

RESOLUTION NO. 014-2001

A RESOLUTION OF THE LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL ACTING IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION FOR THE LAFAYETTE METROPOLITAN STUDY AREA, SELECTING AND IDENTIFYING A LOCALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE ALIGNMENT FOR THE INTERSTATE 49 CONNECTOR FREEWAY PROJECT THROUGH THE LAFAYETTE URBAN AREA.

WHEREAS, the Lafayette Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has worked with all conscious effort over the last five years to develop a consensus of opinion in the Lafayette Study Area for the location and design of the I-49 Connector Freeway Project; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the State of Louisiana has undertaken and completed a draft Environmental Impact Statement Document analyzing and evaluating applicable Federal and State Environmental Regulations affected by the I-49 Connector Freeway; **AND**

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on Thursday, December 14, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the Frem Boustany Conference Center, Lafayette, Louisiana for the purpose of affording the general public with an opportunity to review and consider the results of the Environmental Documents and recommendations developed through the Metropolitan Planning Organization advisory committees including the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Community Design Workshop; **AND**

WHEREAS, the MPO Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC), Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) and Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) met in a joint workshop with Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD) representatives and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) representatives on Thursday, January 4, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. for the purpose of addressing the advantages and disadvantages of the various alternative alignments on the I-49 Connector Freeway Project; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Lafayette MPO Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) met on Tuesday, January 9, 2001 to discuss and recommend a "Locally Preferred Alternative Alignment" for the I-49 Connector Freeway; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Lafayette MPO Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) met on Wednesday, January 17, 2001 to recommend a "Locally Preferred Alternative Alignment" for the I-49 Connector Freeway; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Lafayette MPO Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) met on Monday, February 5, 2001 to recommend a "Locally Preferred Alternative Alignment" for the I-49 Connector project; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Lafayette City-Parish Planning Commission met on Thursday, February 15, 2001 to review the three MPO Committee recommendations on the I-49 Connector and adopt Resolution No. 001-01 recommending a "Locally Preferred Alternative Alignment."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lafayette City-Parish Council, acting in its capacity as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Lafayette Metropolitan Study Area, does hereby approve and identify to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the following:

1) The Lafayette MPO's "Locally Preferred Alternative Alignment" for the I-49 Connector Freeway is RR-4 between Willow Street and Pinhook Road, with Sub-alternative "F". This designation, however, is predicated on the MPO's requirement that both Jefferson Street and Simcoe Street remain open and continuous rather than being severed or blocked as currently identified in the draft I-49 Environmental Assessment.

2) The Lafayette MPO further identifies Sub-alternative "H" as the "Locally Preferred Alternative Alignment" north of Willow Street.

3) The Lafayette MPO recommends a "Joint Cooperative Agreement" between Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Federal Highway Administration be mutually executed to coordinate and implement the June 1999 recommendations identified by the CAC, TTC and TPC to incorporate the design concepts identified in the document, Lafayette I-49 Connector Project - A Collaborative Effort between the University of Louisiana at Lafayette School of Architecture Community Design Workshop, the Lafayette City-Parish Consolidated Government, Metropolitan Planning Organization and Neighborhood Pride, Spring 1999. The "Blue Book", attached hereto and included herein by reference, shall serve as the basis for the development of the ideas and concepts contained therein and shall be included in the final implementation of the plan in addition to Ordinance No. 043-2001 creating the Corridor Preservation and Management Plan.

The resolution having been submitted to a vote, the results were as follows:

YEAS: Badeaux, Castille, Williams, Benjamin, Broussard, Trumps, Mouton, Stevenson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Menard

RECUSED: None

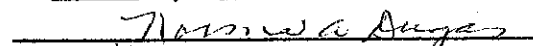
And the resolution was declared adopted on the 22nd day of February, 2001.


LENWOOD BROUSSARD, CHAIR
LAFAYETTE CITY-PARISH COUNCIL

ATTEST

A true and correct copy of: RESOLUTION R-014-2001
Adopted by the Lafayette City-Parish Council on

the 22ND day of FEBRUARY, 2001.


asst Clerk of the Council