

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO: C-6821

COUNCIL SPONSOR: MR. AIREY

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL STAFF

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL CHAIR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS TO THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN RESPONSE TO DRAFT FEASIBILITY STUDY.

WHEREAS, the US Army Corps of Engineers conducts feasibility studies to determine costs and benefits of water resources projects to reduce the risk of damage from coastal storms and other events ; and

WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers issued a public notice on July 14, 2023 regarding establishing “policy, practices, and procedures to be followed on federal actions involving the disposal of dredged or fill material into the waters of the United States”; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Feasibility Study: Optimized Tentatively Selected Plan (TSP) incorporates areas in South Slidell, West Slidell, and a portion of the Mile Branch in Covington; and

WHEREAS, the Optimized TSP includes Coastal Storm Risk Management (CSRM), Flood Risk Management (FRM), and other nonstructural features that will address flooding in St. Tammany Parish to include such things as construction of levee and floodwall systems in West to South Slidell, improvements of the channel in Mile Branch in Covington, home elevations and floodproofing for residents in St. Tammany Parish, and raising of the I-10 road surface to reduce flood risk; and

WHEREAS, the public notice was issued with the intent to “solicit comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties” until the deadline of September 6, 2023.

THE PARISH OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES, that the St. Tammany Parish Council, acting in its capacity as the governing authority of said Parish, does hereby authorize the Council Chair to submit comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in response to the Draft Feasibility Study more fully identified in the public notice attached hereto.

THIS RESOLUTION HAVING BEEN SUBMITTED TO A VOTE, THE VOTE THEREON WAS AS FOLLOWS:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION BY: \_\_\_\_\_ SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

AND THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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JACOB "JAKE" A. AIREY, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK