Appendix C:

December 2017 Public Meeting Summary

CANE RIVER BRIDGE

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

CANE RIVER BRIDGE CHURCH STREET
ROUTE LA 1-X

STATE PROJECT NO. H.001271
FEDERAL PROJECT NO. H001271
NATCHITOCHES PARISH, LA

PREPARED BY:
C.H. FENSTERMAKER & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C.

PUBLIC MEETING
DECEMBER 7, 2017, 4:00PM TO 7:00PM
NATCHITOCHES EVENTS CENTER
750 2ND STREET NATCHITOCHES, LA 71457

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

A public meeting was held on December 7, 2017 for the Cane River Bridge Church Street Route LA 1-X project. The meeting was held as an informal open house format with multiple stations for participants to visit with project team members.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

The objective of the public meeting was to provide information to the public and seek input from individuals and community organizations regarding potential impacts associated with the proposed replacement of the Cane River Bridge at Church Street located in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

MEETING ADVERTISEMENT

The public meeting was advertised in several ways. Property owners along the project corridor were mailed a meeting notice on November 9, 2017. Notices of the meeting were advertised in The Natchitoches Times on Thursday, November 23, 2017 and Thursday, November 30, 2017 and the Natchitoches Parish Journal on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 and Thursday, November 30, 2017. Agencies and stakeholders were emailed on November 8, 2017 and mailed a notice on November 9, 2017. Press releases were emailed to the media through LADOTD and posted on the LADOTD project website on November 8, 2017. Copies of the advertisements are included in the Appendix.

MEETING FORMAT

The meeting followed an informal open house format. Five (5) Stations were organized around the meeting facility and are described below:

- **Welcome and Sign-In**. Meeting attendees were asked to provide their contact information. They also received a project handout describing the project and the project history, figures showing the proposed improvements, an overview of the open house format, and a comment form. Copies of the meeting handouts are included in the Appendix.
- **Presentation**. Meeting attendees were able to watch a 20-minute presentation to familiarize themselves about the project history, the current proposed alternatives, and the project timeline. The presentation played on a continuous loop. A copy of the presentation is included in the Appendix.
- **Exhibits**. Meeting attendees were able to visit with project team members to ask questions and to view the bridge alternatives and noise exhibits. Copies of the exhibits are included in the Appendix.
- **Right of Way Information**. Property owners in attendance had the opportunity to speak with a team member to discuss the LADOTD's acquisition of right of way and relocation assistance program.
- **Comments**. Meeting attendees were able to fill out comment forms or record a verbal comment on the voice recorder provided at the station.

MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting was attended by seventy-one (71) citizens, eight (8) elected officials, sixteen (16) agency representatives, three (3) media personnel, and nine (9) project team members.

Public Comments

Comment forms were handed out to each attendee when signing into the meeting. During the open house format meeting, attendees were able to turn in a completed written comment form or record a verbal comment on a voice recorder coordinated by one of the project team members. Attendees and persons who received invitations were also able to provide comments via email or mail. Comments were received through December 18, 2017. The public meeting comment summary table is included in the Appendix and a summary of responses received are below.

Comment Summary

Two (2) mailed comments were received regarding the Cane River Bridge Church Street project prior to the public meeting. One (1) verbal comment was recorded and 27 written comments were received at the public meeting held on December 7, 2017. Nine (9) comments were received following the public meeting through the end of the comment period on December 18, 2017. A summary of the comments received through the public comment period is included in the Appendix. Eight (8) comments were received following the public comment period, and these comments will be included in the EA document.

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OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING

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750 2nd Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

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Before me, a Notary Public, personally came and appeared Vickie Feazell

who, being duly sworn, did depose and say that she/he is Bookkeeper of

The Natchitoches Times, a newspaper of general circulation published within the Parish of Natchitoches,

And that **Open House Public Meeting – Cane River Bridge Church Street Route La 1-X State Project No. H.001271 Federal Project No. H001271 Natchitoches Parish**

as per copy attached hereto, was published in said newspaper in the issues of 11/23 & 11/30/17

(S) Vicki Feazell

SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED to before me this 30th day November, 2017

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Rotary Club

Cane River National Heritage Area Director of Communications Rebecca Blankenbaker and Natchitoches Historic District Development Commission Main Street and Public Relations Manager Janna Jenkins, spoke about Branding Natchitoches to the Natchitoches Rotary Club. They encouraged everyone to complete the survey located at the website https://www.canerivernha.org/branding-survey to help them develop a brand with the Grand Group, a company hired to develop the project. From left are President David Zolzer, Rotarian with the Program Jessica Broadway, Jenkins, Blankenbaker and Rotarian Van Erickson.

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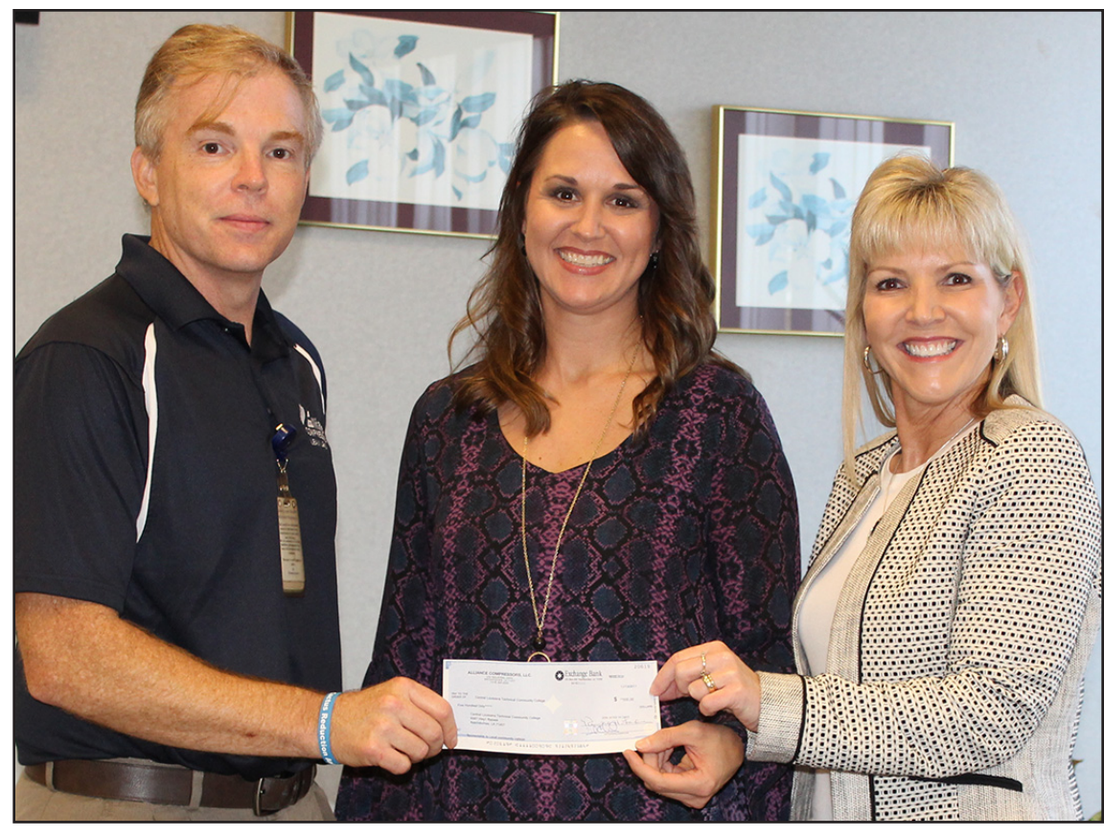

Alliance Compressors contributed funds to supply refreshments to the Central Louisiana Technical Community College for their ribbon cutting and open house Nov. 28. From left are Ken Gardner, Alliance Plant Manager, Gwen Fontenot, Student Success Coordinator, and Michelle Brundige, Alliance Human Resources Manager.

The Rotary Club Student of the Month for November is LSMSA LiZhand Matuschka. From left are LSMSA member Dr. Kristi Key, Rotarian Tom Matuschka, NSU Recruiting Assistant Direct Ashlee Hewitt, LiZhand Matuschka, Rotarian Tommy Melder and President David Zolzer.

LSMSA's informational meeting is for prospective students

Prospective students and their parents will have an opportunity to attend an informational meeting in Natchitoches to learn more about the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the

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LSMSA is the only state-funded residential high school for high achieving and highly motivated sophomores, juniors and seniors. Each year students from all across the state seek admission. Students from public, private and parochial schools, as well as those who are home schooled, are encouraged to apply. Admission is highly competitive. The school offers college level classes in a disciplined, nurturing environment. Students are exposed to rich opportunities through an extensive curriculum in all subject areas.

Named a Blue Ribbon High School by the U.S. Department of Education, LSMSA has articulation agreements with all schools in the University of Louisiana system, which award up to 74 hours of college credit for LSMSA courses. The scope of the courses and the number of semester hours of credit vary from institution to institution.

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This week at NSU

NSU

Here is a look at the week of Nov. 26-Dec. 2 at Northwestern State University.

Nov. 26-Dec. 2 – Registration for fall semester

Nov. 27 – University reopens after Thanksgiving break

Nov. 28 – Women's basketball vs. Southern Mississippi, Prather Coliseum, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 29 – Men's basketball vs. Lyon College, Prather Coliseum, 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 29-30 – Christmas Gala, A.A. Fredericks Auditorium, 7 p.m.

Dec. 1 – Meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, Magale Recital Hall

Dec. 1 — Christmas Gala, A.A. Fredericks Auditorium, 7 p.m., 9 p.m.

Special Ornaments

Christmas tree ornaments that have been kept throughout the year hold precious memories for some. We want to feature those ornaments and memories! Send photos of ornaments and tell us why you've kept them. Send photos to lifestyleeditor@natchitochestimes.com or jgray@natchitochestimes.com

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Stanley Ferguson

DECEMBER 1, 2017 AT 8:27 AM

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Open House Public Meeting - Cane River Bridge Church Street Route LA 1-X

Wednesday, November 08, 2017 at 1:39:29 PM

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Natchitoches, LA 71457

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145 Claudia Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Lee Anne Moore
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Natchitoches, LA 71457

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471 Highway 1241
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319 Cherie Loop
Natchitoches, LA 71457

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144 Public Ramp Road
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Natchitoches Parish Floodplain Administrator PO Box 799 Natchitoches, LA 71457		Natchitoches Parish Police Jury PO Box 799 Natchitoches, LA 71458
Natchitoches Parish Sheriff PO Box 266 Natchitoches, LA 71457		Natchitoches Parish Planning Commission PO Box 799 Natchitoches, LA 71458
Natchitoches Parish School Board PO Box 16 Natchitoches, LA 71457		Natchitoches Soil and Water Conservation District of Louisiana 6949 Highway 1 Bypass Natchitoches, LA 71457
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Appendix 4:
Meeting Sign-In Sheets

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Appendix 5:
Meeting Handout

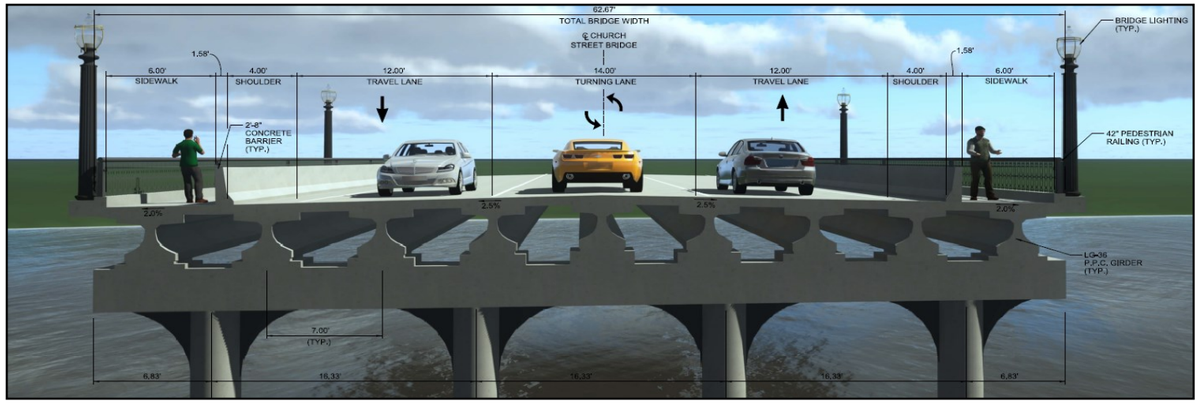

FIGURE 5: Proposed Cane River Replacement Bridge Typical Section

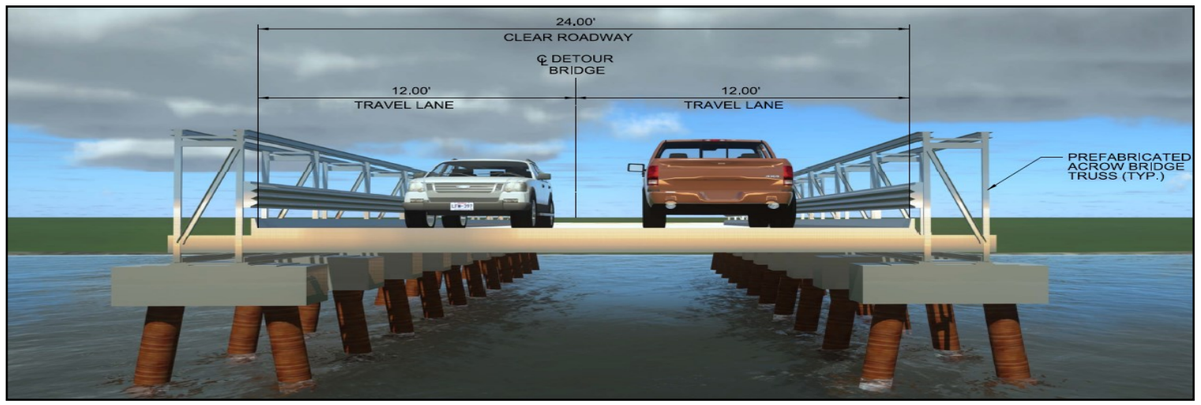

FIGURE 6: Proposed Temporary Bridge Typical Section

NEXT STEPS:

- Complete Environmental Inventory
- Develop Preferred Alternative
- Host Additional Public Meeting (If Necessary)
- Prepare Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Distribute EA for public and agency comments
- Host Public Hearing
- Prepare EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (If Appropriate)
- Issue Decision (FONSI or Notice of Intent to prepare EIS)

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PUBLIC MEETING

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CANE RIVER BRIDGE
CHURCH STREET
ROUTE LA 1-X

State Project No. H.001271
Federal Aid Project No. H001271
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

December 7, 2017
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Natchitoches Events Center
McCullen Hall B
750 2nd Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

CANE RIVER BRIDGE

Purpose of Public Meeting:

The Louisiana Department and Transportation and Development (LADOTD) in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is conducting this public meeting for the proposed replacement of Cane River Bridge on Church Street Route LA 1-X located in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information to the public and to obtain input on the proposed project.

Meeting Format:

This meeting will follow an open house format. There will be a continuous multi-media presentation about the project. Additional project exhibits are available for viewing. Representatives from LADOTD and its consultants are present at the open house to answer questions and discuss issues related to the project. Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties to help ensure that the study team addressed the full range of environmental issues during the Environmental Assessment process. Verbal comments can be recorded and written statements can be submitted at the comment station. Written statements can also be mailed to the address shown below, postmarked no later than December 18, 2017, to be included in the meeting transcript.

