

ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION COUNCIL SERIES NO.: C-7000

COUNCIL SPONSOR: COUGLE/BURKE/CORBIN

PROVIDED BY: COUNCIL OFFICE

RESOLUTION TO URGE AND REQUEST STATE AND FEDERAL  
OFFICIALS TO EXPEDITE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF FOUR  
U.S. HWY 90 BRIDGES

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is preparing to remove four (4) U.S. Highway 90 bridges over the Pearl River for potential future replacement; and

WHEREAS, these bridges, which were built in 1933, cross four channels of the Old Pearl River system between the West Pearl River and the East Middle Pearl River in St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, these bridges, which have been closed for more than 2 years due to their poor condition, are located on the only alternate east-west route between Louisiana (LA) and Mississippi (MS) south of I-10, and formerly served as a alternate east-west highway that could be used for evacuation purposes in the event of a disaster which is paramount for the residents of St. Tammany Parish; and

WHEREAS, the rehabilitation of these four (4) bridges has been determined to be neither economically prudent nor technically viable, as outlined in the Programmatic Agreement for the Treatment of Louisiana Historic Bridges (HBPA), and all have been determined eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and are being marketed for relocation and adaptive re-use; and

WHEREAS, the St. Tammany Parish Government recognizes that, although it has no authority over U.S. Highway 90 and/or the bridges thereon, it serves as the elected body to speak for the residents of St. Tammany parish.

THEREFORE, THE PARISH COUNCIL OF ST. TAMMANY HEREBY RESOLVES to urge and request:

1. State and Federal elected leaders and officials expedite removal and replacement of these four bridges on U.S. Highway 90
2. State and Federal authorities designate U.S. Highway 90 as an auxiliary hurricane evacuation route for the residents of St. Tammany Parish as well as residents of the surrounding parishes in Louisiana and/or counties in Mississippi.

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

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

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

THIS RESOLUTION WAS DECLARED DULY ADOPTED ON THE 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024,  
AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH COUNCIL, A QUORUM OF THE MEMBERS  
BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

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ARTHUR A. LAUGHLIN, COUNCIL CHAIR

ATTEST:

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KATRINA L. BUCKLEY, COUNCIL CLERK