



NEW ORLEANS RAIL GATEWAY  
JEFFERSON AND ORLEANS PARISHES, LOUISIANA  
SCOPING MEETING COMMENT FORM

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Name	Street or P.O. Box	City, State, Zip

The purpose of today’s scoping meeting is to present the environmental and location study process and to solicit your input concerning important social and environmental issues. Please answer the following questions.

1. How did you hear about the New Orleans Rail Gateway (NORG) Program? \_\_\_\_\_

2. After hearing the presentation, do you better understand the need for the NORG Program?  YES  NO

3. How important to the Region are improvements to the NORG Program?  
 Very Important  Important  Somewhat Important  Not Important  
Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

4. How important to you are improvements to the NORG?  
 Very Important  Important  Somewhat Important  Not Important  
Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Rank the importance of the six identified needs (goals) for the NORG Program: (1 – Highest | 6 – Lowest)

- \_\_\_ reduce vehicle congestion at street crossings
- \_\_\_ improve emergency evacuation conditions
- \_\_\_ improve vehicle, pedestrian and rail safety
- \_\_\_ improve overall environmental quality
- \_\_\_ improve traffic reliability at the Almonaster Bridge
- \_\_\_ correct physical and operational deficiencies to improve traffic flow

6. Are there any additional needs (goals) that should be considered for the NORG Program?  
 YES If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NO \_\_\_\_\_

7. A 2007 feasibility study evaluated possible improvements to the Back Belt (Metairie/New Orleans), Front Belt (Mississippi River/Port of New Orleans), and the Middle Belt (Earhart Expressway/I-10) to improve traffic flow by separating rail, vehicle and pedestrian traffic (refer to handouts for location of each Belt). Do you agree/disagree with the following study findings or have any suggestions for consideration?

- Grade-separating and/or closing streets to eliminate rail crossings combined with the adjacent development along the Front Belt make improvements unfeasible  Agree  Disagree
- Grade-separating and/or closing streets to eliminate rail crossings along the Back Belt should be further evaluated  Agree  Disagree
- Completing the “Carrollton Curve” and rerouting rail traffic to the Earhart Expressway/I-10 corridor should be further evaluated  Agree  Disagree

Other suggestions, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What other alternatives should be considered as the study moves forward:

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9. How often do you come in contact with the NORG?

- Daily  Weekly  Infrequently  Not at All

10. If you come in contact with the NORG, is it for: (Check all that apply)

- Employment by railroads, shipper or suppliers  
 Vehicular or pedestrian travelers crossing the NORG  
 Residence or employment is located along the NORG  
 Other, please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

11. What medium do you use to get most of your news information?

- Television  Newspaper  Radio  Internet  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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12. What is your most trusted media source (television station, newspaper, etc...)? \_\_\_\_\_

13. Have you visited the New Orleans Rail Gateway Project website ([www.dotd.la.gov/administration/public\\_info/projects/norg](http://www.dotd.la.gov/administration/public_info/projects/norg))?

- YES  NO

14. Are there any other meeting locations that could better engage the public? \_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you have any other comments or concerns not addressed at today's scoping meeting?

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16. Would you like your name to be placed on the NORG mailing list?  YES  NO  I signed in during the meeting.

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