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
NOVEMBER 1, 2018, 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

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A second public meeting was held on November 1, 2018 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 updated 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 within the project vicinity, citizens who responded to the Solicitation of Views, and citizens who offered comments at the first public meeting were mailed a meeting notice on September 27, 2018. Notices of the meeting were advertised in The Natchitoches Times and the Natchitoches Parish Journal on Thursday, October 18, 2018 and Thursday, October 25, 2018. Agencies and stakeholders were emailed on September 26, 2018 and mailed a notice on September 27, 2018. Press releases were posted on the LADOTD project website on October 23, 2018. Various newspapers and news stations also advertised the public meeting. 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 30-minute presentation to familiarize themselves about the project history, the development of various alternatives, the current proposed alternatives, the preliminary environmental impacts, 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, typical sections, detour layouts, vibration monitoring, cultural resources, 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 thirty-eight (38) citizens, twenty-one (21) governmental or elected officials, sixteen (16) agency representatives, two (2) media personnel, and five (5) 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 November 12, 2018. The public meeting comment summary table is included in the Appendix and a summary of responses received are below.

Comment Summary

Eleven (11) written comments were received at the public meeting held on November 1, 2018. Four (4) comments were received following the public meeting through the end of the comment period on November 12, 2018. A summary of the comments received through the public comment period is included in the Appendix.

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And that **Open House Public Meeting #2 – Cane River Bridge Church Street Route La 1-X State Project No. H.001271, Federal Project No. H001271 Natchitoches Parish**

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Matt

OCTOBER 25, 2018 AT 6:20 AM

i say they use a lot of dynamite and no public warning…the city is good at that and then hire local contractor to clean up and rebuild the bridge since the economy is horrible in town.

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Lady Jade

OCTOBER 18, 2018 AT 12:08 PM

Why? Is there a problem with the bridge? Will they replace it? Do they have any idea what chaos it would cause if all traffic had to use the Kyser Bridge?

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Matt

OCTOBER 18, 2018 AT 2:06 PM

they will have a ferry set up to help people cross,just drive your car onto the ferry and go to other side.

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Lady Jade

OCTOBER 19, 2018 AT 9:13 AM

A ferry to cross less than 100 yards of water… That just made me laugh 🙂

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Matt

OCTOBER 18, 2018 AT 11:51 AM

blow it up !! and divide the city into two sections,it
will be survival of the fittest.poor vs rich,weak vs strong.

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By **Natchitoches Times** - October 23, 2018

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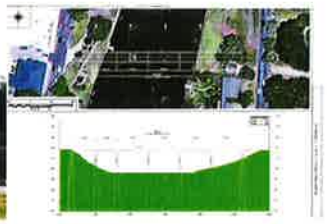
The attached renderings were presented at the first bridge meeting. They depict the options being considered.

The permanent bridge on existing alignment.



The proposed temporary bridge at Highland Park. Note: The map is prior to the destruction of home at the far right of the photo. Construction has begun on a new private residence at that location.

The proposed temporary bridge (at either location). It will be a simple two lane bridge with prefabricated bridge trusses.

The proposed temporary bridge at Touline Street. Note: the map is prior to the Rue de Beauport renovations on the riverbank. The area at the far left is approximately on top of new Santa House.

The proposed permanent bridge on a skewed alignment to better match up with the intersection of Williams and St. Claire.

The proposed Cane River Replacement Bridge. The permanent bridge will include a turning lane and sidewalk on both sides.

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Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 10:34:46 AM

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By: John Walton

Posted: Oct 30, 2018 09:30 AM CDT
Updated: Oct 30, 2018 05:32 PM CDT

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Appendix 3:
Agency Meeting Notices

Cane River Bridge Church Street Route LA 1-X
State Project No. H.001271
Federal Project No. H001271
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

What: **Open House Public Meeting #2**
Cane River Bridge Church Street Route LA 1-X
When: **Thursday, November 1, 2018**
Where: **Natchitoches Events Center**
McCullen Hall B
750 2nd Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457
Time: **4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**

The Louisiana Department and Transportation and Development (DOTD) in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is conducting a 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.

The meeting will follow an open house format. There will be a continuous multi-media presentation about the project. Additional project exhibits will be available for viewing. Representatives from LADOTD and its consultants will be at the open house to answer questions and discuss issues related to the project. Comments and suggestions will be 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 meeting. Written statements can also be mailed to the address shown below, postmarked no later than November 12, 2018, to be included in the meeting transcript.

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Environmental Engineer Administrator, Section 28
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Appendix 4:
Meeting Sign-In Sheets

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Appendix 5:
Meeting Handout

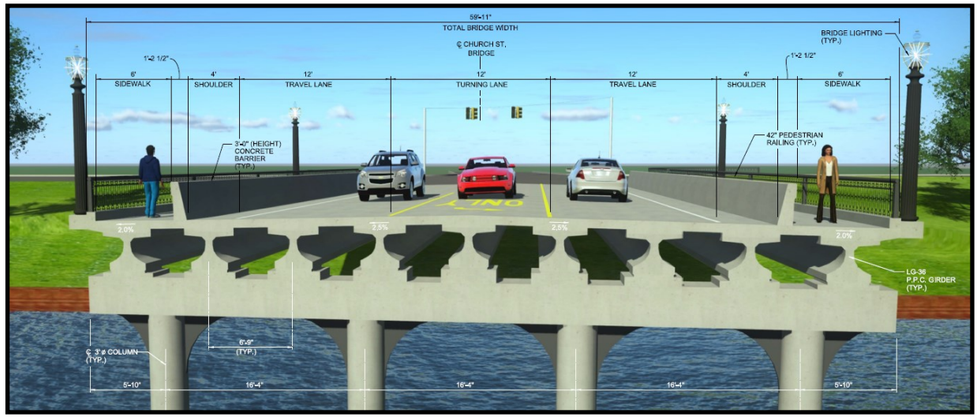

FIGURE 4: Proposed Cane River Replacement Bridge Typical Section

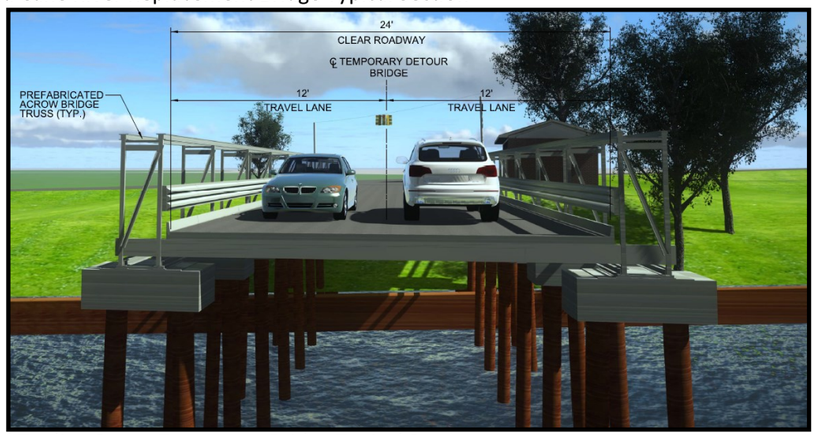

FIGURE 5: Proposed Touline Street Temporary Bridge Typical Section

NEXT STEPS:

- Complete Environmental Inventory
- Develop Preferred Alternative
- 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)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information, please contact:

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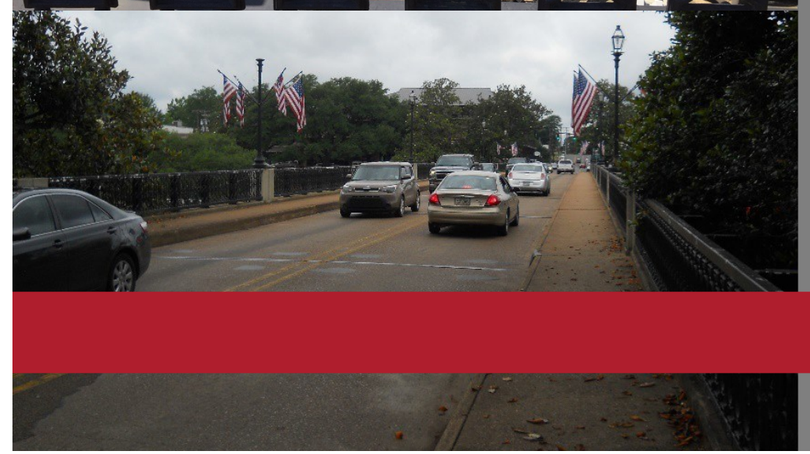
Attn: Erin Buchanan
Office: 318-549-8402

Lead Agencies:

Consulting Firms:

PUBLIC MEETING



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT

U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration

CANE RIVER BRIDGE
CHURCH STREET
ROUTE LA 1-X

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

November 1, 2018
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 second 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.