<u>Mailing address</u>
LADOTD
Environmental Engineer Administrator, Section 28
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Meeting Stations:

The open house meeting format consist of five (5) stations to visit. Each station will have representatives present to guide you through the station. The following are the stations along with a brief description.

STATION NO. 1: SIGN IN

•Welcome and please sign in. A copy of the meeting handouts will be made available at this station.

STATION NO. 2: PRESENTATION

•Continuous audio/visual presentation about the proposed project.

STATION NO. 3: EXHIBITS

•Visit with team members and view the exhibits of the proposed project.

STATION NO. 4: RIGHT OF WAY

•Visit with team members to discuss LADOTD's acquisition of right of way and relocation assistance program.

STATION NO. 5: COMMENTS

•Please take a moment to provide any comments you may have. Either fill out the comment form provided with this handout and turn it in at Station No. 5 or record a verbal comment on the voice recorder found at this station. You may also mail your comment form to the address provided.

What is an Environmental Assessment (EA)?

An Environmental Assessment is a concise public document that a Federal agency prepares under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to provide sufficient evidence and analysis to determine whether a proposed agency action would require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). It also includes a public involvement process.

Why is an Environmental Assessment being prepared?

This environment assessment (EA) is being prepared to assess potential impacts associated with the proposed replacement of the existing Cane River Bridge. The EA will analyze the following major issues and/or impacts to: wetlands, air and water quality, noise, floodplains, scenic streams, endangered and threatened species, historical and cultural resources, hazardous wastes (Phase I environmental site assessments), land use impacts, prime farmland soils, social impacts, environmental justice, relocation impacts, and economic impacts. The EA will also evaluate a range of alternatives to the proposed action, including the no action alternative (or No-Build). Information obtained following the public meeting will be considered in finalizing the array of alternatives to be evaluated in the EA.

Brief Project History:

The Cane River Bridge is located on Louisiana Highway 1-X (known locally as Church Street) over Cane River between LA 6 (Front Street) and LA 1224 (Williams Avenue) in the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana. The existing Cane River Bridge is a two-lane, 441-foot concrete girder span bridge. The bridge provides a vital transportation connection to the historical commercial downtown areas of Natchitoches along the west bank of Cane River and to the historical residential areas along the east bank of the river.

The following is an outline of events that have occurred related to the project:

- **1998** — Stage 1 environmental process was initiated
- **1999** — Public meeting was held
- **2001** — Natchitoches City Council passed resolution in favor of the project
- **2003** — The project was put on hold due to controversy
- **2015** — LADOTD proposed to re-start the Environmental Assessment
- **2016** — LADOTD solicited consultant teams for project; Natchitoches City Council unanimously voted to not contribute funds for a permanent bridge at Highland Park
- **2017** — LADOTD Contract awarded for Cane River Bridge Environmental Assessment

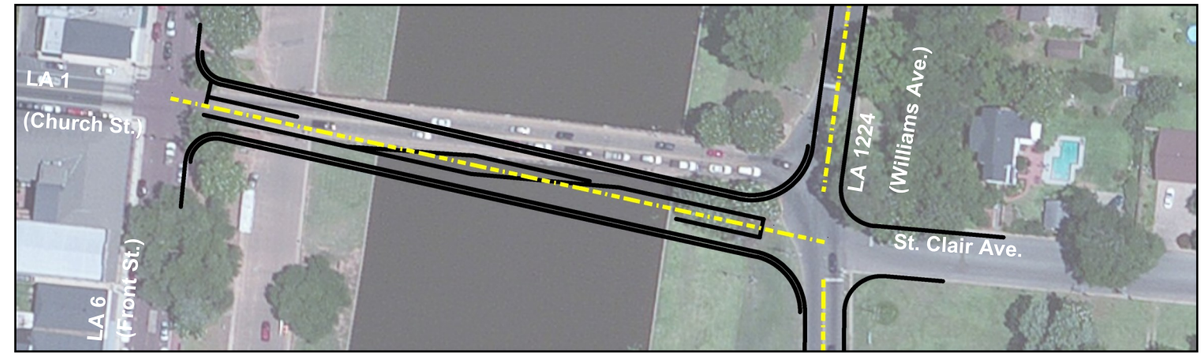
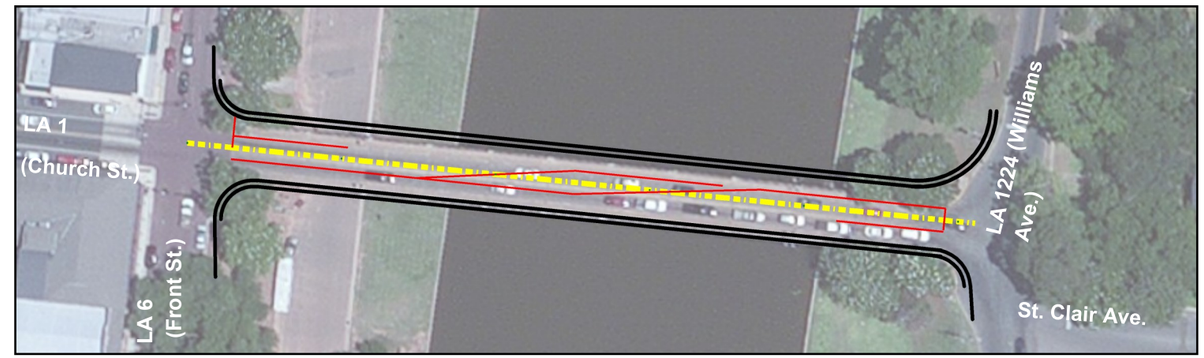


FIGURE 1: Proposed Cane River Replacement Bridge on Skewed Alignment



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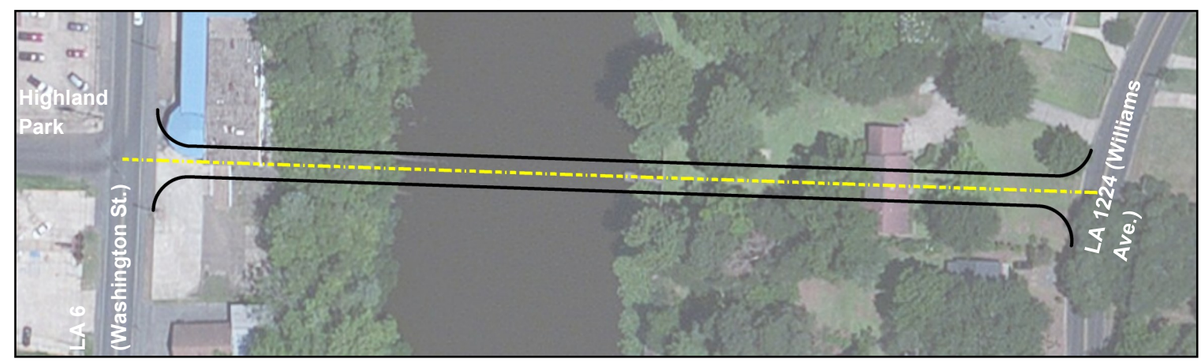

FIGURE 3: Proposed Temporary Bridge at Highland Park

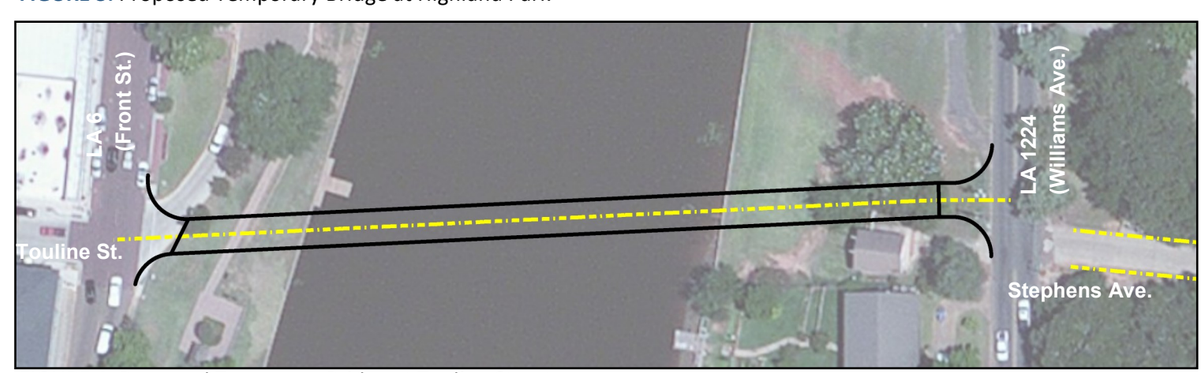

FIGURE 4: Proposed Temporary Bridge at Touline Street

Appendix 6:
Comment Form

CANE RIVER BRIDGE CHURCH STREET ROUTE LA 1-X
State Project No. H.001271
Federal Project No. H001271
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

Thursday, December 7, 2017
Natchitoches Events Center, McCullen Hall B
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STATION CHECKLIST

This public meeting is an open-house style format where attendees can visit each "station" to learn about the project, visit with the project team members, and provide comments. Please use this form to track your visit to each station.

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Continuous presentation about the proposed project.

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Public Meeting Comment Form

Thank you for attending!

Your participation is vital to ensuring that decisions made about this proposed project reflect the needs of the community and are based on good information. Please take a moment to document your comments.

Before you leave tonight, please turn in your comment form to Station No. 5. You may also mail the comment form to the address below. Comments should be postmarked no later than **December 18, 2017** to be included in the meeting transcript.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

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Appendix 7:
Powerpoint Presentation (PDF)

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Cane River Bridge Church Street Route LA 1-X

Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana
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Public Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2017
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CANE RIVER BRIDGE

TEAM MEMBERS

LEAD AGENCIES: DOTD LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT; U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration

CONSULTING FIRMS: FENSTERMAKER; HUVAL & ASSOCIATES, INC. Consulting Engineers; ESI; CobbFendley; CSRS; PROVIDENCE

MEETING PURPOSE

- Provide information regarding the proposed replacement of Cane River Bridge at LA 1 (Church Street);
- Provide project exhibits for public review;
- Offer the public an opportunity to speak informally with representatives from the Project Team; and
- An opportunity for the public to provide comments verbally and in writing.

MEETING STATIONS

PROJECT DELIVERY PROCESS

Stage 0: Feasibility	Completed 2015
Stage 1: Planning/Environmental	Estimated Completion Spring 2019 ← WE ARE HERE
Stage 2: Funding/Project Prioritization	Estimated Time of Completion 1-2 years
Stage 3: Final Design Process	Estimated Time of Completion 1-3 years
Stage 4: Letting	Proposed Letting Date Fall 2023
Stage 5: Construction	Estimated Construction Start January 2024
Stage 6: Operation	

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

- Federal policy of 1969
- Requires analysis of environmental impacts
- Analyzes build and no build alternatives
- Requires early and on-going public involvement

PROJECT HISTORY

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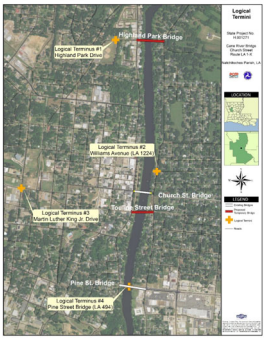


SOLICITATION OF VIEWS (SOV)

- Preliminary project description and maps were sent by LADOTD on June 7, 2017
- LADOTD mailed out **76** SOV letters to various federal, statewide, and local agencies required by the NEPA process
- Received **18** agency responses and **41** citizen responses
- **39 of the 41** citizen comments opposed a temporary bridge along Highland Park Drive

PROJECT PURPOSE

The purpose of the project is to address bridge deficiencies related to the age and design of the existing bridge crossing along Church Street over Cane River, as well as to address functional deficiencies related to the traffic movement through the existing intersection of Church Street, LA 1224 (Williams Avenue), and St. Clair Avenue.

PROJECT NEED

Exposed Structural Steel

Misalignment of Bridge Deck

Cracks in Concrete Piles

BRIDGE STRUCTURE DEFICIENCIES

- Existing bridge is over 80 years old, which exceeds its expected service life
- All three main elements of the bridge (superstructure, substructure, and main decking) are in poor condition and should be addressed
- The bridge also is load posted/weight restricted, which limits utility

PROJECT NEED

Traffic During Non-Peak Hours

Queuing at West Bridge End

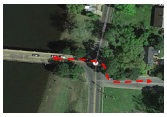
Queuing at East Bridge End

FUNCTIONAL DEFICIENCIES

- Capacity
  - Both existing and future projected traffic flows along the Cane River Bridge exceed the amount that can be served
  - Currently there are no dedicated turn lanes on east and west end of bridge
  - Queueing of traffic

PROJECT NEED

Misaligned Intersection


60' Offset Intersection Approaches

Offset Intersection

FUNCTIONAL DEFICIENCIES

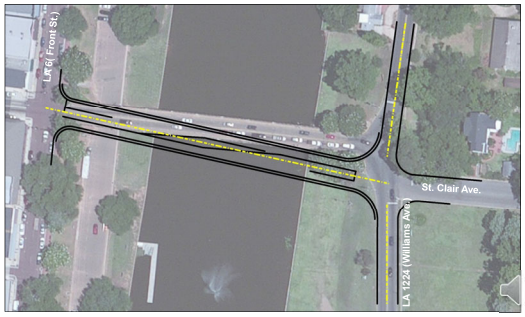
- Non-Standard Intersection Configuration
  - Misaligned east approach on Cane River Bridge at intersection of Church Street, Williams Avenue, and St. Clair Avenue
  - Misalignment and existing traffic control conditions introduce multiple vehicular conflict points and may cause driver confusion

PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES

- Replace existing Cane River Bridge with new permanent bridge utilizing a temporary bridge;
- Replace existing Cane River Bridge with new permanent bridge utilizing staged construction to avoid the need for a temporary bridge;
- Permanent bridge: keep same alignment or provide skewed alignment;
- Temporary bridge locations- Highland Park Drive or Touline Street;
- No build

PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES- ALTERNATIVE 1

Replace Cane River Bridge on Skewed Alignment Utilizing Staged Construction



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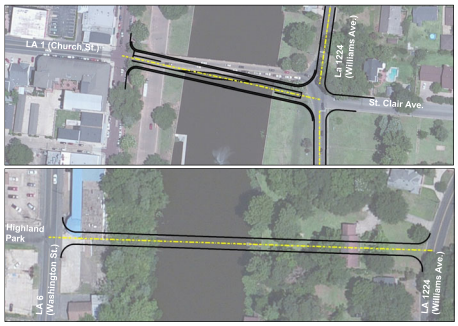

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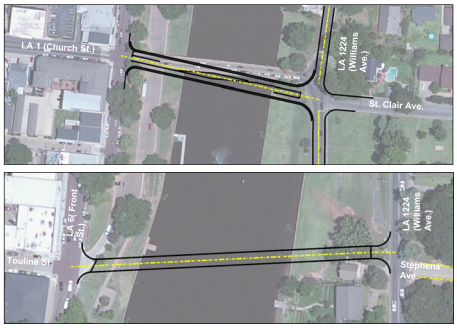

