

On motion by Daniel Lorraine, and seconded by Phillip Gouaux, the following resolution was introduced and adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-235

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE SOUTH CENTRAL PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION FOR THEIR FUNDING REQUEST TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (USDOT) FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE TIGER DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the South Central Planning and Development Commission is united by the Parishes of Assumption, Lafourche, St. Charles, St. James, St. John the Baptist and Terrebonne in supporting the LA 1 Coalition; and

WHEREAS, \$1.5 billion of grant funds for State or local Governments will be awarded by the Secretary of the USDOT through a competitive process to projects that have a significant impact on the Nation, a metropolitan area, or a region; and

WHEREAS, priority will be given for projects that can be completed by February 17, 2012, and also that can complete a project's overall financing package; and

WHEREAS, the LA 1 Improvement Project has already received a Record of Decision dated January 2003 for environmental clearance for all phases of the project, and is in the process of completing acquisition of all necessary rights-of-ways and pre-construction geotechnical work; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has already invested over \$309 Million for constructing Phase 1 from Port Fourchon to northern Leeville; and

WHEREAS, Phase 2 is expected to cost \$330 Million and the South Central Planning and Development Commission in cooperation with the Louisiana Highway 1 Coalition is seeking \$300 Million from the Tiger Discretionary Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, \$30 Million will be provided from various local and State funding sources including Outer Continental Shelf revenues deposited in the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Trust Fund, State Formula Funds and through other various local funding sources; and

WHEREAS, it has been long established that the strategic significance of Port Fourchon to the Gulf of Mexico is critical to supporting over 18% of the Nation's daily crude oil consumption and 27% of the Nation's natural gas consumption; and

WHEREAS, the accessibility of Port Fourchon is critical to servicing the oil and gas exploration and production facilities in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, LA 1 provides sole highway access to Port Fourchon and Grand Isle and was designated a High Priority Corridor by the U.S. Congress in 2001 for its role as critical energy infrastructure; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lafourche Parish Council convened in regular session on July 14, 2009 that it does hereby support the funding request submitted by the South Central Planning and Development Commission for construction funding of Phase 2 of the LA 1 Improvement Project to the United States Department of Transportation through the Tiger Discretionary Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the United States Department of Transportation; Louisiana Legislative Delegation; and the Office of the Parish Administrator.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Jerry Jones Mr. Lindel Toups
Mr. Michael Delatte Mr. Phillip Gouaux
Mr. Louis Richard Mr. Rodney Doucet
Mr. Joseph "Joe" Fertitta Mr. Daniel Lorraine
Mr. Matt Matherne

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

And the resolution was declared adopted this 14th day of July, 2009.

**JERRY JONES, CHAIRMAN
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**

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I, CARLEEN B. BABIN, Council Clerk for the Lafourche Parish Council, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 09-235, adopted by the Assembled Council in Regular Session on July 14, 2009, at which meeting a quorum was present.

GIVEN UNDER MY OFFICIAL SIGNATURE AND SEAL OF OFFICE THIS 27TH, DAY OF JULY, 2009.

**CARLEEN B. BABIN, COUNCIL CLERK
LAFOURCHE PARISH COUNCIL**