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.

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 1 SIGN-IN

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

STATION 2 PRESENTATION

Continuous audio/visual presentation about the proposed project.

STATION 3 EXHIBITS

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

STATION 4 RIGHT OF WAY

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

STATION 5 COMMENTS

Provide comments by filling out the comment form provided with this handout or recording a verbal comment on the voice recorder found at Station 5. Written statements can also be mailed to the address shown below, postmarked no later than 11/12/18 to be included in the meeting transcript.

LADOTD
Environmental Engineer Administrator, Section 28
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804

Brief Project History:

In 1998, LADOTD initiated the Stage 1 Environmental Process, proposing to replace the existing bridge due to structural and geometric deficiencies. The first public meeting was held in 1999. The project was put on hold while LADOTD examined rehabilitation of the existing bridge. In 2001, the Natchitoches City Council passed a resolution in favor of the project. A rehabilitation study was completed in April 2002. Ultimately, the project was put on hold due to controversy in 2003. Bridge repairs were made in January 2004. A bridge taskforce was developed at the request of Mayor Lee Posey, and their first meeting was held in October 2013. The bridge taskforce analyzed impacts and coordinated with the public to refine alternatives. In 2015, LADOTD requested to initiate the Phase 1 Environmental Process. A Stage 0 report was developed, which included a preliminary purpose and need statement and initial project conceptual alternatives, which are discussed below.

Conceptual Alternatives Development:

The following alternatives, developed from the original environmental process and refined by the Bridge Taskforce, were advanced to the Phase 0 Feasibility process:

- Construction of a new bridge aligned with St. Clair Avenue utilizing either:
  - i. Phased construction maintaining traffic along the existing alignment
  - ii. Construction of a temporary detour bridge at Highland Park
- Construction of a new bridge maintaining the existing alignment with a detour bridge at Highland Park

At the time the Stage 0 was produced, local governments discussed providing additional funding to construct a permanent bridge at Highland Park. This option was omitted as the Natchitoches City Council voted against funding in December 2016.

LADOTD awarded a contract to re-initiate the Cane River Bridge EA in 2017, views were solicited in June 2017, and the first public meeting was held in December 2017. The following alternatives determined to be reasonable were presented at the first public meeting:

- 1 – Replace Cane River Bridge on a skewed alignment utilizing staged construction
- 1A – Replace Cane River Bridge on a skewed alignment with a temporary bridge located at Highland Park
- 1B – Replace Cane River Bridge on a skewed alignment with a temporary bridge located at Touline Street
- 2 – Replace Cane River Bridge on the same alignment utilizing staged construction
- 2A – Replace Cane River Bridge on the same alignment with a temporary bridge located at Highland Park
- 2B – Replace Cane River Bridge on the same alignment with a temporary bridge located at Touline Street

Public comments were solicited, and 22 of the 47 comments opposed a temporary bridge at Highland Park, thus this alternative was eliminated as a result of both documented public opposition and development of an additional alternative providing less impacts. The refined alternatives are provided on the next page.

All alternatives below propose to replace the existing Cane River Bridge with a three lane section including two 12-ft. wide travel lanes and a 12-ft. wide center turning lane, 4-ft. wide outside shoulders, and two 6-ft. wide sidewalks with barriers. The temporary bridge at Touline Street will consist of two 12-ft. lanes. There are five total alternatives, including the No-Build.

Alternative 1: The proposed alternative will replace the existing Cane River Bridge on a skewed alignment. This alternative ties the east end of the Cane River Bridge directly into St. Clair Avenue, eliminating the existing offset intersection. In addition, a temporary bridge is proposed at Touline Street so that traffic is redirected temporarily.

Alternative 2: The proposed alternative will replace the existing Cane River Bridge along the same alignment. In addition, a temporary bridge is proposed at Touline Street so that traffic is redirected temporarily.

Alternative 3: This proposed alternative will demolish the existing two-lane Cane River Bridge and replace it on a skewed alignment. This alternative ties the east end of the Cane River Bridge directly into St. Clair Avenue, eliminating the existing offset intersection. This alternative provides no temporary bridge, so traffic will be detoured during the construction process.

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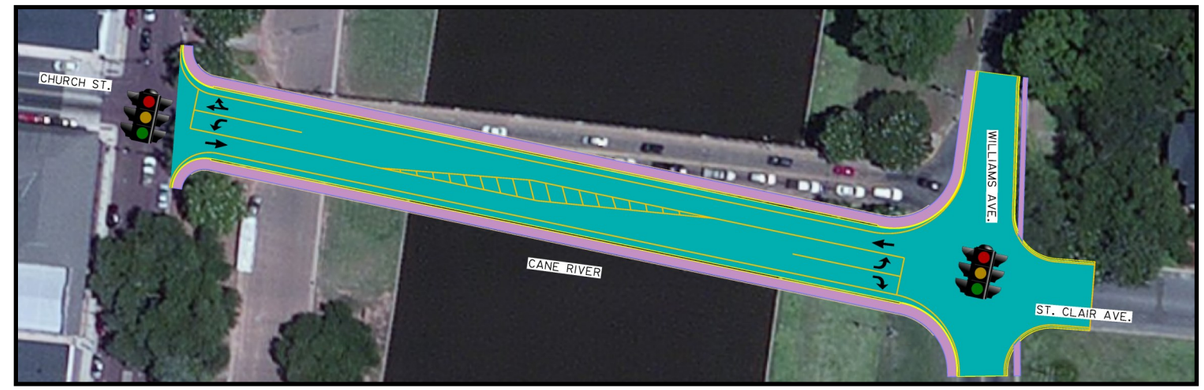

FIGURE 1: Proposed Cane River Replacement Bridge on Skewed Alignment

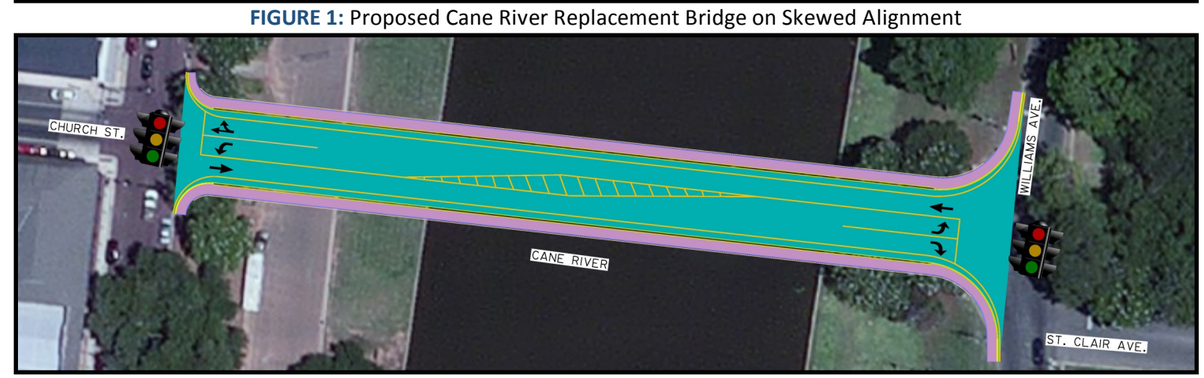

FIGURE 2: Proposed Cane River Replacement Bridge on Same Alignment

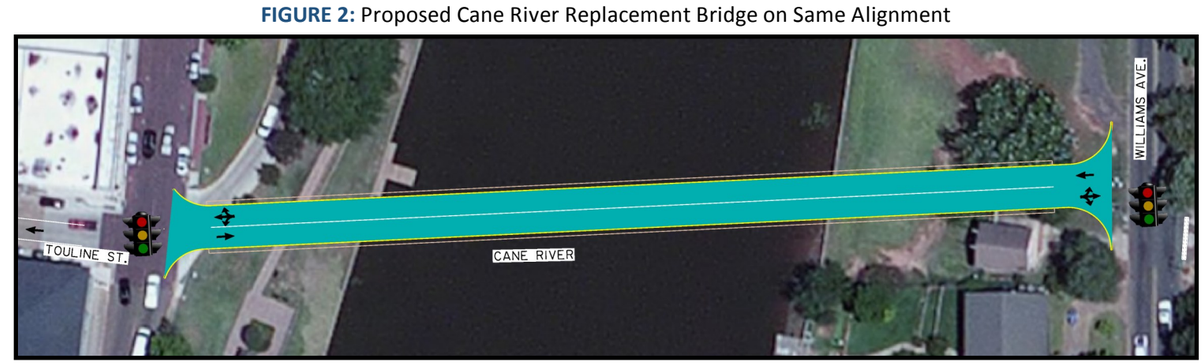

FIGURE 3: Proposed Temporary Bridge at Touline Street

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

November 1, 2018
Natchitoches Events Center, McCullen Hall B
750 2nd Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

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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STATION NO. 5 – COMMENTS (VERBAL OR WRITTEN)

Please take a moment to provide any comments you may have. Either fill out the comment form on the back of this page and turn it in at Station #5 or record a verbal comment on the voice recorder. You may also mail your comment form to the address provided postmarked no later than November 12, 2018.

