

RESOLUTION 1

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 may not 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

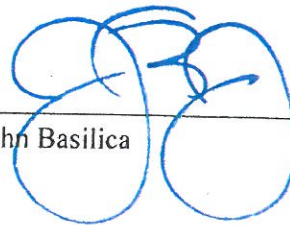
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Task Force will recommend how to provide sufficient new recurring revenue to fund multimodal transportation projects in Louisiana by January 1, 2017; and

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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