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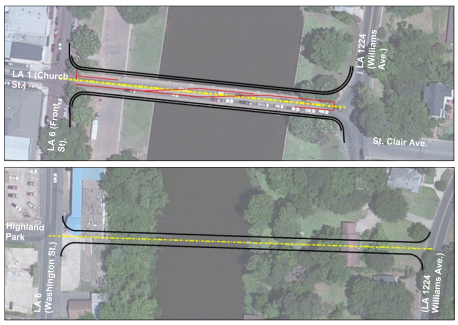

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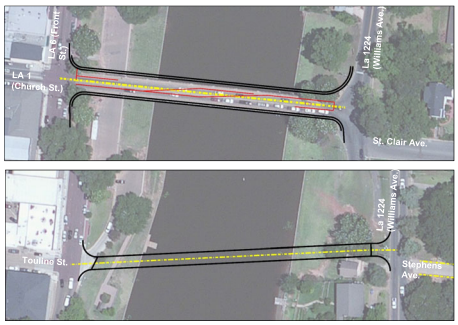

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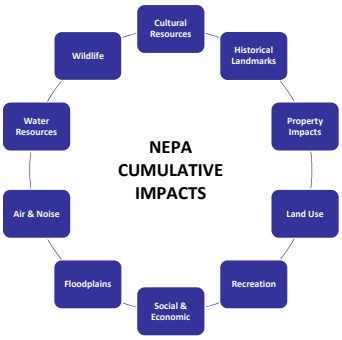
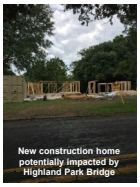


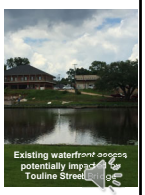
PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- Several historic sites and homes adjacent to corridor
- Potential residential and commercial relocations
- Potential impacts to newly built waterfront park and sewer lift station


New construction home potentially impacted by Highland Park Bridge

Existing commercial building potentially impacted by Highland Park Bridge

Existing sewer lift station potentially impacted by Touline Street Bridge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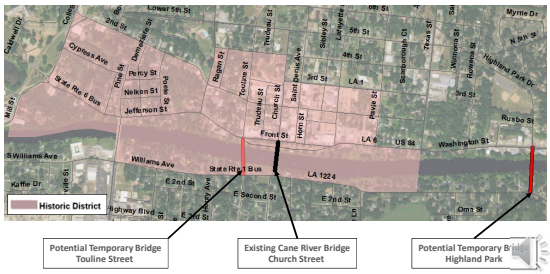


RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION

- LADOTD's objective is to pay fair compensation for all properties required for the project as a part of the acquisition process as follows:

1. Owners may be contacted by an appraiser to evaluate their property, and all evaluations will be approved by LADOTD.
2. After approval, a real estate agent will contact each property owner detailing the offer for purchase of the property.
3. Owners will be given a timeframe to accept or counter the offer.

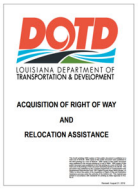
RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION

- Relocation assistance payments are separate and in addition to property payments. The advisory services offered shall include current and continuing information on the following:
  - Availability and prices of comparable, decent, safe, and sanitary dwellings for displaced residents
  - Comparable commercial properties and locations for displaced businesses
  - Finance charges
  - Federal and State programs offering assistance to displaced persons

RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION

- More information on right of way acquisition and relocation assistance is located at Station 4, including the following resources:
  - Representatives from LADOTD's real estate department
  - LADOTD brochure detailing the acquisition of right of way and relocation assistance program

If you have property affected by this project, please read the brochure carefully, and if you have any questions regarding your individual situation, consult with the agent made available to you tonight or contact the regional real estate office.



AGENCY & PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Agency Scoping Meeting – Held on October 12, 2017
- Public Meeting – Being Held Tonight
- Possible 2nd Public Meeting – Early Spring 2018
- EA Public Review – Summer 2018
- Public Hearing – Summer 2018
- EA and FONSI Review – Winter 2018/2019

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Please walk around and view the exhibits, ask questions to any of the project team members, and provide your comments.

Thank you for attending!

PRESENTATION WILL BEGIN IN

Appendix 8:
Display Boards

WELCOME

Cane River Bridge Church Street Route LA 1-X

State Project No. H.001271
Federal Project No. H01271
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

Natchitoches Events Center
750 2nd Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

Thursday, December 7, 2017
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

STATION 1

SIGN-IN

WELCOME! PLEASE SIGN IN
AND TAKE A COPY OF THE MEETING HANDOUTS

STATION 2

PRESENTATION

CONTINUOUS PRESENTATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED PROJECT

STATION 3

EXHIBITS

VISIT WITH TEAM MEMBERS AND VIEW EXHIBITS OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT

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STATION 4

RIGHT OF WAY

VISIT WITH TEAM MEMBERS TO DISCUSS THE DOTD'S ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY AND RELOCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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STATION 5

COMMENTS

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO PROVIDE ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE

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PUBLIC MEETING

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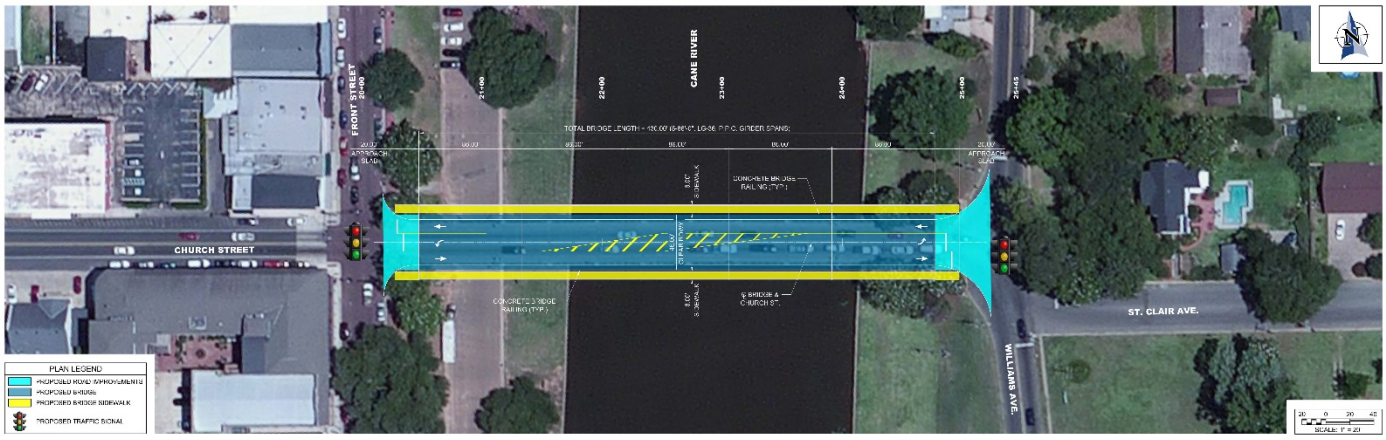

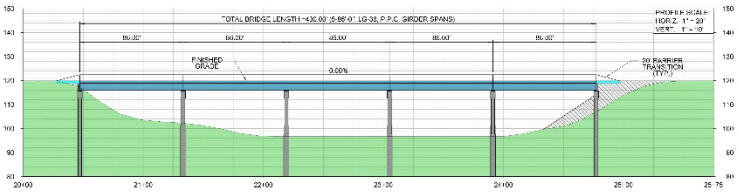

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON EXISTING ALIGNMENT

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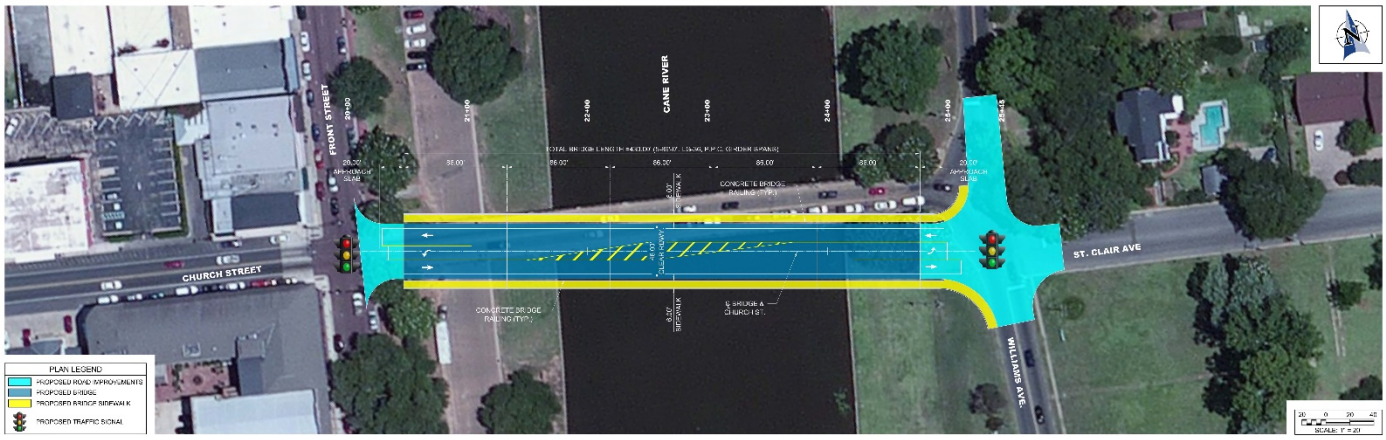

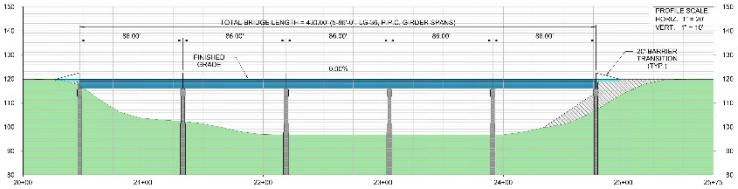

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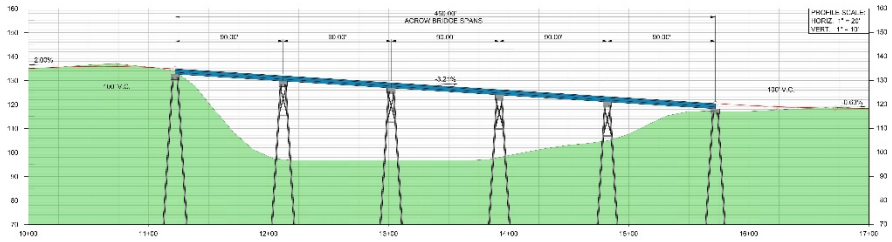

TEMPORARY BRIDGE CROSSING AT HIGHLAND PARK DR. TO WILLIAMS AVE.

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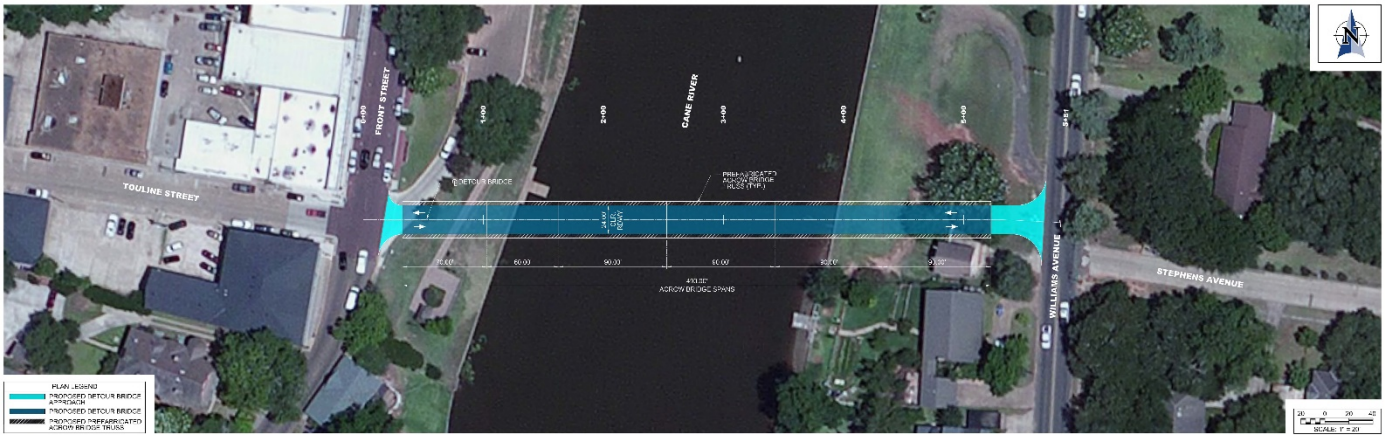

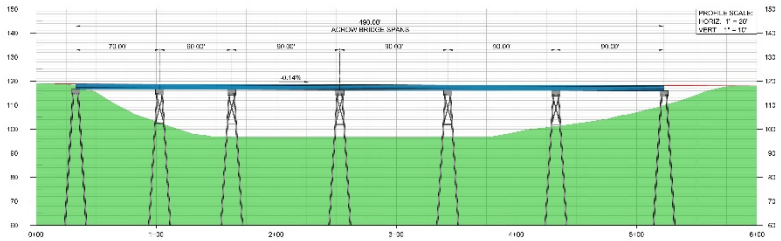

TEMPORARY BRIDGE CROSSING AT TOULINE ST. TO STEPHENS AVE.