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

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 November 12, 2018 to be included in the meeting transcript.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

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Appendix 7:
Powerpoint Presentation (PDF)

Cane River Bridge Church Street Route LA 1-X

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

Public Meeting

November 1, 2018
4:00PM to 7:00PM

TEAM MEMBERS

LEAD AGENCIES:

CONSULTING FIRMS:

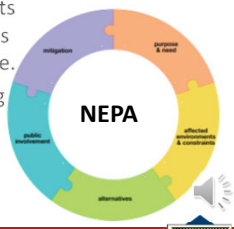
MEETING PURPOSE

- Provide updated 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
- Provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments verbally and in writing.

MEETING STATIONS

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

- NEPA stands for the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.
- NEPA requires analysis of all environmental impacts.
- The process compares the impacts of the proposed build alternatives as well as the No-build alternative.
- NEPA requires early and on-going public involvement.



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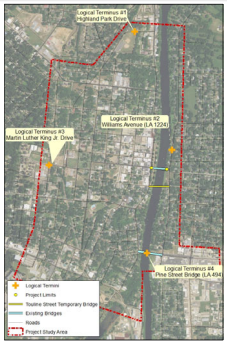
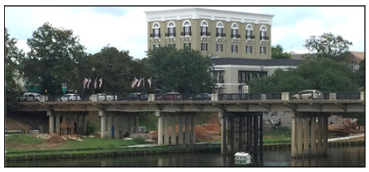


PROJECT DELIVERY PROCESS

- 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

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

BRIDGE STRUCTURE DEFICIENCIES

- The existing bridge 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.
- The bridge is load posted/weight restricted, which limits utility.

CAPACITY

- Both existing and future projected traffic flows along the bridge exceed the amount that can be served.
- Currently there are no dedicated turn lanes on east and west end of bridge.
- Significant queueing of traffic along the bridge exists.

NON-STANDARD INTERSECTION

- The east approach on Cane River Bridge at Church Street, Williams Avenue, and St. Clair Avenue is misaligned.
- Misalignment and existing traffic control conditions introduce multiple vehicular conflict points and may cause driver confusion.

PROJECT HISTORY

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

STAGE 0 ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT

- The following early concepts, developed by the Natchitoches Bridge Taskforce, were analyzed as a part of the Stage 0 concepts:
  - Construction of a new bridge aligned with St. Clair Avenue utilizing either:
    - Phased construction maintaining traffic along the existing alignment, or
    - Construction of a temporary detour bridge at Highland Park.
  - Construction of a new bridge maintaining the existing alignment with a detour bridge at Highland Park.
- At the time the Stage 0 was produced, local governments discussed providing additional funding to construct a permanent bridge at Highland Park Bridge. This option was eliminated as the Natchitoches City Council voted against providing additional funds in December 2016.

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.
- **18** agency responses and **41** citizen responses were received.
- **39 of the 41** citizen comments opposed a temporary bridge along Highland Park Drive.

STAGE 1 ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT

- The alternatives that were determined to be reasonable and were presented at the first public meeting included versions of the three-lane (two through lanes, one center turning lane) bridge:
  - Alternate 1 – Replace Cane River Bridge on a skewed alignment utilizing staged construction;
  - Alternate 1A – Replace Cane River Bridge on a skewed alignment with a temporary bridge located at Highland Park;
  - Alternate 1B – Replace Cane River Bridge on a skewed alignment with a temporary bridge located at Touline Street;
  - Alternate 2 – Replace Cane River Bridge on the existing alignment utilizing staged construction;
  - Alternate 2A – Replace Cane River Bridge on the existing alignment with a temporary bridge located at Highland Park; and
  - Alternate 2B – Replace Cane River Bridge on the existing alignment with a temporary bridge located at Touline Street.

INITIAL PUBLIC MEETING

- The first public meeting was held on December 7, 2017.
- The meeting was attended by **71** citizens, **8** elected officials, **16** agency representatives, **3** media personnel, and **9** project team members.
- **47** public comments were received; **22 of the 47** comments opposed a temporary bridge along Highland Park Drive.
- Following the public meeting, the Highland Park temporary bridge was eliminated as a result of both documented public opposition and development of an additional alternative providing less impacts.

ALTERNATIVES REFINEMENT

- Through the feedback received throughout the Stage 1 process, the preliminary alternatives were further refined to 4 alternatives and the No-build. These alternatives are:
  - Replace existing Cane River Bridge along skewed alignment, providing a temporary bridge at Touline Street;
  - Replace existing Cane River Bridge along same alignment, providing a temporary bridge at Touline Street;
  - Replace existing Cane River Bridge along skewed alignment, with no temporary bridge;
  - Replace existing Cane River Bridge along same alignment, with no temporary bridge; and
  - No build.

PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES- ALTERNATIVE 1

Replace Cane River Bridge on Skewed Alignment with Temporary Bridge at Touline Street

PRELIMINARY ALTERNATIVES- ALTERNATIVE 2

Replace Cane River Bridge on Same Alignment with Temporary Bridge at Touline Street

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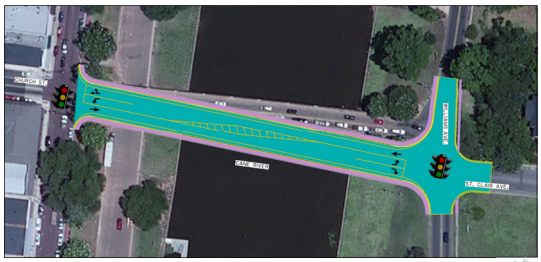

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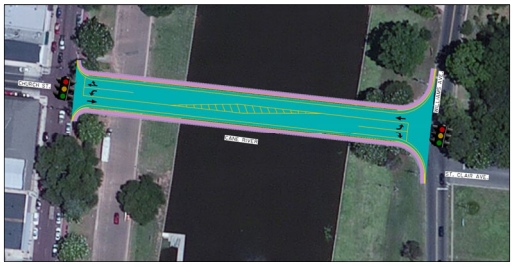

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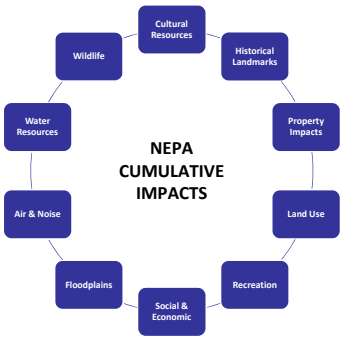
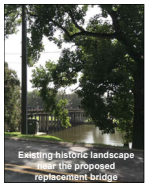


PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- Improvements located within the sensitive historic districts;
- Impacts to the historic landscape;
- Impacts to sewer lift station; and
- Impacts to travel patterns.

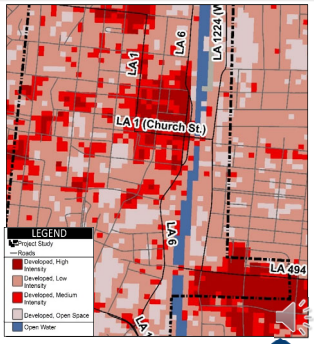

Existing historic landscape near the proposed replacement bridge

Existing sewer lift station potentially impacted by Touline Street Bridge

Existing waterfront access potentially impacted by Touline Street Bridge

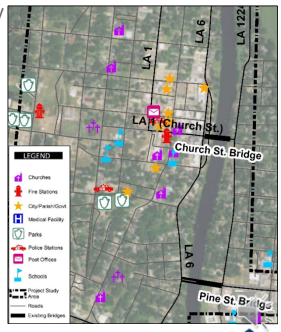
LAND USE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- Land use in the area consists of developed land ranging from open space to high development and areas of water.
- Land use patterns are expected to continue in a similar manner as past development.
- Utility impacts are anticipated to occur, construction and relocation would be programmed to limit disruption of service.



ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES & SOCIAL RESOURCES

- Located within the project vicinity are several businesses that provide goods and services and various community resources.
- The proposed project will improve traffic operations and movement by relieving congestion.
- The annual Festival of Lights may be impacted by construction activities, although, the project could be scheduled as to provide the least impact.



