

Resolution

Whereas, the Capital Area Road and Bridge District (CARB-D) was statutorily created to develop a plan of action and actually take the necessary steps to put into place and motion those regulatory tests, approvals, reviews, analyses, permits, and site location for a new bridge to cross the Mississippi River between Louisiana Highway One (1) on the west side, and Louisiana Highway Thirty (30) on the east side; and

Whereas, the CARB-D was also authorized to consider certain funding mechanisms in order to assist in the funding of the planning and construction of said bridge; and

Whereas, a new bridge across the Mississippi River is greatly needed and wanted by the residents on the Parishes of East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Ascension, Iberville, and Livingston, and all of the motoring public which currently uses the current Wilkinson Bridge on a regular and routine basis; and

Whereas, the safety and national security interests of the United States of America and the Federal Government, and the quality of life of all users, would also be greatly served and improved by the addition of a new bridge across the Mississippi River as proposed by the statutory authorization of the CARB-D; and

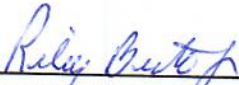
Whereas, recent Federal Legislation over the last several months has authorized the payment and receipt of billions of dollars by the state of Louisiana, which by statute, can be used on infrastructure projects and needs as determined by the state and its Governor and State Legislature;

Whereas, Federal Infrastructure legislation is being considered that may send billions of additional dollars to Louisiana for projects such as a Mississippi River Bridge in the Baton Rouge area;

Whereas, State legislation is being considered that may appropriate billions of Federal dollars for infrastructure projects in the state of Louisiana.

Therefore, the Capital Area Road and Bridge District (CARB-D) respectfully requests that the Governor of the State of Louisiana and the Louisiana Legislature appropriate and direct the allocation of sufficient funds such that this bridge can be planned, with specifications, and fully funded so that its construction can occur by the year 2029.

I, Riley Berthelot, the Secretary of the Capital Area Road and Bridge District, herein certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a Resolution approved on the 29th of March, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present and a majority voted in favor of said Resolution.



Riley Berthelot, Secretary



J.H. Campbell, Jr., Chairman