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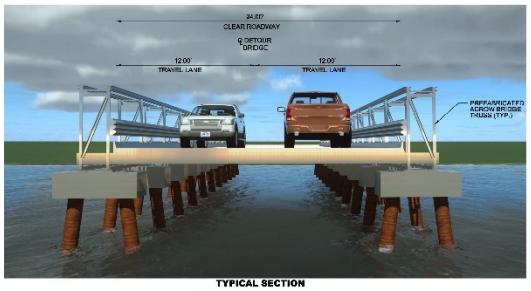

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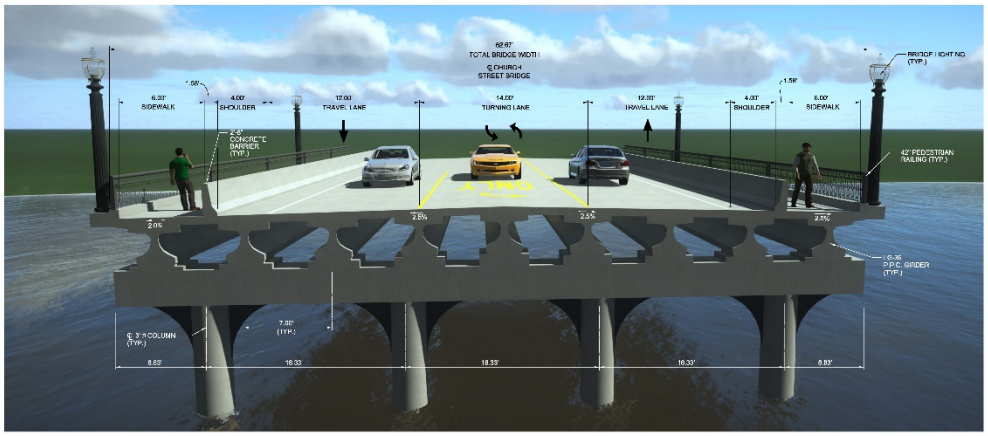

TYPICAL SECTION
PROPOSED CHURCH STREET BRIDGE

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TYPICAL SECTIONS

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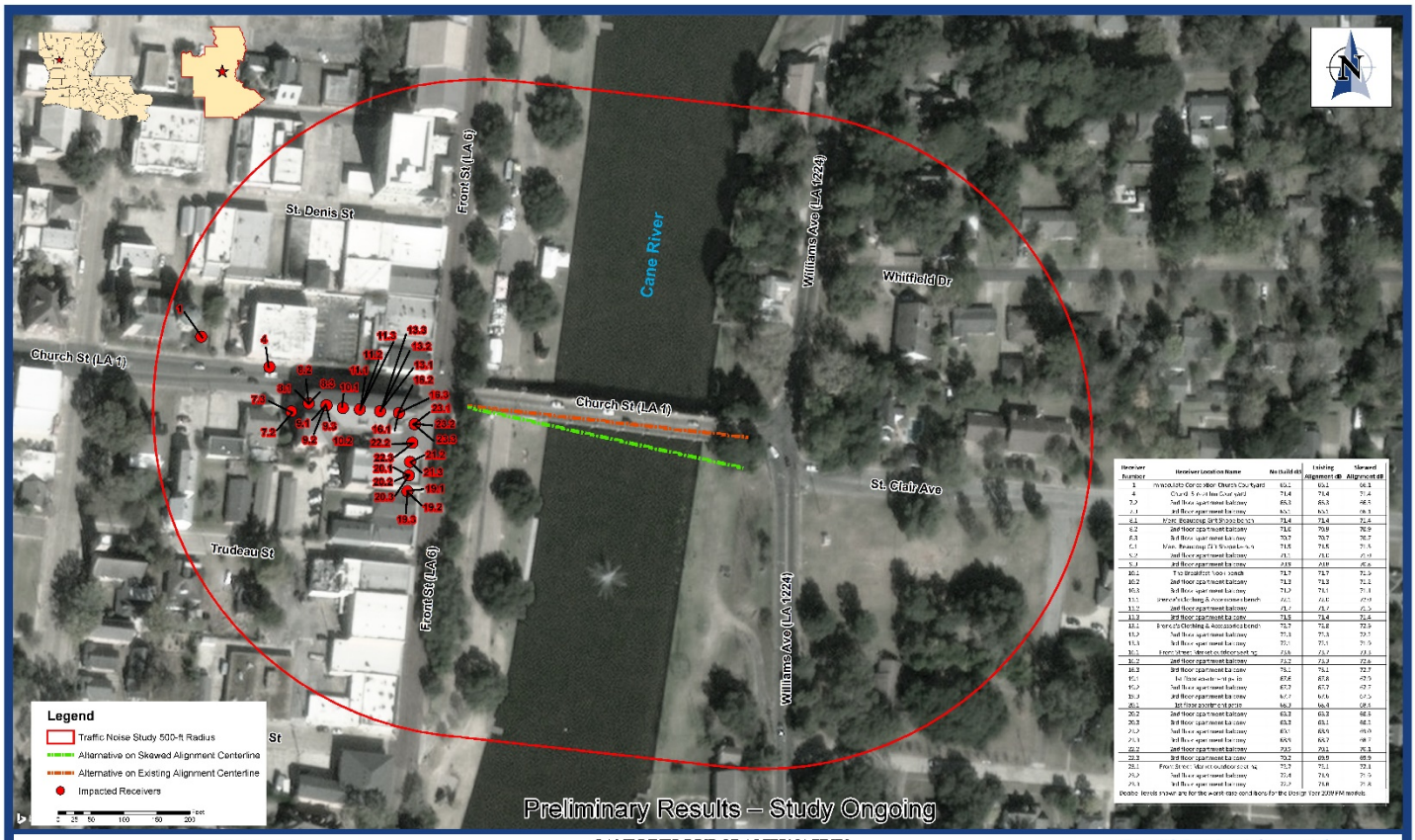

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1	Immaculate Conception Church Courtyard	69.1	69.1	68.1
4	Church Street Inn Courtyard	71.4	71.4	71.4
7.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	65.3	65.3	66.5
7.1	2nd floor apartment balcony	65.1	65.1	66.1
8.1	Hotel Rosenwald (Historic Site)	73.4	73.4	72.4
8.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	71.6	70.9	70.9
8.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	70.7	70.7	70.7
9.1	Hotel Rosenwald (Historic Site)	71.5	71.5	71.5
9.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	71.1	71.1	71.1
9.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	71.0	71.0	71.0
10.1	The Breakfast Room Lunch	74.7	74.7	72.9
10.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	74.3	74.3	72.5
10.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	74.0	74.1	72.3
11.1	Brenda's Clothing & Accessories Bench	74.1	74.1	72.9
11.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	73.7	73.7	72.5
11.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	73.4	73.4	72.2
12.1	Brenda's Clothing & Accessories Bench	73.7	74.8	72.9
12.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	73.3	73.3	72.5
12.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	73.1	73.1	72.3
13.1	Front Street Market Restaurant Patio	73.6	73.7	73.1
13.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	73.2	73.2	72.6
13.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	73.1	73.1	72.7
15.1	1st floor apartment patio	67.8	67.8	67.5
15.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	67.7	67.7	67.7
15.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	67.7	67.6	67.5
16.1	1st floor apartment patio	66.3	66.4	68.1
20.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	63.3	63.3	68.1
20.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	63.3	63.1	68.1
21.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	65.1	65.9	69.0
21.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	65.9	65.7	69.7
22.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	70.5	70.1	75.1
22.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	70.2	69.8	68.9
23.1	Front Street Market Outdoor Seating	75.7	75.1	72.1
23.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	72.4	71.9	71.9
23.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	72.2	71.8	71.8

Decibel levels shown are for the worst-case conditions for the Design Year 2038 FHWA models.

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CANE RIVER BRIDGE ALTERNATIVES
DESIGN YEAR 2038: IMPACTED NOISE RECEIVERS
CANE RIVER BRIDGE AT CHURCH STREET
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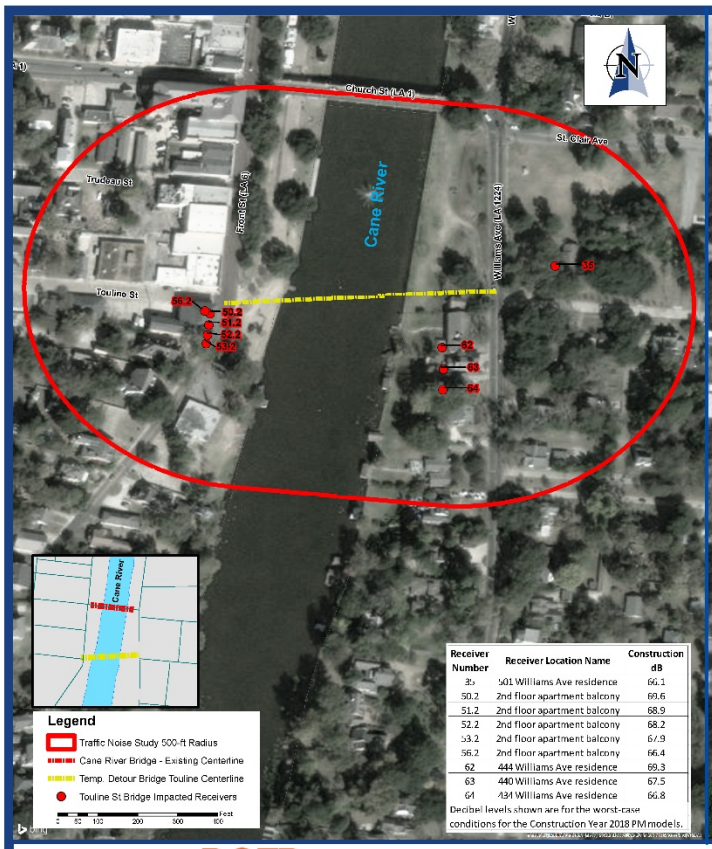

Receiver Number	Receiver Location Name	Construction dB
35	501 Williams Ave residence	66.1
50.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	69.6
51.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	68.9
52.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	68.2
53.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	67.9
56.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	66.4
62	444 Williams Ave residence	69.3
63	440 Williams Ave residence	67.5
64	434 Williams Ave residence	66.8

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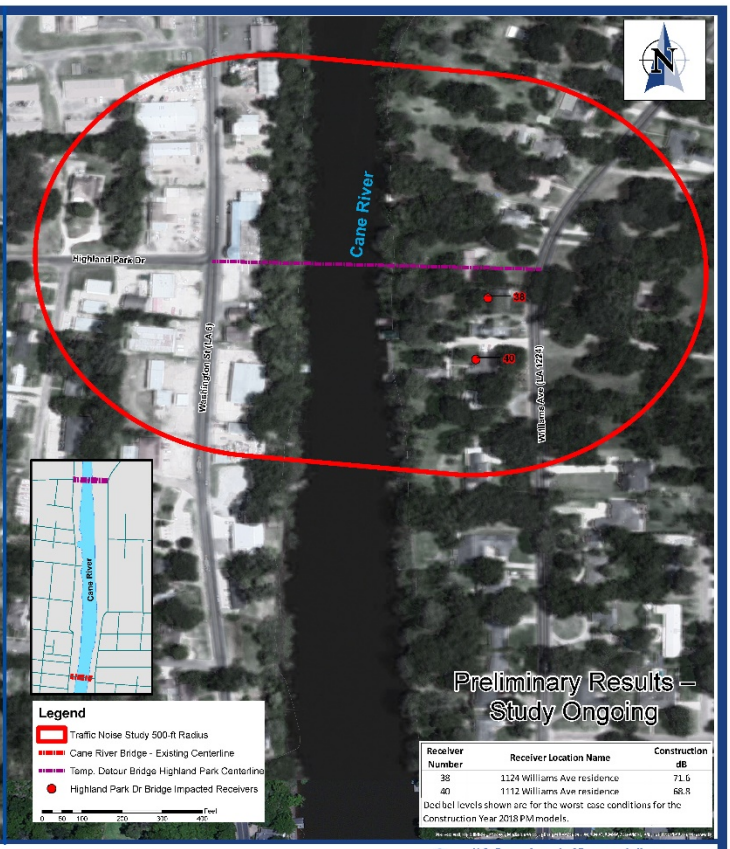

Receiver Number	Receiver Location Name	Construction dB
38	1124 Williams Ave residence	71.6
40	1112 Williams Ave residence	68.8

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TEMPORARY BRIDGE ALTERNATIVES
CONSTRUCTION YEAR 2018: IMPACTED NOISE RECEIVERS
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Appendix 10:
Public Meeting Comment Summary

PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT SUMMARY
MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 7, 2017
COMMENT PERIOD END: DECEMBER 18, 2017

Table 1.0 below documents the comments received for the Public Meeting held on December 7, 2017. Information on providing public comments were included in the meeting invitation, as well as the meeting materials. The Comment/Survey Forms were provided at the meeting and attendees were able to record public comments. The comments were received during the public comment period from November 11, 2017 to December 18, 2017.

COMMENT #	COMMENTER	COMMENT	COMMENT TYPE
1	Joseph M. Baker	In response to the article presented in the Natchitoches Times, I send this transmittal as I may not be available for the December 07, 2017 meeting scheduled at the Events Center, McCullen Hall. I realize the bridge on Church Street is in need of repair. I am prepared for some inconvenience but would like to express my thinking on the final bridge position. I think the thought is to keep Church Street Bridge in place. I see no cause to legitimately construct a new bridge and call it “temporary”. If a bridge is built, it probably cost substantially the same to be permanent as it is to be temporary.. What is the harm in having two bridges in proximity of down town Natchitoches? What ever amount of funds are required to construct a temporary fixture would be funds toward a new permanent structure. I am in total agreement with a new traffic bridge. I would like to see the current Church Street bridge maintained as a “foot traffic” bridge, as that would be an asset to downtown as well as to the town east of the bridge. It would be an asset to my neighborhood. My address is 218 St. Clair Avenue which is the street directly in line with the planned new bridge to Front Street. I am resistant to the new bridge connecting to St. Clair Avenue. I fear that would bring considerable heavier traffic through a quiet residential neighborhood. If the bridge at that location becomes a mandate, then I request making St. Clair a dead end street where it intersects with Williams Avenue.	Mailed Comment
2	Doris Whatley	Enclosed you will find my suggestion as to where a “temporary” (permanent one is needed). It is a Facebook post that I made in January 2016. I appreciate your taking it into serious consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. There has been much discussion on Facebook regarding the needed “temporary” (aka permanent!) bridge in Natchitoches. Here is my suggestion… Which I can’t believe hasn’t been considered because it just seems to make sense in a view of the traffic patterns of the city.	Mailed Comment

COMMENT #	COMMENTER	COMMENT	COMMENT TYPE
		Put a bridge from Mill Street to Royal Street! (Where I've drawn a red line on the map below.) Then people could easily get to Highway 1 South (which is currently being widened to include turn lanes), to Keyser Avenue (west end via Hwy. 1 or east end via Royal), and to the hospital or doctors' offices in the area (E. 5th St. & Bienville St.). This would also allow a quick exit via Hwy. 1 South for our out-of-town Christmas festival and NSU football game guests. What do you all think of this alternative? (I added this additional suggestion as a comment under my post (previous page) but it wouldn't print out correctly.) Close the east end of Royal, making it a dead end… with NO THRU traffic! Also, it could be "No Left Turn" from the bridge onto Williams Ave., so that drivers would have to get to Keyser by turning left OR right onto Hwy. 1 South. (There also could be no right turn onto Williams Ave. if necessary.)	
3	Natalie Covher	I highly oppose the Highland Park Bridge option because of the new construction, because of the city council meetings that I've attended where the woman was like "y'all are going to do it there, tell me now." She's gone ahead with construction. I really think it's a dangerous curve and I think that it would be a very bad decision to put that bridge there because of potential car accidents, it's almost a guaranteed. I am very for the skewed bridge option. I really like the skewed bridge option. It not aligning with St. Clair right now is a huge problem. The signs that they put up, people stick out, it's terrible to come from south going north on Williams trying to get through that intersection because people are constantly popping out of St. Clair randomly, and I just go around it. So if we could line that bridge up, that would be great. And then I understand that it would take longer to do if there was taking it down to one lane so having the temporary two lane bridge is an option that I see as viable and would be able to say is a good option. Thank you	Recorded Comment
4	Brandi Bradford	Question: As the owner of 1206 Williams, next door to Highland Park option, I need to know how would potential bridge project affect my property value in interim before decision is made. I would have to disclose this to a potential buyer in next 5 years, it would lower my value & need to know if state covers costs to me being unable to sell it due to this process? Will be providing full comments, but need answer to this specific question soon. Thx!	Written Comment
5	Douglas L. Cain	Implement skewed bridge option. Demolish present bridge & build new bridge in approximately 10 months. No temporary bridges, etc! We'll be miserable for 10 months. Building temporary bridge & permanent bridge option will take 16 months. The building process is extend. I do not believe it is worth it.	Written Comment

