

RESOLUTION 3

To recommend increasing revenue for the State's Airport Construction and Development Program by increasing the sales and use tax on aviation fuel.

WHEREAS, attendees of regional meetings expressed support for increasing the State's investment in multimodal transportation to better integrate and leverage Louisiana's transportation system; and

WHEREAS, aviation is an important mode of transportation in Louisiana, the expansion of which provides improved mobility and connectivity that supports and promotes the development of commerce; and

WHEREAS, the State's Airport Construction and Development Program supports airport expansion by competitively awarding grants for capital projects in Louisiana, and is funded by a 4 percent sales and use tax on aviation fuel that generates approximately \$28 million annually; and

WHEREAS, annual revenue for the State's Airport Construction and Development Program is insufficient to meet the needs of the aviation industry, as evidenced by the current \$66 million in unmet short-term needs and the Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan's anticipated approximate \$3.5 billion in long-term needs; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Airport Managers and Associates (LAMA), representing a broad range of aviation stakeholders concerned with both commercial and general aviation airports across the State of Louisiana, adopted a resolution and appeared before the Task Force to support an increase in the sales and use tax on aviation fuel; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force has determined an increase in the sales and use tax on aviation fuel to be the appropriate mechanism for increasing the State's investment in support of aviation as a crucial mode of transportation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to aid in addressing the short and long term needs of the aviation industry in Louisiana, the Governor's Task Force on Transportation Infrastructure Investment does hereby recommend increasing revenue for the State's Airport Construction and Development Program by increasing the sales and use tax on aviation fuel; 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.

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

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