

## RESOLUTION 8

To recommend an additional \$700 million annually for multimodal transportation in Louisiana.

WHEREAS, attendees of regional meetings expressed support for investing in transportation infrastructure in a manner that addresses the State's long-term needs; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force studied and supports the process and projects identified in the Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan (LSTP), which was established by a wide range of stakeholders and public officials from across Louisiana prior to this administration assuming state leadership, to plan for and address the State's long-term maintenance and capacity needs; and

WHEREAS, the LSTP identifies A and B Megaprojects in each region of the State needed to improve safety, address congestion, and facilitate economic development; and

WHEREAS, the LSTP identifies the need to invest in rural areas of the state through an enhanced overlay and rehabilitation program that benefits all 64 parishes; and

WHEREAS, the LSTP studied four possible funding scenarios and how the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) should carry out its work with respect to each scenario; and

WHEREAS, scenarios one and two are contrary to the mission of the Task Force because they do not anticipate increases in funds for multimodal transportation in Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, scenario three, which anticipates the indexed annual increase of \$400 million for multimodal transportation in Louisiana, will allow the State to better maintain the current transportation system but not fully finance A and B Megaprojects in the LSTP; and

WHEREAS, scenario four, which anticipates the indexed annual increase of \$700 million for multimodal transportation in Louisiana, will deliver a better maintained transportation system and A and B Megaprojects in the LSTP; and

WHEREAS, scenario four would provide significant benefits to the people of Louisiana by improving safety conditions on state highways, increasing the number of miles of overlaid annually, increasing bridge rehabilitation and replacement, and decreasing congestion; and

WHEREAS, the State does not currently have sufficient revenue to secure all available federal funding for transportation without utilizing toll credits as state match, a non-recurring substitute for state revenue that will be exhausted within the next two years; and

WHEREAS, scenario four provides sufficient revenue to ensure the State of Louisiana has a competitive advantage over many states to secure all federal funds currently available and any additional federal funds that may become available in the coming years; and

WHEREAS, the task force determined that a one cent increase in motor fuel tax generates approximately \$30 million, which, if not indexed, will immediately begin to progressively lose value over time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governor's Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment does hereby recommend an additional \$700 million annually for multimodal transportation in Louisiana; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nationally, the most reliable, proven and meaningful source of funding for transportation is an excise tax on motor fuel, but that other sources, including, but not limited to special permit fees and vehicle registration fees for the commercial trucking industry, should be considered in achieving the desired level of funding in a recurring manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the use of indexing with any new revenue stream should be carried out in a manner that provides long-term gradual increases over time without creating short-term volatility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this resolution and additional information supporting the findings contained herein shall be included in the submission to the Governor by January 1, 2017.

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Co-Chair, Secretary Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D.

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