COMMENT #	COMMENTER	COMMENT	COMMENT TYPE
		I look forward to the 10 month plan being considered & implemented.	
6	Kendal Perkins	Church Street bridge needs… MUST tie in to the end of St. Clair to clean up that intersection. The design of the bridge should be aesthetically beautiful! That means more than just wrought iron railings & antique light poles. It should be a beautiful structure in its own right.	Written Comment
7	Martie Cain	It seems to me it would be best to get the bridge done as quickly as possible without a temporary bridge. If the skewed alignment to St. Clair was done with the old bridge torn down & a new bridge built there, traffic would be terrible for a short length of time—perhaps a year. Any of the other options will take many years and that means many years of terrible traffic. Let's bite the bullet and get this done. The safety of our citizens should be important. I traveled on the existing bridge this afternoon when it was full of cars & truck & it was frightening thinking how structurally unsound it currently is.	Written Comment
8	-	Noise from Williams—huge amount of noise on Washington for residents. Can hear from Williams side of river. Large trucks/ supply vehicles will have to pass through area of large oak trees seen in Steel Magnolias. Will impact oak trees with large trucks. Re-route into residential area with low trees. No sidewalks at Washington & Williams Street. With bridge there people will cross & have no safe area to walk. On other side lots of joggers/dog walking/ kids in these neighborhoods.	Written Comment
9	-	Highland Park was unanimous. Why is it an option of the community & all city council voted against funding in this location. Record turnout at meeting. Everyone spoke against this location for many reasons.	Written Comment
10	Scott Williams	If you put an intersection on a curve you will have an unacceptably high number of accidents.	Written Comment
11	Charles Youngblood	Really like proposal #2- Alignment of St. Clair St. with new diagonal bridge. Think this will work!	Written Comment
12	Erica Durr	With respect to plans on the table re: proceeding w/o a temporary bridge—need to enlarge the scope of impact to consider traffic concerns on Highway 1 South Bridge.	Written Comment
13	Jamie Williams	Worried about Highland Park effect on downtown business, drawing cars away from downtown area. -Should not take land/property/homes from residents! -Move traffic in Highland residential area and Williams where children and pets reside is a concern. -Like the fix where bridges will line up better with St. Claire subdivision. -Pleased with Touline bridge if no homes destroyed or residential areas impacted.	Written Comment
14	Cherie Dodd	First thank you for keeping us informed. I am the lot/home owner at option #1- 1128 Williams Ave. We were never informed of what has now been in the works since 1999 until we applied for a demo permit from the city, a month after purchase from the previous owners.	Written Comment

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		"Imagine the deflation of dreams that rung through our family?!!!" A relocation to Natchitoches and – the rest of ours days has been a lifelong dream of my other half. She retired and I had one stipulation- we buy in town (city girl). And we found our diamond- 1128 Williams- almost immediately. So you see- this is no investment property. This is a dream home, built on a lifetime of hopes. My 6.5 year old boy, myself, & my other half support the need in the community & intent on being supportive of it. However, at the same time, we wish you to see the emotional, mental, financial, & physical commitment we have made in realizing our dream, not just for ourselves but for our sons future. Please don't demolish our dreams with option #1 Highland Park.	
15	R.M. Sayers	After looking at all the options it seems that the best alternative is for the Church Street Bridge to be completely replaced with a new bridge and skew it to align with the St. Clair St. The old bridge is dangerous! Also, no one likes dealing with that odd little jog between the bridge and St. Clair, what with people coming off at St. Clair and coming halfway into the intersection. I don't take Williams and the Church Street Bridge to go home after being on the east side of town/ just for those reasons- which are both safety issues of course. If we need a temporary bridge, I'm not favoring Highland for more reasons than one but a big one is that that bridge may not be temporary after all. Hope that Touline would be a bit better but don't know for sure. I want what is best and safe for all citizens of Natchitoches.	Written Comment
16	Emily Harrington	I support the temporary bridge option on Touline. I also support the permanent bridge option that lines up the new bridge with St. Clair Avenue.	Written Comment
17	Diane M. Dodd	I vote for the temporary bridge to be located at Touline St. If the temp bridge is at 1128 Williams Ave the bridge will not be temp. It will turn into a permanent bridge which is a bad idea for the community. However a temp bridge in the historic district would for sure be a temp bridge and removed in the timeframe it take to re-do the Church Street Bridge.	Written Comment
18	Edd Lee	Whatever location decision is made, the city and the state need build a temporary bridge and strongly consider making the temporary bridge a permanent bridge to accommodate long term growth for city.	Written Comment
19	Timothy Gunther	We are very supportive of the skewed alignment option with a temporary bridge at Touline. Pros for Touline: 1. Your project will invariably encourage the city to clean up & pretty up the pump station structure on the Williams side. 2. On the Front Street side it would tie into Touline which feed back to 2nd Street, a main cross town	Written Comment

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		artery. Cons for Highland: Williams side is likely a freeway. The posted 40 MPH limit is rarely obeyed and that curve has been the scene of two bad accidents since 2005. On the Washington side, there is no cross town street like Second. It basically routes traffic back to an iffy neighborhood & there's a hill crest on Washington that has again been the scene of several bad wrecks. Thanks for having this event!!	
20		-Relocate west end of detour at Touline to allow access to riverfront. -Vibration monitoring at Church & Front -Pre-construction site video & photographs	Written Comment
21	Charlotte Merschbrock	I would like to see this project accomplished without building temporary bridges. Also, I prefer Figure 1 with the skewed alignment.	Written Comment
22	Roger Merschbrock	I would prefer the 1B arrangement (skewed bridge) (Touline temporary)	Written Comment
23	Tommie Durr	I think that it would be advantageous to build it in stages and not build a temporary bridge at all. I also worry about potential sewer issues if you build a temporary bridge near Touline due to – pipes, lines and old outdated lines. I feel that those would rupture all along Touline all the way to Church Street.	Written Comment
24	Doug Hollingsworth	The only bridge that makes any sense is the (Figure 1)- Less impact to residents in this area. No north bridge thanks	Written Comment
25	Lisa Abney	No North Williams Bridge. This will adversely affect our property values and create true public safety issues. We do not need another bridge near the historic district. I like the skewed Church St. bridge idea, but please do not build a temp or permanent bridge on N. Williams/Highland.	Written Comment
26	Kim Wright	Based on the information given tonight I will support tearing down the Church Street down completely with no temporary bridge. Use the monies flagged for the temporary bridge to expedite the replacement of the Church Street Bridge. Also, find a way to expedite the EA to push the project along. No more meetings, consultants, studies, etc. The job needs to start now and be finished in a quality and timely manner. The least amount of time and money spend on this project will be most beneficial to our community. 2024 seems like a really long time before a new bridge is complete. There will be people affected no matter what. Time is of the essence.	Written Comment
27	Mike Barr	-The 10 day interval for written comments is not sufficient. A 30 day interval between meeting and receipt of comments is more appropriate. -The location of the current Church St bridge is not appropriate for any commercial truck traffic.	Written Comment

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		-The preliminary meeting did little to address concerns of impact to historic district buildings. Route concerns are significant and emotional, but not necessarily the most significant.	
28	John H. Self	Build bridge at Highland Park to prevent pile driving at Front St & Touline St. This would cause damage to old buildings.	Written Comment
29	Michael Yankowski	Proposal 1 seems to be the most logical choice as it: 1. Does not disturb an existing home 2. Alleviates the turn/lights problem at St. Clair 3. Is a direct route to many schools & businesses such as St. Mary's & Walmart 4. Does not create a dangerous turn on an existing curve on Williams	Written Comment
30	Joanne Yankowski	In my opinion the temporary bridge should be from Touline to Williams as you would not be disrupting anyone's house. The permanent bridge should be straight across to St. Clair as that would eliminate the problem that currently exists with traffic coming from St. Clair onto the bridge.	Written Comment
31	Ray Durham	After reviewing the proposed options I feel that the best choice would be to utilize a temporary bridge at Touline St so the Church St bridge replacement will take less time and have less disruption of normal city traffic patterns. It will it be considerably more expensive to utilize the Highland Park location due to the need to purchase property and deal with litigation arising from Natchitoches residents. Since Touline is still in the downtown historic district all of the traffic will essentially be routed to the same area as our current bridge. I believe this is a HUGE reason to have a Touline St bridge so our downtown businesses do not lose access to the tourists who are in town. If we are routing them to Highland Park tourists (and locals) may not make the effort to come back downtown to do business in the historic district. The traffic flow on Williams will not be much different from existing conditions because the bridge intersection will be close to the current bridge and minimize traffic issues and delays. According to the DOTD engineers at the 12/07/17 meeting there should not be a drastic additional cost to have a Touline St temporary bridge versus staged construction on the existing bridge (because of the additional construction timeline). They commented that staged construction could add about 1.5 million to the cost of the new bridge and the temporary bridge would cost about 2 million. I believe the downtown businesses would easily lose more than $500,000 in lost revenue if we do not have the direct access of the temporary bridge at Touline. I also feel it is necessary to adjust the bridge alignment to resolve the traffic issues at the St Clair/Williams intersection. This will alleviate the issues the city has with the current intersection and make the traffic flow MUCH safer with a minimal project cost difference. There are a large number of residents who believe a bridge should be installed connecting Hargis Rd to North	Mailed Comment

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		Williams to remove thru traffic (going to the east side of town) from the downtown historic district- instead of utilizing any temporary bridge. There is another group of residents who maintain it would be better to have the additional bridge across Cane River south of town near the junction of South Drive and the Hwy 1 Bypass. While these both could prove to be very beneficial to the city I do not believe that either should become a part of this project.	
32	Alice Bryant	The proposed skewed alignment would be preferred (figure 1). If the replacement is built on existing alignment (figure 2) then St. Clair should revert back to no thru street as before. Temporary bridge at Touline is preferred (figure 4). It doesn't disrupt neighborhoods and would remain temporary probably. Fig 3- Highland Park runs into residential problems- both sides of river and there is a fear it would become permanent. On another note: the traffic speed limit on Williams Ave needs to be reduced from 50 mph to 40 mph at the north end and reduced from 40 to 30 mph as it moves closer into town.	Mailed Comment
33	Bill Bryant	I am in favor of proposal #1-bridge aligned with St. Clair (if this is not the proposed accepted, St. Clair should either have no access to Williams or be one way going in with no from St. Clair to Williams. I am in favor of fig 4- temp bridge from Touline to Williams.	Mailed Comment
34	John G. Williams	I am a native of Natchitoches, La and except for 3 yrs. Of undergraduate school at LSU & 3 yrs law school at Touline and three and a half years in the Marine Corps, I have lived here all my life. My comments on the proposed replacement of the Church Street Bridge are as follows: A) The proposed temporary bridge – from Highland Park Road across Cane River to Williams Ave is not only ludicrous, ridiculous down down-right dangerous. I am sure you have heard all the reasons against this site so I will not waste your time with more. B) If a temporary bridge is necessary the Touline to Williams Ave. looks to be the best route. C) Suggestion: No temporary bridge- shut down the Church St. Bridge- tear it down- replace it- and make everyone mad. In a year they will have forgotten about.	Mailed Comment
35	William Luster	I am against the proposed "temporary" bridge at Highland Park. I support the replacement bridge on skewed alignment.	Mailed Comment
36	R.M. & J.E. Robeau	Please read attached letter dated 12/10/17 from the below property owners. As co-owners of the home at the above address, we attended the conference on 12/07/17 at the Events Center; and spoke at length with engineers for the project regarding the bridge replacement, including the potential location of a temporary bridge at Stephens Ave.	Mailed Comment

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		First, we understand the need for a new permanent bridge, and the benefits of shifting the angle to intersect directly with St. Clair. We support that change; and a traffic circle makes good sense as well; with one concern: the likely impedance of traffic in this circle when heavy traffic "backs up" from the traffic signal at Front & Church streets. There are several changes that can improve that, including eliminating left turns from all four directions at this intersection. Second, if a temporary bridge is erected; we understand and accept the placement near the intersection of Stephens and Williams Ave. It would have the least impact on the community, even though impacting our home temporarily. We will not resist this location, if a temporary bridge is required. When considering the inconvenience of our suggested option [next], keep in mind the inconvenience of constructing a temporary bridge with intersection modifications on Williams Ave and Front St. We suggest considering the option of having no temporary bridge, nor building the new bridge in sections/stages to maintain traffic flow on it. That is, remove the old bridge all at once, eliminating all traffic flow from Williams Ave to Front Street in the downtown area during the construction of the new bridge, which we were told can be done in nine months. We suggest strong consideration of this option of closing the existing Church St. bridge removing it all at once, and erecting the new bridge all at once; coupled with not building a temporary bridge; but forcing traffic over the other two bridges in Natchitoches. This option initially might seem to be a poor option; however consider the following: 1. It would save significant taxpayer dollars for construction/removal of a temporary bridge with intersection modifications on both sides of Cane River lake 2. Due to the resulting inconvenience [traffic flow interruptions] on Williams Ave during construction of the new permanent bridge, all N. Williams Ave traffic would need to be funneled onto E. 5th St. anyway. Keep in mind that a temporary bridge at Williams and Stephens will experience impedance caused by the construction of the new bridge at Williams and St. Clair. With the temporary bridge, most of the east Natch residents will be using E. 5th St and Stephens to get to the temporary bridge, sending much traffic on Stephens Ave, a narrow residential street with many cross streets. It's only 3/10 mile further on E. 5th St to Kaiser Ave, and then west to Kaiser Ave bridge, which are both designed to handle high volume traffic, with traffic signals at major intersections. Why build a temporary bridge [likely needing temporary traffic signals] to save 3/10 mile driving on E. 5th St, and 3/10 mile driving on Jefferson to return to the same point? 3. Flow over the Kaiser Ave. bridge could be maximized by simple modifications, including human traffic directors during high volume traffic movement [the good old days when police or other traffic	

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		directors turned off the traffic signals and directed by hand or sign; or police operating the signals remotely]. This would only be necessary for a few hours per day during high volume traffic. 4. Detour signs at various intersection to funnel traffic toward the other two bridges [Kaiser Ave @ Jefferson St & Williams Ave; and the Hwy 1 South bridge @ the Fish Hatchery]. For example: traffic in east Natch, south of Kaiser Ave [Medical center traffic and residential neighborhoods], could be directed south on Hwy 1 to cross that bridge, turn right, travel Rapides Dr. and Mill St, to Jefferson St and University Pkwy. 5. Also detour signs at the Hwy 1 Bypass emphasizing thru traffic to use the bypass instead of passing through the city center. 6. The above diversions would take some of the extra traffic away from the Kaiser Ave Bridge, which would be handling the traffic flow coming from that part of east Natch located north of Kaiser Ave. These are but a few of the temporary changes in traffic flow that could be implemented with signage; and eliminate congestion on Williams Ave and the new Church St. bridge under construction. 7. Inform the citizens of the temporary traffic diversions via news articles, notices in monthly bills for utilities, signage, etc; encouraging them to find other means of passing around the city center, unless the have "business" in the city center. It appears that the vast majority of the traffic crossing the Church St. Bridge is only "passing through" and can find other ways to do so via the other two bridges and the Hwy 1 bypass. I suggest trying to "sell" this idea based on the tax-savings of not constructing/removing a temporary bridge, avoiding the damage and inconvenience of building such, and the shortened construction time that can avoid impacting the Christmas Festival season. The same tax savings, and shortened construction time, can be applied to the option of removing the old bridge at once, and building the new one unimpeded by trying to maintain flow across the bridge during construction. The cost is an extra 6/10 mile of driving, which adds about 1.5 minutes to travel time, only for traffic whose destination is the downtown area or north of it. These thoughts and suggestions have little or nothing to do with our own personal inconvenience at our home. We will have construction near us no matter which option is used. It is about what is best for the community at large [including impact on the Christmas festival, environmental impact of building a temp bridge, or trying to maintain traffic flow across a bridge under construction]; and the taxpayers bill; whether state, federal, and/or local taxes.	
37	Sam W. Nelken	I humbly ask that the DOTD reject the Highland Park bridge. I looked at the "Project Study Area" that Fenstermaker did. This study seems to focus on West Natchitoches, but the problem areas will be on the East side. East Natchitoches is and has been a 100% residential neighborhood for more than fifty years. Most of the streets are old an skinny with the houses built very close to the street, some of them still have open	Mailed Comment