TRAVEL PATTERNS & ACCESSIBILITY

- During peak existing conditions, the intersections at both ends of the bridge experience significant delays and long queues, which are expected to increase in future conditions, due to increased volumes.
- Accessibility and traffic flow in the area would improve by providing a dedicated center turn-lane on the Cane River Bridge at Church Street.
- Short-term impacts would occur during construction; however, a sequencing plan will be developed during design to minimize traffic disruptions.
- A potential temporary no outlet location is proposed at Stephens Avenue onto Williams Avenue, and Touline Street will become a one-way eastbound temporarily if the temporary bridge alternative is selected. These temporary closures will result in detours consisting of at most 1-2 blocks.
- If no temporary bridge is constructed, traffic detouring is proposed during construction to the Pine Street Bridge.

TRAVEL OPERATIONS

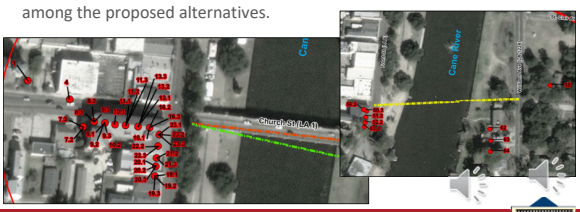
- The Alternatives that propose a temporary bridge (Alternatives 1 and 2) provide the least impact on traffic operations.
- The Alternatives that do not propose a temporary bridge and instead proposes to detour traffic to the Pine Street Bridge (Alternatives 3 and 4) will increase delays. Travelers can expect the following delays:
  - 1-2 minutes turning off of side streets at Jefferson Street/Front Street,
  - Up to 4 minutes at Williams Avenue/Keyser Avenue, and
  - Up to 3 minutes at Keyser Avenue/Jefferson Street.
- Overall, depending on daily route, additional delays of approximately 10 minutes can be expected during afternoon peak periods and 5-10 minutes during morning peak periods.

SAFETY

- High frequency of rear end crashes occur at the intersection of Front Street and Church Street and the intersection of Church Street/St. Clair Avenue/Williams Avenue.
- Driver inattention and unexpected stopping within the queue were the primary factors attributing to the high rate of rear end crashes. The unexpected stopping can be attributed to traffic congestion and an abnormal intersection layout.
- Ways to improve traffic flow and safety include:
  - Accessibility can be increased with the addition of a two-way left turn to provide queue storage for left turning vehicles;
    Improving signal timing; and
  - Realigning the existing intersection.

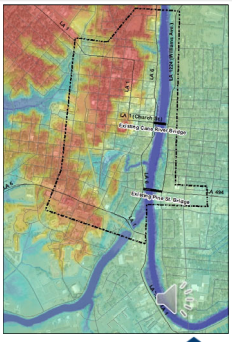
NOISE AND AIR

- Temporary noise increases are anticipated during construction of the replacement and temporary bridges; however, the plans will include provisions requiring the contractor to minimize construction noise using noise abatement measures.
- The air quality study indicated the project will not violate air standards and it demonstrated that there would be no variation in the effects among the proposed alternatives.



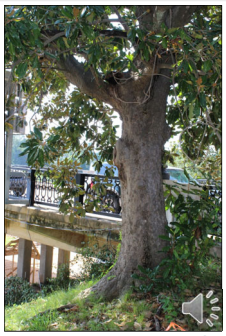
WATERWAYS AND WATER QUALITY

- Adverse impacts to water quality will be reduced by application of Best Management Practices and adhering to an erosion and sedimentation control plan.
- The proposed project incorporates appropriately designed bridge structures that are not anticipated to impede the flow of waters.
- Drainage structures included in the design will mitigate any impacts to the floodplain.
- Applicable permits may be required.



VEGETATION

- The location of the bridge and its required clearance would result in the removal of several trees.
- The trees would be replaced in kind to mitigate any impacts to the existing landscape.

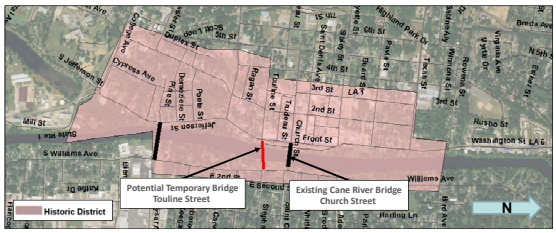


WETLANDS AND WILDLIFE

- A routine wetland delineation and threatened and endangered species analysis was performed.
- No impacts to wetlands or threatened and endangered species are anticipated as a result of the alternatives.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Natchitoches Historic District



A recommendation of No Adverse Effect to Historic Properties is currently being reviewed through consultation with FHWA and SHPO. No architectural or archaeological sites are recommended as being adversely affected by the construction of these alternatives.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Bridges

- The bridge lies within the Natchitoches Historic District, which is a National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and a National Historic Landmark (NHL) district.
- FHWA and SHPO have previously determined that the existing bridge is not eligible for NRHP, nor is it a contributing element to the Natchitoches NRHP District.
- Bridge construction must use context sensitive solutions to construct a bridge that is compatible with the surrounding Natchitoches NRHP District.
- Bridge construction on both the same and the skewed alignment have a recommendation of No Adverse Effect on the Natchitoches NRHP District, archaeological sites, or historical standing structures.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

Front Street Brick Paving

- The brick paving of Front Street is a contributing element to the Historic Districts.
- The brick paved Front Street was newly reconstructed in 2008, which consisted of the removal and replacement of all existing bricks.

- Impacts to a portion of the existing brick are anticipated. The bricks will be carefully removed by hand and temporarily stored, and then will be reused as paving material to match as close as possible to the original configuration.
- Construction will follow a similar process to the methods used in 2008 to mitigate any impacts, so that minimal adverse effects will occur.

VIBRATION MONITORING

Per Section 804 of the 2016 Louisiana Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges

- A testing lab and vibration specialist engineer must develop a vibration monitoring plan prior to construction, and conduct seismic monitoring of vibrations during construction activities.
- Baseline vibration data is collected for a period of 24-hours prior to beginning construction activities.
- Vibration monitoring shall occur during test pile and production pile driving operations to verify that vibrations from construction activities are below the threshold values; if above the values, construction methods shall be modified.
- The substructure of the proposed Cane River Bridge will consist of drilled shafts and the potential temporary bridge at Touline Street will utilize steel H-piles, which both result in significantly less vibration during construction compared to conventional pile driving activities.
- It is expected that the construction techniques proposed for the project will cause the least impacts to surrounding sites.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AQUISITION

- Due to the proposed widening of the replacement bridge, land adjacent to the bridge will need to be acquired for right-of-way (ROW).
- Adjacent land to the existing Cane River Bridge, required for the project, is owned by the City of Natchitoches.
- A temporary construction servitude will be required along the Touline Street temporary bridge if the alternative is selected.
- There are no anticipated ROW impacts to land containing residential or commercial structures in the project vicinity.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AQUISITION

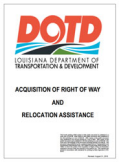
ALTERNATIVE	PERMANENT ROW REQUIRED (ACRES)	TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION SERVITUDE (ACRES)	TOTAL (ACRES)
1	0.33	0.44	0.77
2	0.25	0.44	0.69
3	0.33	0.00	0.33
4	0.25	0.00	0.25
No-Build	0.00	0.00	0.00

- The skewed bridge requires approximately 0.08 acres more ROW than the same alignment alternative.
- The Touline Street Temporary bridge will require approximately 0.44 acres of temporary servitude if selected.
- The temporary servitude will be restored to previous conditions following the end of construction.

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 Section; and
  - 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
- 1st Public Meeting – Held December 7, 2017
- 2nd Public Meeting – Being Held Tonight
- EA Public Review – Winter 2018/2019
- Public Hearing – Winter 2018/2019
- EA and FONSI Review – Spring 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. H001271
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

Natchitoches Events Center
750 2nd Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457

November 1, 2018
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

STATION 4

RIGHT OF WAY

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

CANE RIVER BRIDGE

STATION 5

COMMENTS

PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO PROVIDE ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE

CANE RIVER BRIDGE

PUBLIC MEETING

CANE RIVER BRIDGE CHURCH STREET ROUTE LA 1-X

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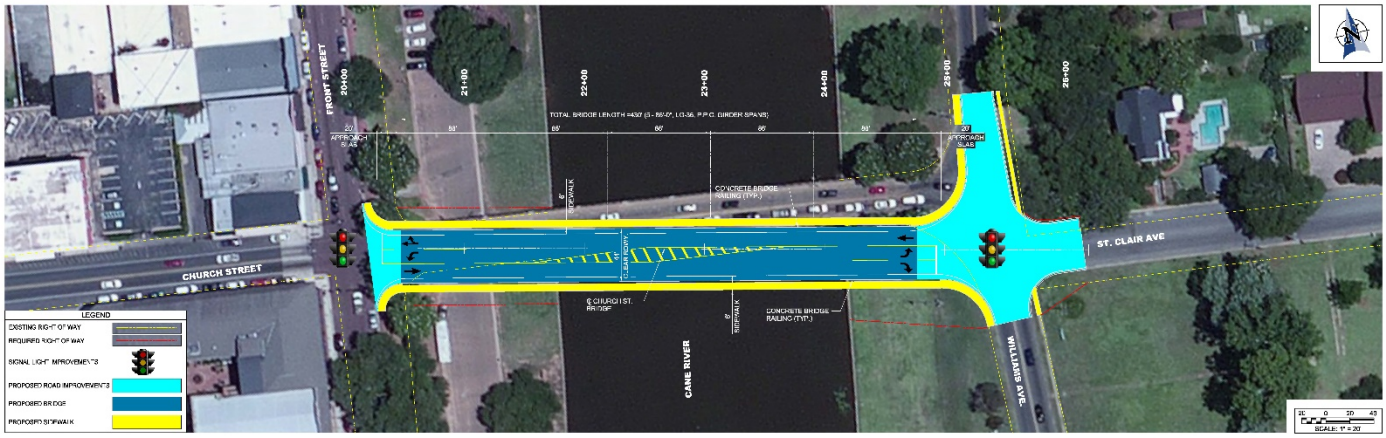
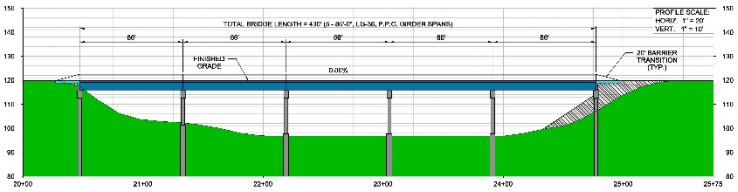
Appendix 9:
Exhibits





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BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON SKEWED ALIGNMENT

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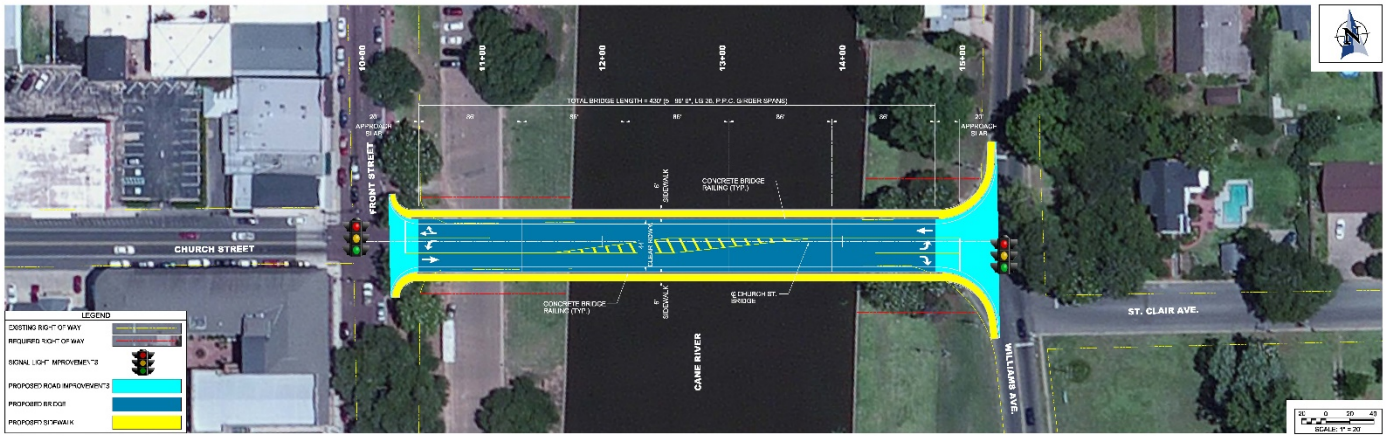

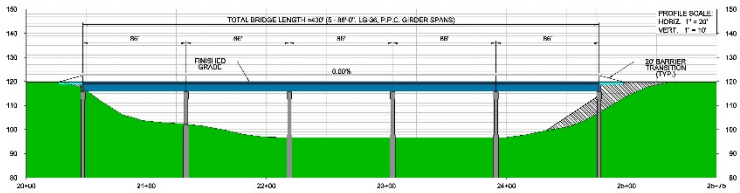

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BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON SAME ALIGNMENT

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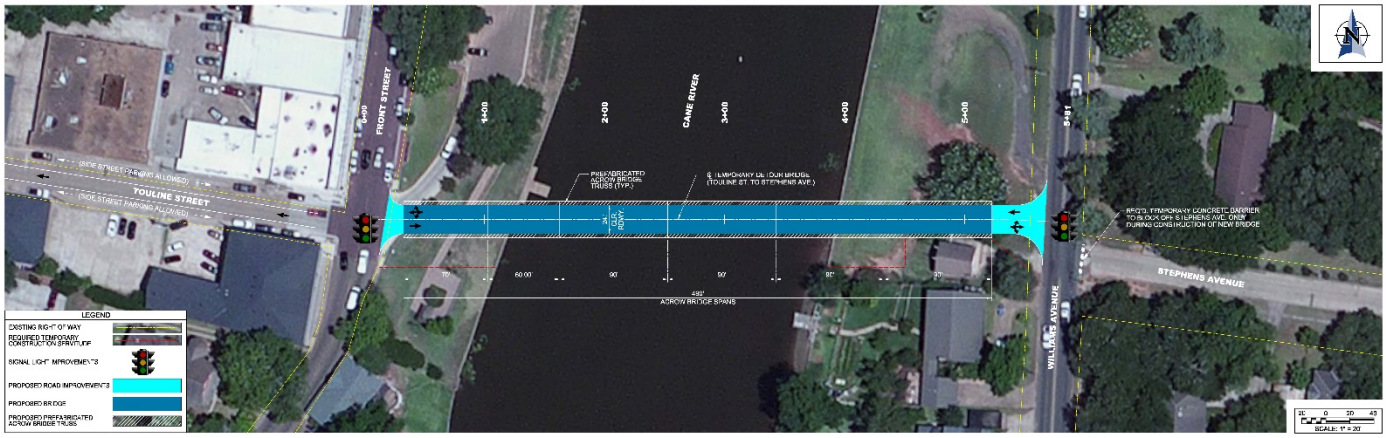

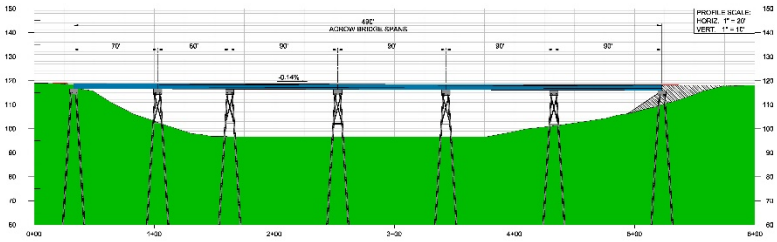

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TEMPORARY BRIDGE CROSSING AT TOULINE ST. TO STEPHENS AVE.

