

**FINAL
CAMERON FERRY
APPROVAL OF NEGOTIATED TERMS AND
EXECUTION OF SERVICE CONTRACT**

The following resolution was offered by CHAISSON and seconded by LEDET:

LOUISIANA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

A resolution granting approval of the terms of the service contract negotiated by LabMar Ferry Services, LLC and the Department of Transportation and Development to privatize operation and maintenance of the Cameron Ferry Service; authorizing the execution of the service contract in accordance with La. R.S. 48:2084(E); authorizing the Department of Transportation and Development to act on behalf of the Authority in connection with the implementation and management of the service contract; and providing for others matters in connection with the foregoing.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Transportation Authority (“Authority”), a public corporation placed within the Department of Transportation and Development (“DOTD”) of the State of Louisiana (“State”) and created pursuant to Chapter 30 of Title 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (“Act”), is authorized pursuant to La. R.S. 48:2072(A) to promote development, construction, improvement, expansion, and maintenance of an efficient, safe, and well-maintained intermodal transportation system for Louisiana’s economic growth and the ability of business and industry to compete in regional, national, and global markets and to provide a high quality of life for the people of this state; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 48:2084(B) and La. R.S. 48:2084.1, the Authority is authorized to receive unsolicited proposals for qualifying transportation facilities and to contract with a private entity for transportation services to be provided for such facilities in exchange for service payments and other consideration as are deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Ferry Service is a qualifying transportation facility that may be included in an unsolicited proposal; and

WHEREAS, LabMar Ferry Services, LLC (“LabMar”) submitted an unsolicited proposal on August 25, 2025 proposing to assume operations of the Cameron Ferry Service pursuant to a service contract, which was assigned State Project No. H.972598; and

WHEREAS, at its September 10, 2025 meeting, the Authority elected to proceed with considering the proposal, initiating a 90-day competitive solicitation period that ended December 29, 2025 during which LabMar submitted an amended proposal; and

WHEREAS, an evaluation committee staffed by DOTD determined that LabMar’s amended proposal met all mandatory requirements and selected LabMar as the preferred proposer; and

WHEREAS, at its March 26, 2026 meeting, the Authority determined that privatization of the Cameron Ferry Service would serve a public purpose considering the factors identified in La. R.S. 48:2084(D)(1); and

WHEREAS, at its March 26, 2026 meeting, the Authority conditionally approved the amended proposal of LabMar for the privatization of operation and maintenance of the Cameron Ferry Service contingent upon execution of a service contract in accordance with La. R.S. 48:2084(E); authorized DOTD to negotiate the terms of the service contract with LabMar, upon favorable terms that include transition planning for existing Cameron Ferry Service if an agreement is reached; and, reserved approval to execute a service contract with LabMar until such time that the terms have been negotiated and presented to the Authority for review and approval, making no representation that its approval will be granted at that time; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2026, HB 655 (2026 Regular Session) was enacted (Act 415) and became effective, which amended and reenacted La. R.S. 48:25, relative to the operation and control of ferries by DOTD, to authorize DOTD to enter into contracts for the construction, operation, and maintenance of ferries and related facilities, and to exempt such contracts from certain provisions when in the best interest of the State (including exemptions related to letting on a cost-plus basis and the provisions of La. R.S. 38:2221 and La. R.S. 48:255.4); and

WHEREAS, at its June 3, 2026 meeting, the State Civil Service Commission ("Commission") conditionally approved DOTD's request to privatize the operation and maintenance of the Cameron Ferry Service, which was based upon a draft contract submitted for Commission review. The approval of the Commission is contingent upon the final contract not containing substantive changes materially altering the economies and efficiencies relied upon by the Commission, and upon DOTD presenting the Commission with an executed copy of the service contract; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2026, DOTD presented the Authority with the service contract negotiated by DOTD and LabMar concerning the operation and maintenance of the Cameron Ferry Service ("Negotiated Service Contract") for review and approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Transportation Authority that:

SECTION 1. The Authority hereby approves the terms of the Negotiated Service Contract presented to the Authority on June 28, 2026, and finds that the terms of the Negotiated Service Contract are favorable and include transition planning for the existing Cameron Ferry Service;

SECTION 2. The Authority hereby authorizes the execution and delivery of the Negotiated Service Contract in accordance with La. R.S. 48:2084(E). The Negotiated Service Contract shall be executed by the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Authority, acting for and on behalf of the Authority. The signatures of the Chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer upon the Negotiated Service Contract as so executed shall be deemed conclusive evidence of the due exercise of the authority vested in them hereunder;

SECTION 3. Pursuant to the Act, the Authority hereby requests and authorizes DOTD to act as the agent of the Authority in all respects for the purpose of implementing and managing the Negotiated Service Contract. DOTD is specifically granted authority to act as the Authority's authorized agent for the execution of agreements to extend the term of the Negotiated Service Contract (in accordance with the extension options provided therein), and to execute change orders and approvals on such terms and conditions DOTD determines are in the best interest of the State;

SECTION 4. The proper officers, agents, and employees of the Authority are hereby authorized, empowered, and directed to do all such acts and things and to execute all such documents as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes and intent of this Resolution. The signatures of the said officers upon such documents set forth above, or as may be otherwise required for or necessary, convenient or appropriate

to the purposes and intent described in this Resolution, are deemed to be conclusive evidence of their due exercise of the authority vested in them hereunder.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be placed on file in the office of the Authority and shall be available for public inspection immediately upon adoption in accordance with State law.

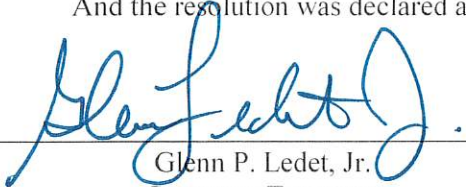
SECTION 6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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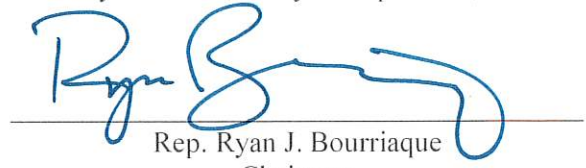
This Resolution having been submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Rep. Ryan J. Bourriaque, Chairman	☒	☐	☐	☐
Sen. Mark T. Abraham	☒	☐	☐	☐
Archie Chaisson, III	☒	☐	☐	☐
Glenn P. Ledet, Jr.	☒	☐	☐	☐
Christopher Matthew Johns	☐	☐	☒	☐
Rep. Jack G. McFarland	☐	☐	☒	☐
Chalin O. "Cop" Perez, Jr.	☒	☐	☐	☐
Sen. Jeremy Stine	☒	☐	☐	☐
Michael Tepper	☐	☐	☒	☐

And the resolution was declared adopted by the Authority on this 24th day of September, 2026.



Glenn P. Ledet, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer



Rep. Ryan J. Bourriaque
Chairman

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Transportation Authority, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Directors on the July 1, 2016 granting approval of the terms of the service contract negotiated by LabMar Ferry Services, LLC and the Department of Transportation and Development to privatize operation and maintenance of the Cameron Ferry Service; authorizing the execution of the service contract in accordance with La. R.S. 48:2084(E); authorizing the Department of Transportation and Development to act on behalf of the Authority in connection with the implementation and management of the service contract; and providing for others matters in connection with the foregoing.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature and the impress of the official seal of said Authority at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on this 24TH day of SEPTEMBER 2026.

LOUISIANA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

By: 
Glenn P. Ledet, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer