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		ditches. There are also a lot of older citizens living on these streets. The detour of 10,000 cars a day down these streets including ambulances and fire trucks will make it very difficult for these citizens to get to other streets or even being able to pull out of their driveways. East Fifth Street has three schools on it that have also been there for over fifty years. Therefore there are already a lot of cars going to these schools on a daily basis that have to navigate two four-way stop intersections along with children walking to the schools. I am not an engineer but as a citizen of this neighborhood I just don't see how we can over come these issues. I mailed this letter to our local paper: Dear Letter to the Editor, I have always been told that you cannot fight City Hall, but here I am just another bird on a wire. We all know the City wants to put a bridge on north Williams Avenue, the question is why? When my wife and I purchased our home in 1996 I did so knowing that Whitfield Drive was north of the Church St. bridge and was a very quiet street. Since that time progress has happened with the Whitfield and St. Clair extensions and our street now has a lot more traffic on it than it used to. Also when we first purchased our home the fireworks along with our street being closed used to happen on Christmas Festival day and the Fourth of July. Now we have fireworks every Saturday night along with our street being closed from the middle of November all the way through New Years plus the Fourth of July and other events that I am sure will develop with the new downtown improvements and stage. I read in the paper where the Mayor likes to use the phrase "quality of life" when talking about projects that the City is in favor of, so I hope when he uses that phrase he is talking about the entire City. Please let me be clear this project is not about me; mine is just one story to tell. If this proposed bridge is built in the north Williams Ave. location, ti will have a detrimental effect on most of the citizens of east Natchitoches forever. Now back to the matter we are presented with at this time. A year or so ago I read in the paper where the City Council made a unanimous NO vote to stop spot zoning on Stephen Avenue. According to the paper Mr. Dale Neilson and Mr. Don Mims both spoke of the importance of Stephens Avenue remaining residential and keeping the neighborhoods intact. The reason I bring this vote up is how many additional cars do you this this business would have produced on this street? Let's be generous and say 10-20? About a year ago a group of concerned citizen voiced opposition to this bridge project and the City Council agreed yet here we are again. So I am confused, how is the proposed bridge project any different than the Councils NO vote on Stephen Avenue? You are still trying to put in a permanent bridge on North Williams that will dump 8-10 thousand cars a day into a very well established residential neighborhood and school district. I just don't understand. I love	

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		my home and my neighborhood, and I would really like to keep enjoying my quality of life for years to come. I will end with this quote from John Muir "Not blind opposition to progress, but opposition to blind progress…"	
38	Charles M. Barr	Comments and Questions concerning the proposed project: • The period of time between the public meeting held in Natchitoches on December 7th, and the deadline for submission of comments is much too short. It is unreasonable for the DOTD to expect well thought out concerns and questions in only 10 days. This short comment period only serves to create the perception that the collection of comments is only done to fill a square not collect meaningful questions and suggestions. • The information presented to the public, and I was in attendance, did not address questions of possible seismic damage to historic structures located immediately next to the proposed locations for the new bridge. • The information provided did not address these same seismic questions for construction of the "temporary" bridge, no matter the final selection of where the temporary bridge may be built. • When I questioned DOTD personnel present at the meeting about seismic concerns they agreed these were valid questions. I was informed that the State would be measuring the seismic activity, but when I asked if that information would be provided to property owners next to the project no one could, or would, give me any assurance the information would be shared. This is a significant problem. • The structures on the southwest corner of the Front St and Church St intersection (the old hotel and opera house) were built prior to the War Between the States. Owners of these properties have reason to be concerned about possible damage, and they deserve to know who and how they will be compensated for damage to their property. • Why is a bridge for a State highway even located on Church St. to begin with? During the 19th Century when the first bridge was built this may have been the correct location. However, today having heavy truck traffic navigating through the narrow streets of what is now officially a Historic District containing small businesses and residences imply makes no sense. Build a new bridge capable of handling commercial traffic common on LA Hwy 6 somewhere north of the existing bridge. A bridge at the end of the by-pass makes much more sense. • The Purpose and Need statement provided in the public meeting is not sufficient. The information provided at the public meeting stated "The purpose of the Cane River Bridge Church Street Environmental Assessment project is to address bridge deficiencies related to the age and design of the existing bridge crossing along Church Street over Cane River, as well as to address functional deficiencies related to the traffic movement through the existing intersection of Church Street,	Mailed Comment

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		Williams Avenue, and St. Clair Avenue." This purpose statement does not address the impact the project will have on the Natchitoches Historic District. This is an important aspect and should not be overlooked. • Public information made no mention of any studies of the traffic flow. Will the new 3-lane bridge increase traffic along Front St? If so, what impact will the increased traffic have on the existing brick street? How will this be addressed? The traffic study should also include the impact on that portion of Williams Ave between the East end of the bridge and Keyser Ave. How will increased traffic on that section of Williams be handled? • How will the environmental study address the impact of the expected increased traffic noise from the increase in commercial traffic for those living in the Nakatosh Condominiums located at the corner of Church and Front Street? • There is no evidence of any plans for the study to evaluate the impact on those owning, living, and conducting business in the Nakatosh Condominiums. How do you measure the suitability of continued permanent residence with an increase in commercial traffic, not only in the Condominiums but also along Williams St.? If the additional temporary traffic would be a problem for those north of the Church St. and St Clair Ave. intersection, wouldn't the permanent increase in traffic on Williams south of the intersection be even worse? All in all, this entire project does not seem well thought out. The appearance is that expedient solutions to a true problem are all that has been proposed. As it stands now, the only one of the presented solutions that is acceptable is the "No Build" option.	
39	Brandi Bradford	Here is a brief summary of my comments after the meeting, based on both the options presented and the discussions we had with both residents and EA staff that night: 1. My strong preference (expressed by several residents I've spoken to since) is the option that was not actually on the list or in presentation, but was discussed at length during the meeting...to not take time and cause additional construction and inconvenience the residents by simply re-routing traffic to Keyser Ave/pine St bridge and down 3rd street to university to cross the river, and be finished with emotive restoration of church street bridge in less than one year. 2. Second preference to do the one lane shut down of church street bridge and reroute it slightly into direct 4 way stop to St Clair. 3. Third preference to do Touline street temp bridge and so adjusted angle of bridge to St Clair. All three of these options will include some construction delays for the whole community, but none of them	Emailed Comment

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		require removal of anyone's homes or futures here in Natchitoches. I'd also ask you as part of the assessment and motivation measures for any option chosen to discuss/include analysis of: 1. The mitigation measure to add an ambulance staging point at downtown fire station. This would help mitigate any rerouting issues with emergency services during construction...and would likely be helpful in any scenario chosen. This way there would be ambulances and fire trucks based on both sides of bridge, utilizing 5th Street and Church Street fire stations and the hospital. 2. Need to get clarification from the city council on the actual comments and result of the two previous votes on the Highland bridge location. The discussion at the meeting where Dax noted the vote had been "only about funding land purchase" is inaccurate, as was expressed by many people at the Dec 7 meeting who were in attendance at both previous city council votes. The overwhelming community response to the Highland Park temporary bridge location was WE DO NOT WANT IT! This is for a variety of reasons, but safety of the neighborhood and effects of increased traffic on quality of life for entire area east of the river were top among them. 3. Need to consider effects of this process (projected 5 years to decision and 1-2 years of additional construction) on property values for nearby homeowners to any of these site options. The only ones that shouldn't affect property values are the options listed that don't involve building bridges, which is one reason many comments you likely have received are for the rerouting and/or same location/one lane at Church Street, Touline Road options, which don't take anyone's home or quality of life away during the interim. Thank you for considering these comments, and please let me know that you received them with a quick email response.	

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November 15, 2017

Gentlemen -

In response to the article presented in the Natchitoches Times, I send this transmittal as I may not be available for the December 07, 2017 meeting scheduled at the Events Center, McCullen Hall.

I realize the bridge on Church Street is in need of repair. I am prepared for some inconvenience but would like to express my thinking on the final bridge position. I think the thought is to keep Church Street Bridge in place.

I see no cause to legitimately construct a new bridge and call it "temporary". If a bridge is built, it probably cost substantially the same to be permanent as it is to be temporary.. What is the harm in having two bridges in proximity of down town Natchitoches? What ever amount of funds are required to construct a temporary fixture would be funds toward a new permanent structure.

I am in total agreement with a new traffic bridge. I would like to see the current Church Street bridge maintained as a "foot traffic" bridge, as that would be an asset to downtown as well as to the town east of the bridge. It would be an asset to my neighborhood. My address is 218 St. Clair Avenue which is the street directly in line with the planned new bridge to Front Street. I am resistant to the new bridge connecting to St. Clair Avenue. I fear that would bring considerable heavier traffic through a quiet residential neighborhood. If the bridge at that location becomes a mandate, then I request making St. Clair a dead end street where it intersects with Williams Avenue.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Baker

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RE: CANE RIVER BRIDGE CHURCH STREET ROUTE LA 1-X:
STATE PROJECT NO. H001271; FEDERAL PROJECT NO. H001271;
NATCHITOCHES PARISH, LOUISIANA

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed you will find my suggestion as to where a "temporary" (permanent one is needed). It is a Facebook post that I made in January 2016. I appreciate your taking it into serious consideration. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,
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Jan 27, 2016 at 11:27am

Re: Cane River Bridge-Church Street Route LA 1-X;
State Project No. H001271;
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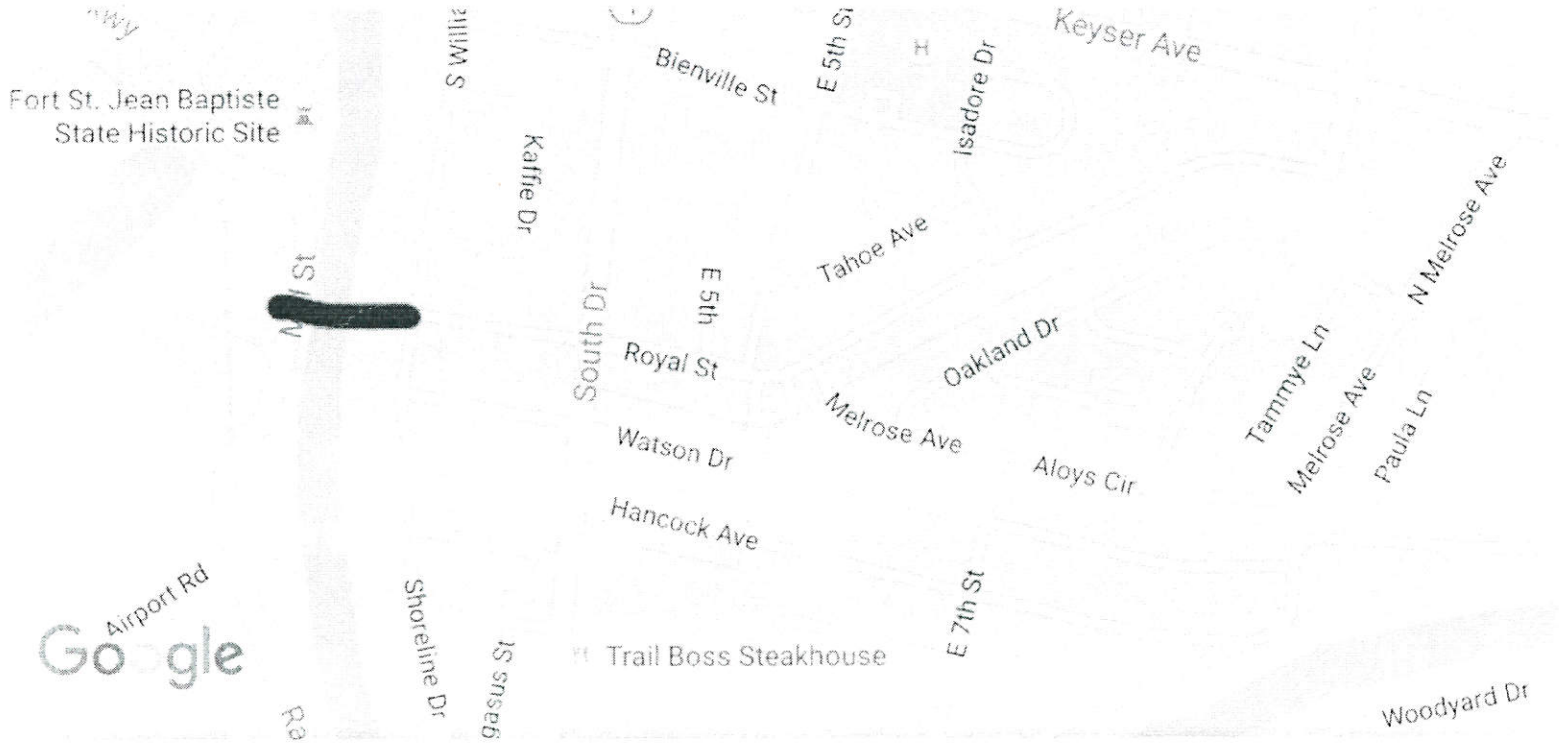
There has been much discussion on Facebook regarding the needed "temporary" (aka permanent!) bridge in Natchitoches. Here is my suggestion... Which I can't believe hasn't been considered because it just seems to make sense in view of the traffic patterns of the city.

Put a bridge from Mill Street to Royal Street! (Where I've drawn a red line on the map below.) Then people could easily get to Highway 1 South (which is currently being widened to include turn lanes), to Keyser Avenue (west end via Hwy. 1 or east end via Royal), and to the hospital or doctors' offices in the area (E. 5th St. & Bienville St.). This would also allow a quick exit via Hwy. 1 South for our out-of-town Christmas festival and NSU football game guests. What do you all think of this alternative?



Re: Cane River Bridge Church Street Route LA 1-X:
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(I added this additional suggestion as a comment under my post (previous page) but it wouldn't print out correctly.)

Close the east end of Royal, making it a dead end...with NO THRU traffic! Also, it could be "No Left Turn" from the bridge onto Williams Ave., so that drivers would have to get to Keyser by turning left OR right onto Hwy 1. South. (There also could be no right turn onto Williams Ave. if necessary.)

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I highly oppose the Highland Park Bridge option because of the new construction, because of the city council meetings that I've attended where the woman was like "y'all are going to do it there, tell me now." She's gone ahead with construction. I really think it's a dangerous curve and I think that it would be a very bad decision to put that bridge there because of potential car accidents, it's almost a guaranteed.

