

RESOLUTION

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION for

JEFFERSON, ORLEANS, PLAQUEMINES, ST. BERNARD, ST. CHARLES, ST. JOHN
THE BAPTIST, ST. TAMMANY & TANGIPAHOA PARISHES

Lake Pontchartrain Barrier: Request to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and
Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program

Introduced by Parish President Mike Cooper,
seconded by Parish President Matt Jewell, the 13 day of September, 2022.

WHEREAS, the coastal communities surrounding Lake Pontchartrain face a range of challenges and risks posed by flooding from tropical storms and hurricanes making landfall nearby pushing storm surge and high waves into the populated areas around the Lake causing damage, destroying assets, disrupting economic activity and basic services, and threatening the health and safety of our coastal residents; and

WHEREAS, the idea of blocking storm surge from flowing into Lake Pontchartrain at the Rigolets was first proposed as a lock system in the 1960s and 1970s by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, who proposed building a barrier and had designs ready but the idea was put off due to local opposition; and

WHEREAS, it was reintroduced as a potential project in the 2012 version of the Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan and remains in the current version; and

WHEREAS, a Lake Pontchartrain barrier could provide substantial damage reduction benefits for southeastern Louisiana, with median expected annual damage reduction benefits ranging from \$1.2 billion to \$1.4 billion per year; and

WHEREAS, a barrier could also lower future design height requirements for the Greater New Orleans hurricane protection system along the south shore of Lake Pontchartrain; and

WHEREAS, CPRA included the Lake Pontchartrain Barrier alignment as part of the formal 2017 analysis and ultimately selected this project for implementation as part of the final 2017 Coastal Master Plan; and

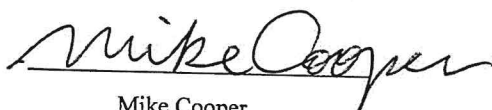
WHEREAS, a barrier could provide substantial and broad flood damage reduction benefits for all Lake Pontchartrain coastal communities, regardless of socioeconomic status, especially those areas surrounding the lake currently lacking any structural protection.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Regional Planning Commission for Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa Parishes, State of Louisiana support requesting a new start study authorization and funding from the United States Congress directing the U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers to evaluate the Lake Pontchartrain Barrier project, and a separate request to the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Restoration Program (PRP) requesting the funds to undertake the needed hydrologic modeling to support project evaluation.

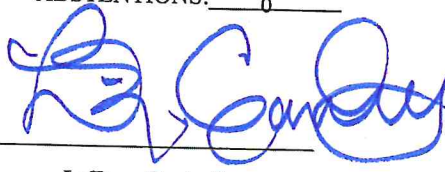
Whereupon, after discussion, the question was called and resulted in the following:

AYES: 24 NAYS: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

And the Chairman declared the Resolution duly carried.



Mike Cooper
Chairman



LaToya Cantrell
Secretary



LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN BARRIER PROJECT

Rigolets Gate at 2 ft.

Chef Menteur Gate at 2 ft.