

## A RESOLUTION

To recommend the use of tolling to supplement new sources of recurring revenue in fully funding transportation infrastructure projects in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, pursuant to JBE 2016-23, the Governor's Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment (Task Force) was created to identify and recommend community driven solutions to address multimodal transportation needs in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, JBE 2016-23 charges the 18-member Task Force with completing its work and submitting a recommendation to Governor John Bel Edwards by January 1, 2017, for consideration in the 2017 Regular Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, Task Force members attended meetings in each region of the State, where over 700 citizens representing business and other stakeholders attended, hosted by regional economic development organizations and metropolitan planning organizations to receive transportation investment ideas from communities across Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force found that each region of the State acknowledged support for the use of tolling as a transportation policy and as means of financing transportation projects where applicable; and

WHEREAS, the DOTD has studied tolling, its use in other states, learned about its viability in Louisiana, and has extensive access to tolling best practices and resources; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana does not possess the population and traffic levels to support the widespread use of tolling, and there are no projects in Louisiana that can be fully funded by tolling alone; and

WHEREAS, tolling can be utilized to fund a portion of a very limited number of projects in Louisiana, provided that new sources of revenue are available to fund the remaining project costs; and

WHEREAS, Act 1209 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session specifically authorized tolling and granted such authority to the Louisiana Transportation Authority.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governor's Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment does hereby recommend the use of tolling to supplement new sources of recurring revenue in fully funding certain transportation infrastructure projects in Louisiana based on industry standards and best practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Forces understands that tolling cannot be sufficiently successful in Louisiana without new recurring sources of revenue the Department of Transportation and Development can use to aid in fully funding total project costs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force will recommend how to provide sufficient new recurring revenue to fund multimodal transportation projects in Louisiana by January 1, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the findings contained herein shall be included in the submission to the Governor by January 1, 2017.

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## A RESOLUTION

To recommend the use of Public Private Partnerships in funding transportation infrastructure projects in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, pursuant to JBE 2016-23, the Governor's Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment (Task Force) was created to identify and recommend community driven solutions to address multimodal transportation needs in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, JBE 2016-23 charges the 18-member Task Force with completing its work and submitting a recommendation to Governor John Bel Edwards by January 1, 2017, for consideration in the 2017 Regular Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, Task Force members attended meetings in each region of the State, where over 700 citizens representing business and other stakeholders attended, hosted by regional economic development organizations and metropolitan planning organizations to receive transportation investment ideas from communities across Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force found that each region of the State acknowledged interest and support for the use of Public Private Partnerships (P3s) as a means of financing transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, P3s require an initial large-scale investment from the private sector whereby a return on investment is received through tolls, resources from the State, and/or other stakeholders over time; and

WHEREAS, the DOTD has studied the use of P3s in other states, has the available resources to manage a P3 process, and understands the P3 potential in Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, current funding levels for transportation prevent P3s from being viable in Louisiana because there are no available sources of recurring revenues to return to the private sector for its investment over time; and

WHEREAS, certain projects in Louisiana would be viable candidates for P3s if sufficient new recurring sources of revenue were available for payments to private sector investors over time; and

WHEREAS, the use of P3s for certain projects within the Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan could leverage new recurring sources of revenue in a manner that provides for the timely advancement of a larger number of projects; and

WHEREAS, no legislative action is required to pursue P3s as Act 1209 of the 2001 Regular Legislative Session specifically authorized P3s through the Louisiana Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, Act 519 of the 2016 Regular Session granted the Department of Transportation and Development the authority to solicit P3s.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governor's Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment does hereby recommend the use of Public Private Partnerships to fund certain transportation infrastructure projects in Louisiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that P3s cannot be successful in Louisiana without increased recurring sources of revenue that the Department of Transportation and Development can use to fully finance mega projects, even with the involvement of private sector investors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sufficient increased recurring sources of revenue enacted by the Louisiana Legislature would make the following projects immediately viable for P3 solicitations, based on the projects development and delivery status:

- (a) New Mississippi River Bridge, inclusive of the LA 415 Connector – Baton Rouge Region
- (b) I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge – Lake Charles
- (c) LA 511 (J. Davis) Bridge – Shreveport
- (d) I-49 South – Lafayette, Morgan City, and Houma-New Orleans areas
- (e) New Ouachita River Bridge – Monroe/West Monroe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that although the aforementioned projects can be advanced without a P3, the Task Force is recommending P3 solicitations in an effort to leverage new recurring sources of revenue for transportation in Louisiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Task Force will recommend how to provide sufficient new recurring revenues to fund multimodal transportation projects in Louisiana by January 1, 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the findings contained herein shall be included in the submission to the Governor by January 1, 2017.

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