I am very for the skewed bridge option. I really like the skewed bridge option. It not aligning with St. Clair right now is a huge problem. The signs that they put up, people stick out, it's terrible to come from south going north on Williams trying to get through that intersection because people are constantly popping out of St. Clair randomly, and I just go around it. So if we could line that bridge up, that would be great. And then I understand that it would take longer to do if there was taking it down to one lane so having the temporary two lane bridge is an option that I see as viable and would be able to say is a good option. Thank you

CANE RIVER BRIDGE CHURCH STREET ROUTE LA 1-X

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

Question:

As the owner of 1206 Williams next door to Highland Park option, I need to know ~~what~~ how would potential bridge project affect my property value in interim before decision is made. I would have to disclose this to a potential buyer in next 5 years, ~~what~~ it would lower my value. need to know if state covers costs to me being unable to sell it due to this process?

Will be providing full comments, but need answer to this specific question soon.

Thx!

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Comments may be mailed to: Louisiana Department of Transportation, Environmental Engineer Administrator, Section 28, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245

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Implement
Skewed Bridge option.

Demolish present Bridge & build new bridge in approximately 10 months.

No temporary bridges, etc.!

We'll be miserable for 10 months.

Building Temporary bridge & permanent option will take 16 months. The building process is extend. I do not believe it is worth it.

I look forward to the 10 month plan being considered & implemented.

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* Church street bridge needs... MUST tie in to the end of St. Claire to clean up that intersection.

* The design of the bridge should be aesthetically beautiful! That means more than just wrought iron railings & Antique light poles. It should be a beautiful structure in its own right.

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Email: kendal perkins @ bellsouth.net

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It seems to me it would be best to get the bridge done as quickly as possible without a temporary bridge. If the skewed alignment to St. Cair was done with the old bridge torn down & a new bridge built there, traffic would be terrible for a short length of time — perhaps a year —. Any of the other options will take many years and that means many years of terrible traffic. Let's bite the bullet and get this done. The safety of our citizens should be important. I travelled on the existing bridge this afternoon when it was full of cars & trucks & it was frightening thinking how structurally unsound it currently is.

Name: Martie Cain

Address: 103 Live Oak Circle

Email: mariecain@yahoo.com.

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Noise from Williams - huge amount of noise on Washington for Residents can hear from Williams side of River. large trucks/supply vehicles will have to pass through area of large Oak trees seen in Steel Magnolias will impact oak trees with large trucks re route into residential area with low trees. no sidewalks at Washington + Williams Streets. with bridge there people will cross + have no safe area to walk on other side lots of joggers/Dog walking/kids in these neighborhoods.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Highland Park was unanimous. Why is it an option of the community & all City council voted against funding in this location. Record turnout at meeting. Everyone spoke against this location for many reasons.

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If you put an intersection on a curve you will have an unacceptably high number of accidents.

Name: Scott Williams

Address: 1612 Williams Ave

Email: lascottynat@gmail.com

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

Really like proposal #2 - Alignment of St. Clair St. with new diagonal bridge. Think this will work!

Best Regards

Charles D. Youngblood

Name: Charles Youngblood

Address: 1508 East Lakeshore Dr. Natchitoches, La. 71457

Email: Charlesyoungblood562@gmail.com

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With respect to plans on the table re: proceeding w/o a temp. bridge – need to enlarge the scope of impact to consider traffic concerns on Highway 1 South Bridge.

Name: Erica Durr

Address: 324 Gene Lane Natchitoches, LA

Email: EricaFDurr@gmail.com

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Worried about Highland Park effect on downtown business, drawing cars away from downtown area.
- Should not take land/property/homes from residents!
- More traffic in Highland residential area and walkers where children and pets reside is a concern.
- like the fix where bridge will line up better with St. Claire Subdivision.
- pleased with Toulme bridge if no homes destroyed or residential areas impacted.
-

Name: J Brule

Address: [illegible]

Email: [illegible]

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

First thank you for keeping us informed. I am the lot/home owner at option #1 - 1128 Williams Ave. We were never informed of what has now been in the works since 1999 until we applied for a demo permit from the city, a month after purchase from the previous owners.

"Imagine the deflation of dreams that rung through our family ?///"

A relocation to Natchitoches and we the rest of ours days has been a lifelong dream of my other half. She retired and I had one stipulation - we buy in town (city girl). And we found our diamond - 1128 Williams - almost immediately.

So you see - this is no investment property. This is a dream home, built on a lifetime of hopes. My 6.5 yr old son, myself & my other half support the need in the community & intend on being supportive of it. However, at the same time, we wish you to see the emotional, mental, financial & physical commitment we have made in realizing our dream, not just for ourselves but for our sons future.

Name: Cherie Dodd

Address: 1128 Williams Ave.

Email: CSDODD@summerdesigns.com

Please don't demolish our dreams with option #1 Highland Park.

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After looking at all the options it seems that the best alternative is for the Church Street Bridge to be completely replaced with a new bridge and skew it to align with St. Clair St. The old bridge is dangerous! Also no one likes dealing with that odd little jog between the bridge and St. Clair what with people coming off of St. Clair and coming halfway into the intersection. I don't take Williams and the Church Street bridge to go home after being on the east side of town just for those reasons - which are both safety issues of course. If we need a temporary bridge I'm not favoring Highland ~~stan~~ for more reasons than one but a big one is that that bridge may not be temporary after all. I hope that Youline would be a bit better but don't know for sure. I want what is best and safe for all citizens of Natchitoches

Name: R M Sayers

Address:

Email: wolferiver@earthlink.net

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I support the temporary bridge option on Touline.

I also support the permanent bridge option that lines up the new bridge with St. Clair Avenue

Name: Emily Hamington

Address: 1603 St. Clair Ave

Email: ✓

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I VOTE FOR THE TEMP BRIDGE TO BE LOCATED AT TOULINE ST. IF THE TEMP BRIDGE IS AT 1128 WILLIAMS AVE THE BRIDGE WILL NOT BE TEMP. IT WILL TURN INTO A PERMENANT BRIDGE WHICH IS A BAD IDEA FOR THE COMMUNITY. HOWEVER A TEMP BRIDGE IN THE HISTORIC DISTRICT WOULD FOR SURE BE A TEMP BRIDGE AND REMOVED IN THE TIME FRAME IT TAKES TO RE-DO THE CHURCH STREET BRIDGE.

Name: DIANE M. DODD

Address: 1128 WILLIAMS AVE

Email: ddoddi23@VERIZON.NET

Temp Address - 513 WATSON DR
NAT. LA 71457

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

Whatever location decision is made, the City, and State need build a temporary bridge and strongly consider making the temporary bridge a permanent bridge to accomodate long term growth for City.

Name: Edd Lee

Address: 850 Whitfield Drive

Email: elee@natchitoches la.gov

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

WE ARE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE SKEWED ALIGNMENT OPTION WITH A TEMPORARY BRIDGE AT TOULINE.

PROS FOR TOULINE: YOUR PROJECT WILL INVARIABLY ENCOURGE
(1) THE CITY TO CLEAN-UP & PRETTY-UP THE PUMP STATION STRUCTURE ON THE WILLIAMS SIDE.
(2) ON THE FRONT STREET SIDE IT WOULD TIE INTO TOULINE WHICH FEED BACK TO 2ND STREET, A MAIN CROSS TOWN ARTERY.

CONS FOR HIGHLAND: WILLIAMS SIDE IS LIKE A FREEWAY. THE POSTED 40 MPH LIMIT IS RARELY OBEYED AND THAT CURVE HAS BEEN THE SCENE OF TWO BAD ACCIDENTS SINCE 2005. ON THE WASHINGTON SIDE THERE IS NO CROSS TOWN STREET LIKE SECOND. IT BACKILL ROUTES TRAFFIC BACK TO AN IFFY NEIGHBORHOOD & THERE'S A HILL CREST ON WASHINGTON THAT HAS AGAIN BY THE SCENE OF SEVERE BAD WRECKS.

Name: TIMOTHY GUNTHER
Address: 1314 WILLIAMS AVE
Email: timothy_gunther@msn.com

THANKS FOR HAVING THIS EVENT !!

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

- RELOCATE WEST END OF DETOUR AT TOULINE TO ALLOW ACCESS TO RIVER FRONT

- VIBRATION MONITORING @ CHURCH & FRONT
- PRE-CONSTRUCTION SITE VIDEO & PHOTOGRAPHS -

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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I would like to see this project accomplished without building temporary bridges. Also I prefer Figure 1 with the skewed alignment.

Name: Charlotte Merschbrock

Address: 102 Starlight Dr.

Email: emerschbrock@suddenlink.net

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

I would prefer the 1B arrangement
(Skewed bridge)
(Trestle temporary)

Name: Roger Merschbrock
Address: 102 Starlight Drive
Email: rmerschbrock@suddenlink.net

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I think that it would be advantageous to build it in stages and not build a temporary bridge at all. Take worry about potential sewer issues if you build a temporary bridge near Pauline, due to subterranean pipes, lines and old outdated lines. I feel that those would rupture all along Pauline all the way to Church Street.

Name: Tommie Durr

Address: 166 E Ridge Drive

Email: Tommie Durr@gmail.com

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

The only bridge that makes any sense is the (Figure 1) - less impact to Residents in this Area -

NO NORTH BRIDGE

Thanks -

Name: Doug Hollingsworth

Address: 913 Williams Ave

Email: dhollingsworth@rpso.la.gov

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No North Williams Bridge. This will adversely affect all property values and create true Public safety issues. We do not need another bridge near the historic district. I like the skewed Church St. bridge idea, but please do not build a temp or permanent bridge on N. Williams/ Highland.

Name: Lisa Abney

Address: 913 Williams Ave

Email: dr.l.abney@gmail.com

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Based on the information given tonight I will support tearing down the Church Street down completely with NO temporary bridge. Use the monies flagged for the temporary bridge to expedite the replacement of the Church Street Bridge. Also, find a way to expedite the EA to push the project along. No more meetings, consultants, studies, etc.. the job needs to start now and be finished in a quality and timely manner. The least amount of TIME and MONEY spent on this project will be most beneficial to our community. 2024 seems like a really long time before a new bridge is complete. There will be people affected no matter what. Time is of the essence.

Name: Kim Wright

Address: 1900 WILLIAMS AVENUE

Email: kwright637@aol.com

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- The 10 day interval for written comments is not sufficient. A 30 day interval between meeting and receipt of comments is more appropriate.

- The location of the current Church St bridge is not appropriate for ANY commercial truck traffic.

- The preliminary meeting did litle to address concerns of impact to historic district buildings. Route concerns are significant and emotional, but not necessarily the most significant.

Name: Mike Barr

Address: P.O. Box 2774, Natchitoches, LA (584 Front ST)

Email: NakatoshHOA@comcast.net

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Build Bridge at Highland Park to prevent pile driving at Front St. & Toulina St this would cause damage to old Buildings

Name: John H. Self

Address: 584 Front St Ste/04

Email:

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Proposal 1 seems to be the most logical choice as it 1. Does not disturb an existing home
2. Eloviates the turn/lights problem at St. Clair
3. is a direct route to many schools + businesses such as St. Mary's + Walmart
4. Does not create a dangerous turn on an existing curve on Williams

Name: MICHAEL YANKOWSKI

Address: 1602 McClelland Dr

Email: YANKOWSKIM@BellSouth.NET

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In my opinion the temporary bridge should be from Toulme to Williams as you would not be disrupting anyones homes. The permanent bridge should be straight across to St Clair as that would eliminate the problem that currently exists with traffic coming from St. Clair on to the bridge.

Name: Joanne Yankowski

Address: 1625 McClelland Dr.

Email: jzyankowski@gmail.com

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December 8, 2017

DOTD,

After reviewing the proposed options I feel that the best choice would be to utilize a temporary bridge at Touline St so the Church St bridge replacement will take less time and have less disruption of normal city traffic patterns.

It will it be considerably more expensive to utilize the Highland Park location due to the need to purchase property and deal with litigation arising from Natchitoches residents. Since Touline is still in the downtown historic district all of the traffic will essentially be routed to the same area as our current bridge. I believe this is a HUGE reason to have a Touline St bridge so our downtown businesses do not lose access to the tourists who are in town. If we are routing them to Highland Park tourists (and locals) may not make the effort to come back downtown to do business in the historic district. The traffic flow on Williams will not be much different from existing conditions because the bridge intersection will be close to the current bridge. Utilizing the temporary bridge will speed up the construction process for replacing the existing bridge and minimize traffic issues and delays. According to the DOTD engineers at the 12/07/17 meeting there should not be a drastic additional cost to have a Touline St temporary bridge versus staged construction on the existing bridge (because of the additional construction timeline). They commented that staged construction could add about 1.5 million to the cost of the new bridge and the temporary bridge would cost about 2 million. I believe the downtown businesses would easily lose more than $500,000 in lost revenue if we do not have the direct access of the temporary bridge at Touline.

I also feel it is necessary to adjust the bridge alignment to resolve the traffic issues at the St Clair/Williams intersection. This will alleviate the issues the city has with the current intersection and make the traffic flow MUCH safer with a minimal project cost difference.

There are a large number of residents who believe a bridge should be installed connecting Hargis Rd to North Williams to remove thru traffic (going to the east side of town) from the downtown historic district – instead of utilizing any temporary bridge. There is another group of residents who maintain it would be better to have the additional bridge across Cane River south of town near the junction of South Drive and the Hwy 1 Bypass. While these both could prove to be very beneficial to the city I do not believe that either should become a part of this project.

Thanks,

Ray Durham 455 Second St, Natchitoches LA 71457. 318-352-7311 ray@mikemurphyagent.com

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The proposed skewed Alignment would be preferred. (Figure 1)

If the replacement is built on existing alignment (Figure 2) then St Clair should revert back to no thru street as before

~~If~~ Temporary bridge at Touline is preferred (Fig. 4) It doesn't disrupt neighborhoods, and would remain temporary probably.

Fig 3 - Highland Park runs into residential problems - both sides of river and there is a fear it would become permanent

on another note: the traffic speed limit on Williams Ave needs to be reduced from 50 to 40 mph at the north end and reduced from 40 to 30 mph as it moves closer into town

Name: Alice Bryant ~~Natchitoches~~

Address: 1404 Williams Ave 71457

Email: alicepbryant@gmail.com

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

I AM IN FAVOR OF PROPOSAL # 1
– BRIDGE ALIGNED w/ ST CLAIR
(if this is not the proposal accepted, St Clair should either have no access to Williams or be one way going in w/ no from St Clair to Williams)

I AM IN FAVOR OF FIG 4 – temp bridge from Toulmp to Williams

Name: Bill BRYANT
Address: 1407 WILLIAMS
Email: billyJoebryant@gmail.com

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I am a native of Natchitoches, La. and except for 3 yrs. of Undergraduate School at LSU, 3 yrs. Law School at Tulane and three and a half years in the Marine Corps I have lived here all my life. My comments on the proposed replacement of the Church Street Bridge are as follows:

A) The proposed Temporary Bridge site from Highland Park Road across Cane River to William Ave is not only ludicrous, ridiculous but down-right dangerous. I am sure you have heard all the reasons against this site so I will not waste your time with mine.

B) If a Temporary Bridge is necessary the Tonline to William Ave. looks to be the best route.

