitigate the dangers associated with the bridge's current footprint.

ADOPTED this 19th day of November, 2024.

Megan Haggerty
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Thomas P. Reeves
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