CANE RIVER BRIDGE (CHURCH STREET)
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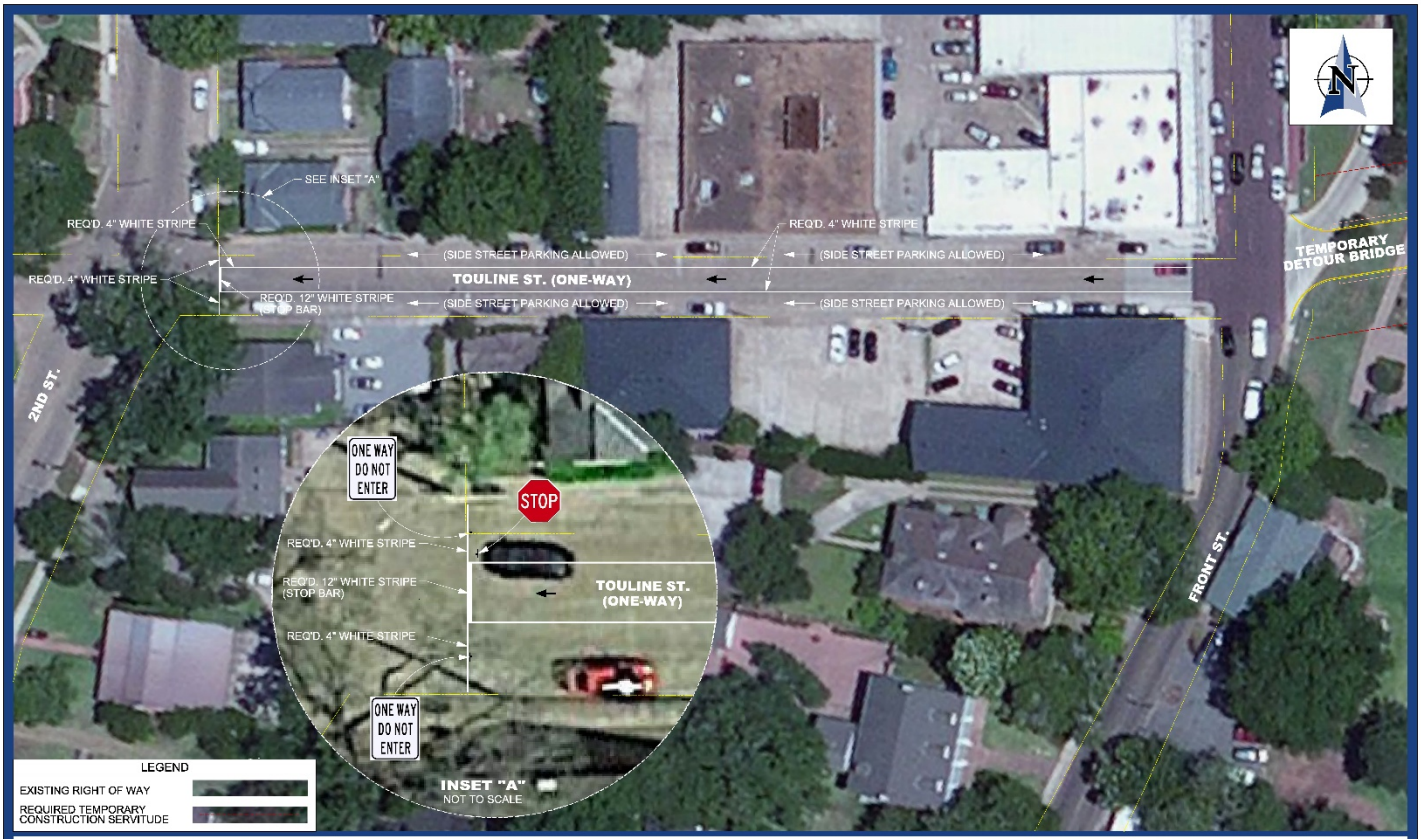

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TOULINE ST. TEMPORARY ONE - WAY TRAFFIC LAYOUT

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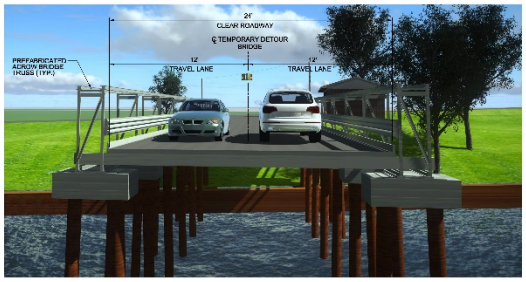

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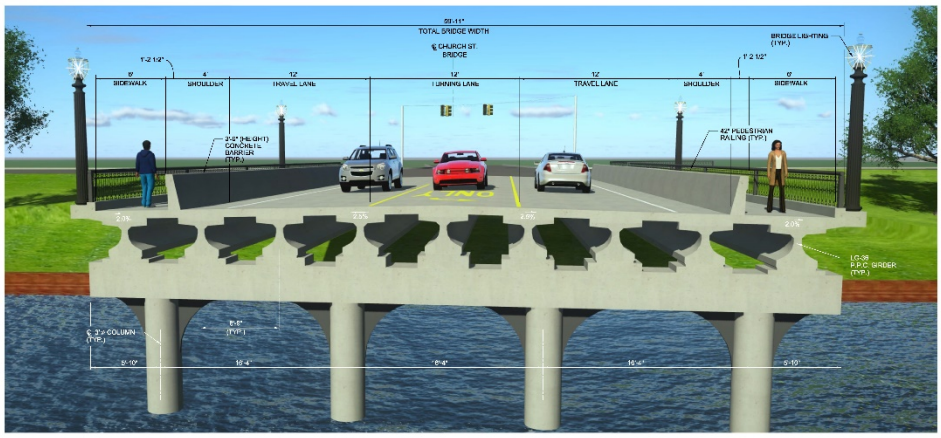

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PROPOSED PERMANENT CHURCH STREET BRIDGE

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TYPICAL SECTIONS

CANE RIVER BRIDGE (CHURCH STREET)
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Receiver Number	Receiver Location Name	No Build dB	Existing Alignment dB	Skewed Alignment dB
1	Immaculate Conception Church Church St	56.3	56.3	63.1
4	Church Street at Charbarge	71.1	71.1	71.1
7.1	2nd floor apartment balcony	56.1	56.1	63.1
7.2	3rd floor apartment balcony	56.1	56.1	63.1
8.1	Mario Lemarque Gift Shop & Bench	71.1	71.1	71.1
8.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	71.0	71.0	71.0
8.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	71.1	71.1	71.1
9.1	Mario Lemarque Gift Shop & Bench	71.1	71.1	71.1
9.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	71.1	71.1	71.1
9.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	70.9	70.9	70.8
10.1	The Troubled Mind Jewelry	71.7	71.7	71.8
10.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	71.5	71.5	71.3
10.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	71.1	71.1	71.1
11.1	Brandi's Clothing & Accessories Jewelry	72.1	72.0	71.8
11.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	71.7	71.7	71.8
11.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	71.5	71.4	71.4
12.1	Brandi's Clothing & Accessories Jewelry	72.7	72.6	72.6
12.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	72.5	72.5	71.2
12.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	72.1	72.1	71.9
13.1	Front Street Market outdoor seating	73.9	73.7	73.3
13.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	73.4	73.1	72.9
13.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	73.1	73.1	72.7
14.1	1st floor apartment balcony	57.5	57.6	67.8
14.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	57.7	57.7	67.7
14.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	57.7	57.5	67.6
15.1	1st floor apartment balcony	58.3	58.3	66.5
15.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	58.1	58.1	66.3
15.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	58.1	58.1	66.2
16.1	1st floor apartment balcony	58.6	58.7	65.7
16.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	58.5	58.5	65.5
16.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	58.2	58.5	65.3
17.1	Front Street Market outdoor seating	72.7	72.5	71.3
17.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	72.4	72.4	71.0
17.3	3rd floor apartment balcony	72.1	71.8	71.0

Sensitive levels, shown in red, for receivers exceed criteria for the Design Year 2038 LOS analysis.

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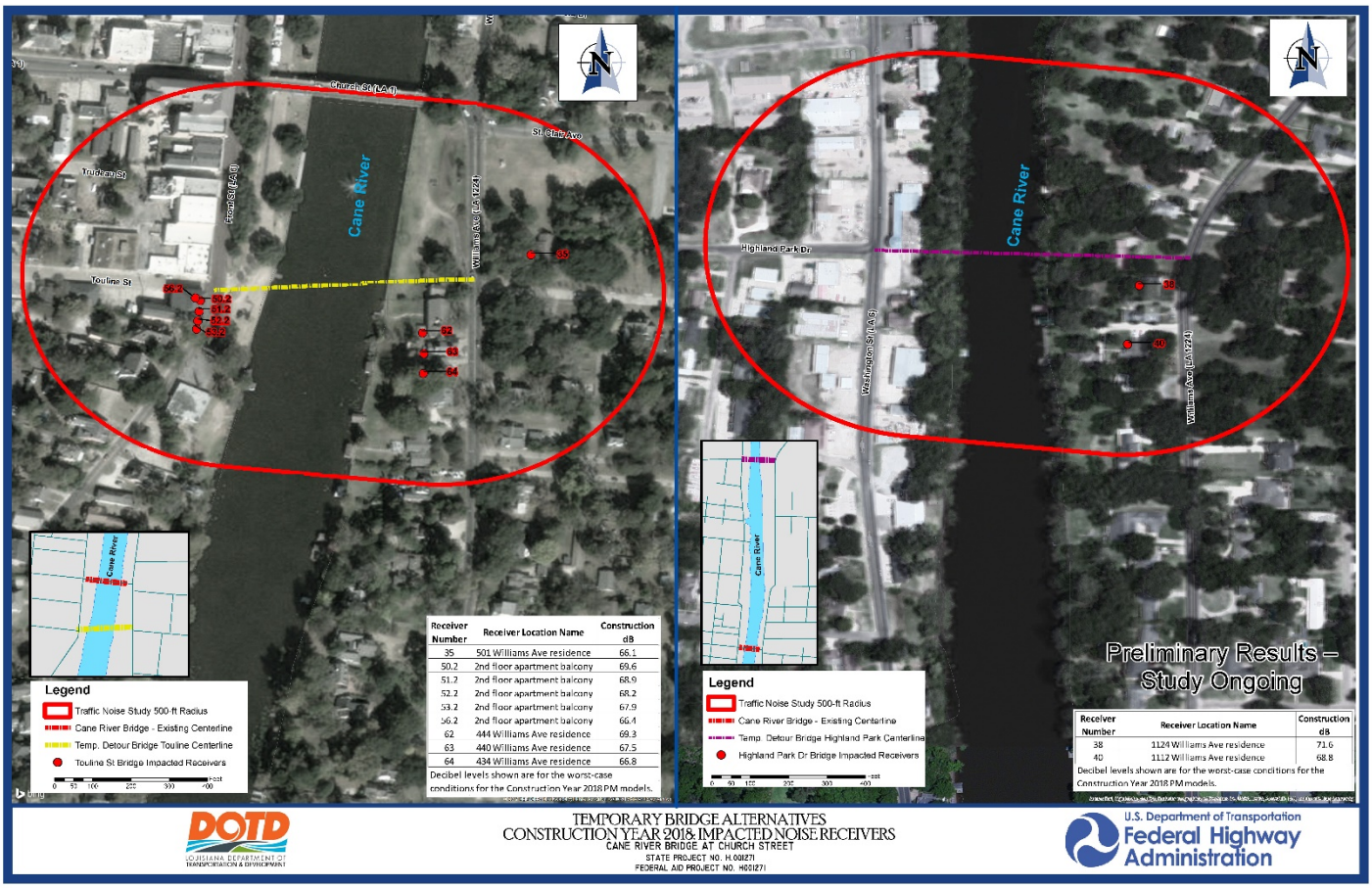

