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SJR___ URGING THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
PRIORITIZE THE WIDENING OF INTERSTATE 65.

WHEREAS, Interstate 65 is the main North-South travel
artery through the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 65 provides connectivity from the
Port of Mobile and Alabama's Gulf Coast beaches through the
Capital City of Montgomery, through Birmingham and to
Huntsville, moving commuters and tourists daily, and fueling
Alabama's economy; and

WHEREAS, portions of Interstate 65 experience high
traffic volumes and congestion, especially during peak
travel times and seasons, and especially near the larger
cities served by this interstate highway; and

WHEREAS, various studies show that congestion on
America's interstates correlates into increased wear and
tear on vehicles, increased emissions, increased drive
times, extra costs of travel, and lost productivity - all of
which translate into increased costs to commuters, vacation
travelers, consumers, as well as business and industry; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation is
charged with planning, maintaining, and improving Alabama's
state, U.S., and interstate highways and is funded by state
and federal fuel taxes and other state fees, with various
federal grant programs available on a competitive



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29 application basis and with certain limited bonding authority
30 available; now therefore,

31 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
32 HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Department of
33 Transportation is urged to study and prioritize improvements
34 and additional capacity for Interstate 65 with the eventual
35 goal of having an appropriate number of lanes in each
36 direction on all sections of the interstate.