

CITY OF ST. GEORGE, LOUISIANA

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-002

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING REALIGNMENT OF PECUE LANE AND CONSTRUCTION OF A MODERN SINGLE-LANE ROUNDABOUT OR REALIGNMENT OF PECUE LANE AND CONSTRUCTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHLAND ROAD AND PECUE LANE BASED UPON DOTD ANALYSIS AND THE 2024 TRAFFIC ENGINEERING STUDY; AND PROVIDING FOR RELATED MATTERS

WHEREAS, the intersection of Highland Road and Pecue Lane has experienced recurring traffic congestion, operational deficiencies, and a documented history of traffic accidents; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) has evaluated the intersection and identified skewed geometry and alignment deficiencies that negatively affect sight distance, driver decision-making, and overall safety; and

WHEREAS, a 2024 traffic engineering study further analyzed existing and projected traffic conditions and crash history at the intersection and concluded that there is a high potential for safety and operational improvements; and

WHEREAS, both DOTD and the 2024 traffic engineering study evaluated multiple improvement alternatives, including unsignalized geometric improvements, signalization, and a modern single-lane roundabout or traffic signal with approach realignment; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 traffic engineering study determined that a single-lane roundabout or traffic signal with corrected alignment of Pecue Lane provides the greatest overall benefit by reducing severe crash types, improving traffic flow, minimizing delay and queueing, and correcting the underlying geometric deficiencies of the intersection; and

WHEREAS, modern roundabouts are widely recognized as an effective traffic safety countermeasure that significantly reduce conflict points and eliminate high-speed right-angle collisions; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. George has a substantial interest in improving traffic safety, reducing accidents, and ensuring efficient traffic movement along Highland Road and Pecue Lane for residents, businesses, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, endorsement by the City Council will assist in coordination with DOTD, regional planning agencies, and potential funding partners for future design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, LOUISIANA, THAT:

Section 1.

The City Council formally endorses the realignment of Pecue Lane and construction of a modern single-lane roundabout or realignment of Pecue Lane and construction of signal at the intersection of Highland Road and Pecue Lane as the preferred long-term traffic safety and operational improvement.

Section 2.

The City Council finds that the recommended roundabout or traffic signal as well as the realignment are supported by DOTD analysis and the 2024 traffic engineering study and represent the most effective solution to reduce traffic accidents and improve traffic flow at this location.

Section 3.

The Mayor and City administration are hereby authorized and encouraged to coordinate with DOTD, the Metropolitan Planning Organization, and other relevant agencies to advance planning, design, funding, and implementation of the endorsed improvement.

Section 4.

This Resolution expresses the City's policy position and support and does not, by itself, obligate the City to expend funds unless and until approved through the appropriate budgetary and contractual processes.

Section 5.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Section 6.

If any section, subsection, sentence, or clause of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution.

Section 7.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

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

For: Cook, Dellucci, Edmonds, Himmel, Monachello, Murrell, Talbot

Against: None

CERTIFICATION

The above and forgoing Resolution was duly adopted at the Regular Meeting of the Council for the City of St. George held on January 13, 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lorraine Beaman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Lorraine Beaman, Clerk