Receiver Number	Receiver Location Name	Construction dB
35	501 Williams Ave residence	66.1
50.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	69.6
51.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	68.9
52.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	68.2
53.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	67.9
56.2	2nd floor apartment balcony	66.4
62	444 Williams Ave residence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

Decibel levels shown are for the worst-case conditions for the Construction Year 2018 PM models.

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
CANE RIVER BRIDGE AT CHURCH STREET
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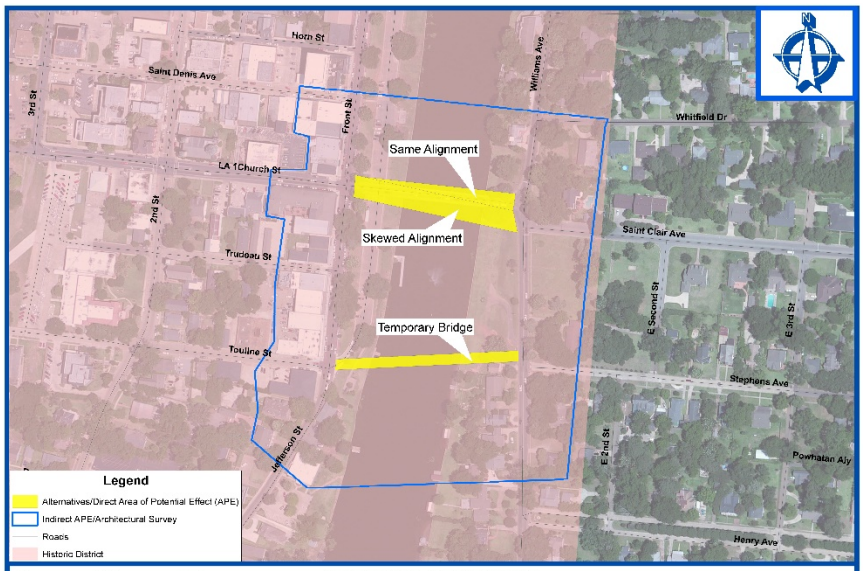

CULTURAL RESOURCES
CANE RIVER BRIDGE CHURCH STREET
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VIBRATION MONITORING

Per Section 804 of the 2016 Louisiana Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges

- A testing lab and vibration specialist engineer must develop a vibration monitoring plan prior to construction activities and conduct seismic monitoring of vibrations during pile driving and other heavy equipment operations.
- Baseline vibration data will be collected for a period of 24 hours prior to beginning construction activities.
- Vibration monitoring shall occur during test pile and production pile driving operations to verify that vibrations from construction activities are below the threshold values; if above the values, construction methods shall be modified.
- An independent third party Louisiana registered professional engineer shall provide reports and interpretations of the data obtained including the possible effects of the measured vibrations on the structures.
- The substructure of the new Cane River Bridge will consist of drilled shafts and the potential temporary bridge at Touline Street will utilize steel H-piles, which both result in significantly less vibration during construction compared to conventional pile driving activities.
- It is expected that the construction techniques proposed for the replacement Cane River Bridge will cause the least impacts to surrounding sites.

Appendix 10:
Public Meeting Comment Summary

PUBLIC MEETING COMMENT SUMMARY
MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2018

Table 1.0 below documents the comments received for the Public Meeting held on November 1, 2018. 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 public comment period was from September 27, 2018 to November 12, 2018.

COMMENT #	COMMENTER	COMMENT	COMMENT TYPE	RESPONSE TO COMMENT
1	Michele Todtenbier	I live in the Nakatosh Condos on the second floor facing Church Street. I would like to see a straight across bridge with no skewed alignment. I feel the 3 lane bridge will move traffic across the bridge more efficiently than the current 2 lane bridge. As a local resident living downtown, I feel a lot of folks use the St. Clair access from St. Clair into downtown to avoid sitting in traffic at peak times on Williams Avenue. I feel the skewed bridge will affect the aesthetics of downtown. I see no need for a temporary bridge. Given traffic light adjustment and presence of police directing traffic at peak times will facilitate the need to move traffic efficiently from east to west and vice versa. I would like to see little disruption to the downtown area during construction. If no temporary bridge is constructed, it will speed up the process of the project. I would like to see Rue Beauport affected at a minimal due to tourism and funds that have recently been spent on these projects. Tourism is a vital link to downtown Natchitoches. A lengthy bridge replacement process will immediately impact property values to the downtown area. I am satisfied with the noise and vibration studies and my questions have been answered satisfactorily.	Public Meeting-Written	This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.
2	Edwin Dunahoe	I am for the “straight across” bridge. I am against the “skewed” bridge. The skewed bridge looks bad and will always look like a crooked bridge. I spoke with the traffic consultants and they said one of the main reasons for	Public Meeting-Written	Rear end crashes can be attributed to unexpected stopping within the intersection. The unexpected stopping can be attributed to traffic congestion as well as the abnormal intersection

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		favoring the skewed bridge was to address the intersection of Williams Avenue, the current bridge, and St. Clair, which they said was dangerous. I asked them why it was dangerous and I was told that it was because of the number of wrecks. The consultant then looked up the statistics and told me there had been 32 accidents between 2014- 2016. There were 27 accidents on the west end of the bridge, so no real difference in straight versus skewed alignment. However, when she looked further, she said that 29 of the 32 had been rear-end collisions, which would not be reduced if the intersection were re-aligned. Please don't skew the bridge under the thought there is a problem. Furthermore, the state recently put another traffic light at that intersection, which has completely addressed any issue with turning motorists. Further, I was told that the current bridge is skewed a little—it is not skewed as to Church Street is straight. You would be creating a skewed intersection on both ends of the bridge if the skewed one is built. Regarding the temporary bridge, I would suggest we don't need it. You can secure traffic control engineers/consultants who can help move traffic. This total cost would be substantially less than the $2 million cost estimate for the temporary bridge.		layout. With the addition of a dedicated turning lane for both the skewed and same alignment bridge, the intersections will have to be realigned to cause the least skew at these intersection. This will be done in the geometric design and with striping improvements. Hiring traffic control engineers/ consultants to help with the traffic flow is not a feasible option; however, a sequencing plan will be developed to provide detour signage and striping to aid in traffic detour shall the temporary bridge alternative not be chosen. This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.
3	Keith Johnson	Like the presentation. Like the skewed plan.	Public Meeting-Written	This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.
4	Natalie Covher	I really like Alternative 1. The current alignment of the bridge is dangerous. I avoid this intersection and drive around to East 5th Street and turn at St. Maurice to go home to Williams just to avoid random vehicles darting out from St. Clair. With so many changes to how this intersection works, no one does it right. People run the	Public Meeting-Written	This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.