C) Suggestion: No Temporary Bridge. - Shut Down the Church St. Bridge - ~~Tear~~ Tear it Down - replace it - and make everyone ~~[illegible]~~ mad. In a year they will have forgotten about

Name: John G Williams

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I am against the proposed "temporary" bridge at Highland Park.
I support the Replacement Bridge on Skewed Alignment.

Name: William Luster

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Email: william.luster@gmail.com

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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

Please read attached letter, dated 12/10/17 from the below property owners

Name: R.M. and J.E. Robeau

Address: 501 Williams Ave, Natchitoches

Email: jerobeau@yahoo.com

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Date: 12/10/17
To: Louisiana Dept of Transportation, Environmental Engineer Administrator, Section 28
From: Richard M. Robeau & J. Ed Robeau
501 Williams Ave. @ Stephens Ave.
Natchitoches, LA 71457
Subject: **Cane River Bridge [Church Street] Replacement in Natchitoches [H0011271]**

As co-owners of the home at the above address, we attended the conference on 12/07/17 at the Events Center; and spoke at length with engineers for the project regarding the bridge replacement, including the potential location of a temporary bridge at Stephens Ave.

First, we understand the need for a new permanent bridge, and the benefits of shifting the angle to intersect directly with St. Clair. We support that change; and a traffic circle makes good sense as well; with one concern: the likely impedance of traffic in this circle when heavy traffic "backs up" from the traffic signal at Front & Church streets. There are several changes that can improve that, including eliminating left turns from all four directions at this intersection.

Second, if a temporary bridge is erected; we understand and accept the placement near the intersection of Stephens and Williams Ave. It would have the least impact on the community, even though impacting our home temporarily. We will not resist this location, if a temporary bridge is required. When considering the inconvenience of our suggested option [next], keep in mind the inconveniences of constructing a temporary bridge with intersection modifications on Williams Ave and Front St.

We suggest considering the option of having no temporary bridge, nor building the new bridge in sections/stages to maintain traffic flow on it. That is,remove the old bridge all at once, eliminating all traffic flow from Williams Ave to Front Street in the downtown area during the construction of the new bridge, which we were told can be done in nine months.

<u>We suggest strong consideration of this option of closing the existing Church St. bridge, removing it all at once, and erecting the new bridge all at once;</u> coupled with <u>not building a temporary bridge; but forcing all traffic over the other two bridges in Natchitoches.</u> This option initially might seem to be a poor option; however consider the following:

1. It would save significant taxpayer dollars for construction/removal of a temporary bridge with intersection modifications on both sides of Cane River Lake.
2. Due to the resulting inconvenience [traffic flow interruptions] on Williams Ave during construction of the new permanent bridge, all N. Williams Ave traffic would need to be funneled onto E. 5th St anyway. Keep in mind that a temporary bridge at Williams and Stephens will experience impedance caused by the construction of the new bridge at Williams and St. Clair. With the temporary bridge, most of the east Natch residents will be using E. 5th St and Stephens to get to the temporary bridge, sending much traffic on Stephens Ave, a narrow residential street with many cross streets. It's only 3/10 mile

further on E. 5th St to Kaiser Ave, and then west to Kaiser Ave bridge, which are both designed to handle high volume traffic, with traffic signals at major intersections. Why build a temporary bridge [likely needing temporary traffic signals] to save 3/10 mile driving on E. 5th St, and 3/10 mile driving on Jefferson to return to the same point?

3. Flow over the Kaiser Ave. bridge could be maximized by simple modifications, including human traffic directors during high volume traffic movement [the good old days when police or other traffic directors turned off the traffic signals and directed by hand or sign; or police operating the signals remotely]. This would only be necessary for a few hours per day during high volume traffic.
4. Detour signs at various intersections to funnel traffic toward the other two bridges [Kaiser Ave @ Jefferson St & Williams Ave; and the Hwy 1 South bridge @ the Fish Hatchery]. For example: traffic in east Natch, ***south*** of Kaiser Ave [Medical center traffic and residential neighborhoods], could be directed south on Hwy 1 to cross that bridge, turn right, travel Rapides Dr. and Mill St, to Jefferson St and University Pkwy.
5. Also detour signs at the Hwy 1 Bypass emphasizing thru traffic to use the bypass instead of passing through the city center.
6. The above diversions would take some of the extra traffic away from the Kaiser Ave Bridge, which would be handling the traffic flow coming from that part of east Natch located ***north*** of Kaiser Ave. These are but a few of the temporary changes in traffic flow that could be implemented with signage; and eliminate congestion on Williams Ave and the new Church St. bridge under construction.
7. Inform the citizens of the temporary traffic diversions via news articles, notices in monthly bills for utilities, signage, etc; encouraging them to find other means of passing around the city center, unless they have "business" in the city center. It appears that the vast majority of the traffic crossing the Church St. Bridge is only "passing through" and can find other ways to do so via the other two bridges and the Hwy 1 bypass.

I suggest trying to "sell" this idea based on the tax-savings of not constructing/removing a temporary bridge, avoiding the damage and inconvenience of building such, and the shortened construction time that can avoid impacting the Christmas Festival season. The same tax savings, and shortened construction time, can be applied to the option of removing the old bridge at once, and building the new one unimpeded by trying to maintain flow across the bridge during construction. The cost is an extra 6/10 mile of driving, which adds about 1.5 minutes to travel time, only for traffic whose destination is the downtown area or north of it.

These thoughts and suggestions have little or nothing to do with our own personal inconvenience at our home. We will have construction near us no matter which option is used. It is about what is best for the community at large [including impact on the Christmas festival, environmental impact of building a temp bridge, or trying to maintain traffic flow across a bridge under construction]; and the taxpayer's bill; whether state, federal, and/or local taxes.

Richard M. Robeau J. Ed Robeau

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I humbly ask that the DOTD reject the Highland Park bridge. I looked at the "Project Study Area" that Fenstermaker did. This study seems to focus on West Natchitoches, but the problem areas will be on the East side. East Natchitoches is and has been a 100% residential neighborhood for more than fifty years. Most of the streets are old an skinny with the houses built very close to the street, some of them still have open ditches. There are also a lot of older citizens living on these streets. The detour of 10,000 cars a day down these streets including ambulances and fire trucks will make it very difficult for these citizens to get to other streets or even being able to pull out of their driveways.

East Fifth Street has three schools on it that have also been there for over fifty years. Therefore there are already a lot of cars going to these schools on a daily basis that have to navigate two four-way stop intersections along with children walking to the schools. I am not an engineer but as a citizen of this neighborhood I just don't see how we can over come these issues.

Thank you,

Sam W. Nelken
309 Whitfield Dr.

Name: Sam W. Nelken

Address: _____

Email: _____

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Dear Letter to the Editor,

I have always been told that you cannot fight City Hall, but here I am just another bird on a wire. We all know the City wants to put a bridge on north Williams Avenue, the question is why?

When my wife and I Purchased our home in 1996 I did so knowing that Whitfield Drive was north of the Church St. bridge and was a very quiet street. Since that time progress has happened with the Whitfield and St. Clair extensions and our street now has a lot more traffic on it than it used to. Also when we first purchased our home the fireworks along with our street being closed used to happen on Christmas Festival day and the Fourth of July. Now we have fireworks every Saturday night along with our street being closed from the middle of November all the way through New Years plus the Fourth of July and other events that I am sure will develop with the new downtown improvements and stage. I read in the paper where the Mayor likes to use the phrase "quality of life" when talking about projects that the City is in favor of, so I hope that when he uses that phrase he is talking about the entire City. Please let me be clear this project is not about me; mine is just one story to tell. If this proposed bridge is built in the north Williams Ave. location, it will have a detrimental effect on most of the citizens of east Natchitoches forever.

Now back to the matter we are presented with at this time. A year or so ago I read in the paper where the City Council made a unanimous NO vote to stop spot zoning on Stephens Avenue. According to the paper Mr. Dale Neilson and Mr. Don Mims both spoke of the importance of Stephens Avenue remaining residential and keeping the neighborhoods intact. The reason I bring this vote up is how many additional cars do you think this business would have produced on this street? Lets be generous and say 10-20? About a year ago a group of concerned citizens voiced opposition to this bridge project and the City Council agreed yet here we are again. So I am confused, how is the proposed bridge project any different than the Councils NO vote on Stephens Avenue? You are still trying to put in a permanent bridge on North Williams that will dump 8-10 thousand cars a day into a very well established residential neighborhood and school district. I just don't understand. I love my home and my neighborhood, and I would really like to keep enjoying my quality of life for years to come.

I will end with this quote from John Muir "Not blind opposition to progress, but opposition to blind progress..."

Thank you,
Sam W. Nelken

I mailed this letter to our Local Paper

CHARLES M. BARR
6121 Fern Ave Unit 88
Shreveport, LA 71105

December 11, 2017

Louisiana Department of Transportation
Environmental Engineer Administrator, Section 28,
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Reference State Project No. H.001271, Cane River Bridge Project

Comments and Questions concerning the proposed project:

- The period of time between the public meeting held in Natchitoches on December 7th, and the deadline for submission of comments is much too short. It is unreasonable for the DOTD to expect well thought out concerns and questions in only 10 days. This short comment period only serves to create the perception that the collection of comments is only done to fill a square not collect meaningful questions and suggestions.
- The information presented to the public, and I was in attendance, did not address questions of possible seismic damage to historic structures located immediately next to the proposed locations for the new bridge.
- The information provided did not address these same seismic questions for construction of the "temporary" bridge, no matter the final selection of where the temporary bridge may be built.
- When I questioned DOTD personnel present at the meeting about seismic concerns they agreed these were valid questions. I was informed that the State would be measuring the seismic activity, but when I asked if that information would be provided to property owners next to the project no one could, or would, give me any assurance the information would be shared. This is a significant problem.

  The structures on the southwest corner of the Front St and Church St intersection (the old hotel and opera house) were built prior to the War Between the States. Owners of these properties have reason to be concerned about possible damage, and they

deserve to know who and how they will be compensated for damage to their property.

- Why is a bridge for a State highway even located on Church St. to begin with? During the 19th Century when the first bridge was built this may have been the correct location. However, today having heavy truck traffic navigating through the narrow streets of what is now officially a Historic District containing small businesses and residences simply makes no sense. Build a new bridge capable of handling commercial traffic common on LA Hwy 6 somewhere north of the existing bridge. A bridge at the end of the by-pass makes much more sense.
- The Purpose and Need statement provided in the public meeting is not sufficient. The information provided at the public meeting stated "The purpose of the Cane River Bridge Church Street Environmental Assessment project is to address bridge deficiencies related to the age and design of the existing bridge crossing along Church Street over Cane River, as well as to address functional deficiencies related to the traffic movement through the existing intersection of Church Street, Williams Avenue, and St. Clair Avenue." This purpose statement does not address the impact this project will have on the Natchitoches Historic District. This is an important aspect and should not be overlooked.
- Public information made no mention of any studies of the traffic flow. Will the new 3-lane bridge increase traffic along Front St? If so, what impact will the increased traffic have on the existing brick street? How will this be addressed? The traffic study should also include the impact on that portion of Williams Ave between the East end of the bridge and Keyser Ave. How will increased traffic on that section of Williams be handled?
- How will the environmental study address the impact of the expected increased traffic noise from the increase in commercial traffic for those living in the Nakatosh Condominiums located at the corner of Church and Front Streets?
- There is no evidence of any plans for the study to evaluate the impact on those owning, living, and conducting business in the Nakatosh Condominiums. How do you measure the suitability of continued permanent residence with an increase in commercial traffic, not only in the Condominiums but also along Williams St.? If the additional temporary traffic would be a problem for those north of the Church St. and St Clair Ave. intersection, wouldn't the **permanent** increase in traffic on Williams south of the intersection be even worse?

All in all, this entire project does not seem well thought out. The appearance is that expedient solutions to a true problem are all that has been proposed. As it stands now, the only one of the presented solutions that is acceptable is the "No Build" option.

Charles M. Barr

584 Front St, #302 & #303

From:	Erin Buchanan
To:	Brandi
Cc:	Noel Ardoin; Bray Williams; Diane Dodd; smp.puryear@gmail.com; npjnatla@gmail.com; Robin Daigle; Maria Reid; Elnur Musa
Subject:	Re: Comments on natchitoches church street bridge project (also known as highland bridge project)
Date:	Monday, December 18, 2017 1:19:38 PM

Brandi,

Thank you for your email. Your comments regarding the Cane River (Church Street) Bridge project have been received.

Sincerely,

Erin Buchanan
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> On Dec 18, 2017, at 1:13 PM, Brandi <rangerbrandi@yahoo.com> wrote:
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> Again apologies for phone autocorrect...mitigation measures...and I meant necessary restoration instead of emotive :) thx!
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> "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" Eleanor Roosevelt
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>> On Dec 18, 2017, at 1:10 PM, Brandi <rangerbrandi@yahoo.com> wrote:
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>> Hi Noel and Erin,
>> It was good to meet you in person at the Dec. 7 meeting. Apologies for the brevity and any grammatical errors here...I'm having computer issues and sending these comments from my phone to ensure they arrive on time.
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>> Here is a brief summary of my comments after the meeting, based on both the options presented and the discussions we had with both residents and EA staff that night:
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>> 1. My strong preference (expressed by several residents I've spoken to since) is the option that was not actually on the list or in presentation, but was discussed at length during the meeting...to not take time and cause additional construction and inconvenience the residents by simply re-routing traffic to Keyser ave/pine st bridge and down 3rd street to university to cross the river, and be finished with emotive restoration of church street bridge in less than one year.
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>> 2. Second preference to do the one lane shut down of church street bridge and reroute it slightly into direct 4 way stop to st Clair.
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>> 3. Third preference to do touline street temp bridge and so adjusted angle of bridge to st Clair.
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>> All three of these options will include some construction delays for the whole community, but none of them require removal of anyone's homes or futures here in natchitoches.
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>> I'd also ask you as part of the assessment and motivation measures for any option chosen to discuss/include analysis of:
>> 1. The mitigation measure to add an ambulance staging point at downtown fire station. This would help mitigate

any rerouting issues with emergency services during construction...and would likely be helpful in any scenario chosen. This way there would be ambulances and fire trucks based on both sides of bridge, utilizing 5th street and church street fire stations and the hospital.
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>> 2. Need to get clarification from the city council on the actual comments and result of the two previous votes on the highland bridge location. The discussion at the meeting where Dax noted the vote had been “only about funding land purchase” is inaccurate, as was expressed by many people at the dec 7 meeting who were in attendance at both previous city council votes. The overwhelming community response to the highland park temporary bridge location was WE DO NOT WANT IT! This is for a variety of reasons, but safety of the neighborhood and effects of increased traffic on quality of life for entire area east of the river were top among them.
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>> 3. Need to consider effects of this process (projected 5 years to decision and 1-2 years of additional construction) on property values for nearby homeowners to any of these site options. The only ones that shouldn’t affect property values are the options listed that don’t involve building bridges, which is one reason many comments you likely have received are for the rerouting and/or same location/one lane at church street, touline road options, which don’t take anyone’s home or quality of life away during the interim.
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>> Thank you for considering these comments, and please let me know that you received them with a quick email response.
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>> Brandi Bradford
>> 1206 Williams ave
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>> "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams" Eleanor Roosevelt
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Bliss Bernard

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Thanks,
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Deputy Project Manager

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