COMMENT #	COMMENTER	COMMENT	COMMENT TYPE	RESPONSE TO COMMENT
		light, roll through, pull up then wait in the middle of the intersection. So dangerous! I think we need a temporary bridge, too much traffic otherwise very simple. Please align the bridge with St. Clair. Don't keep the current alignment, it is garbage.		
5	Elvin L. Shields	Leave the existing bridge in place as a bike and people bridge. Go to Texas Street and build a 4-lane permanent bridge to access Williams to LA 1 Bypass. Please do not waste funds building a temporary bridge. Why build two (2) bridges to get over. Thanks—as presented, this is a 24 month project.	Public Meeting-Written	The purpose of the project is to address the structural and functional deficiencies of the existing Cane River Bridge on Church Street and adjacent intersections by providing a new 3-lane bridge, left turn lanes at intersections, improved sidewalks, improve St. Clair/Williams Avenue intersection, and minimize traffic congestion near the project area. As a part of the NEPA requirements, analyzing the No-Build alternative is required. This alternative will be fully analyzed in the EA document. In a Natchitoches City Council meeting held on December 12, 2016, the City Council unanimously voted to not contribute the additional funds needed to make a temporary bridge permanent. This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.
6	Terry Sklar	Why not keep the temporary bridge adjacent to existing on state right-of-way. Why encroach on south ramp of riverbank for construction period. Why move traffic to areas not prepared—owner on Church had no knowledge prior to buying. Touline owner selected low traffic area on purpose.	Public Meeting-Written	Locating the temporary bridge adjacent to the existing bridge was studied as a part of this EA. The impacts to the historic district are too large, offset intersections would be created on both ends of the bridge, and the construction time would be extended. This option was never presented, as there were other options which caused less impacts.

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		Absolutely opposed to located anywhere other than beside old bridge.		Many potential temporary bridge locations were studied as a part of this EA, with the Touline Street being the most feasible, as it provides connectivity downtown during the construction process. Temporary impacts such as the removal of the southern access to Rue Beauport and temporary detouring of traffic is anticipated to occur. Following the completion of the permanent bridge, these temporary changes will be returned to existing conditions. This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.
7	Kendal Perkins	I support the skewed arrangement that aligns with St. Clair Avenue. This will help make a safer intersection at what's now the worst intersection in town.	Public Meeting-Written	This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.
8	George Minturn	Favor re-aligning east end. I feel that some type of temporary bridge will be required as a minimum. A permanent bridge at a location that would limit the through traffic in the historic district would be best. Replacing the existing bridge is the first priority but will not address the existing traffic issues. The traffic is not going to the historic district, it is going through the historic district.	Public Meeting-Written	This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.
9	John Self	No temporary bridge on Touline Street. I live on Williams Avenue and will put up with extra traffic to help our downtown. Alternative 3 or 4 if you refuse to build a temporary bridge at Highland. This town has come back from buildings falling into something people drive hundreds of miles to see. People invested their own money in doing this. Temporary bridge	Public Meeting-Written	This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.

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		on Touline increases construction time causing down time on Front Street to be a killer for business.		
10	F. M. Menou Jr.	Like figure #1- traffic re-route to Keyser Avenue full-time. Do not like temporary bridge idea. Waste of millions, use this savings to hire officers for the duration of construction. Suggest enlarging police department, enough officers to work heavy traffic hours on Keyser Bridge like morning 6-9 a.m., noon 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and evening 4-6 p.m. These officers could move more traffic than a lighting system.	Public Meeting-Written	Using federal monies to hire additional police officers to help with the traffic flow is not a feasible option; however, a sequencing plan will be developed to provide detour signage and striping to aid in traffic detour shall the temporary bridge alternative not be chosen. This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.
11	Eddie Harrington	I am District I City Councilman of the City of Natchitoches and I would like to see the Church Street bridge on the skewed alignment with the proposed temporary bridge at Touline Street.	Public Meeting-Written	This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.
12	Natchitoches Historic District Commission	The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request alternatives to that which was presented by DOTD on November 1, 2018 relating to the construction of the Cane River Church Street Bridge. Specifically the Commission is opposed to the skewing of the bridge and design of the concrete barrier. It is our belief that both are substantially in conflict with the defining characteristics of the community. Natchitoches, the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchas, is rich in cultural, architectural, natural and historic resources. The Natchitoches Historic District, a National Historic Landmark, is a vital component of the community and has contributed significantly to economic development, tourism and quality of life for its residents. The Historic District Commission supports the construction of the Cane River Church Street Bridge and understands the safety issues requiring a barrier between the	Mailed Comment	This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.

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		pedestrian sidewalks and the traffic lanes. The Commission opposes the use of a proposed concrete barrier and urges consideration of an alternative that enhances the design of the Church Street Bridge and respects the character and integrity of the Natchitoches Historic District. The Historic District Commission also opposes skewing the proposed Cane River Church Street Bridge. The historic fabric of the neighborhoods, the established grid system in the District and Natchitoches' distinct sense of place do not support the skewing of the bridge. The Commission strongly supports the construction of the proposed Cane River Church Street Bridge. However, the Natchitoches Historic District Commission respectfully requests consideration for alternatives addressing the concrete safety barrier and the skewing of the bridge.		
13	Jack Duty	I and my family vote for Alternative 1.	Mailed Comment	This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.
14	Mike Murphy	I am concerned with the proposals for the upcoming new bridge construction and the issue with the temporary bridge. The new bridge needs to connect to St. Clair Street. I am a local business owner with a business location that will be directly impacted by the construction projects. It is my opinion that if we do not build a temporary bridge that it will have a severe negative impact on my business and surrounding businesses. We have a lot of customer traffic at our location. There is a large church across the street and two within the block on Second Street. There is a large public library that also has a lot of customer traffic. This intersection is very busy, so busy at times it is	Mailed Comment	This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.

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		dangerous, with us having two bridges! I can't imagine the chaos and congestion that will ensue with losing a bridge for that long of time. Also the primary responding fire department is located in this area. I can't imagine the delay they will have in responding to the emergencies. Taking into consideration both inability to cross because of only one bridge, and the congested traffic they will have to work through. Also, the inability for the ambulance service to get through downtown when they need to service this side as well as North Natchitoches Parish. I believe the city would have an overall loss of business due to heavy congestion and people already frustrated. It will be far easier for people to go to Shreveport or Alexandria to do their shopping and not have to deal the traffic issues. Keep in mind, with the traffic as it is now, there are many complaints. I suggest building a PERMANENT bridge connecting Washington Street to St. Maurice Lane.		
15	Ray Durham	Our business is Mike Murphy State Farm and is located at the corner of Touline and 2nd Street. We believe it is best for the city to build the temporary bridge from Touline across and align the new Church Street Bridge with St. Clair. Even though traffic would have a dramatic increase on Touline we believe the one-way flow of traffic would be manageable. Having a temporary bridge is a must for traffic management. Watching vehicles navigate the intersection at 2nd and Touline each day we believe it is necessary to either have a light or a 4-way stop once the temporary bridge is open and Touline has one-way traffic going to Second Street. Also, I noted at the top of this that no vehicles need to be parked close to the intersection,	Mailed Comment	This comment is noted for the record and will be taken into account moving forward in the alternatives analysis.

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		this would only be necessary if there was no light or 4-way stop installed. Light at the corner of Touline and 2nd or no vehicles parked close to the corner on 2nd or Touline because of the odd angle.		

CANE RIVER BRIDGE CHURCH STREET ROUTE LA 1-X

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 November 12, 2018 to be included in the meeting transcript.

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Jefferson is a vital link to downtown Natchitoches. A lengthy bridge replacement process will immediately impact property values to the downtown area. I am satisfied with the noise and vibration studies and my questions have been answered satisfactorily.

Name: Michele Gottenhier

Address:

Email:

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I Am For The "straight across" bridge. I Am Against the "skewed" bridge. The skewed bridge looks BAd, + will always look like a crooked bridge. I spoke with the traffic consultants + they said 1 of the main reasons for favoring the "skewed" bridge was to address the intersection of Williams Ave, The current Bridge + St. Clair, which they said was dangerous. I asked them why it was dangerous + was told it was because of the # of wrecks. The consultant then looked up the statistics + she told me there had been 32 Accidents between 2014-2016*. HOWEVER, when she looked further, she said that 29 of the 32 had been Rear-end collisions, which would not be reduced if the intersection were re-aligned. Please dont skew the bridge under the thought there is a problem. Furthermore, the State recently put another traffic light at that intersection, which has completely addressed any issue with turning motorist.

Name: Edwin Dunahoe

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* There were 27 Accidents on the West end of the Bridge, so no real difference in straight vs skewed alignment

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Further, I was told the current bridge is "skewed" a little - It is not skewed as to Church St - It is straight. You would be creating a skewed intersection on BOTH ends of the Bridge if the "skewed" one is Built.

Regarding the temporary bridge, I would suggest we don't need it. You can secure traffic control engineers/consultants who can help "move" traffic. This total cost would be substantially less than the $2 million cost estimate for the temporary bridge.

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Like the presentation, like the scenic plan.

Name: Keith Johnson

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I realy like Alternative I. The current alignment of the bridge is dangerous I avoid this intersection and drive around to ~~Est~~ 5th street and turn at St. Maurice to go home to Williams just to avoid random vehicles darting out from St. Clair. With so many changes to how this intersection works no one does it right. People run the light, roll through, pull up then wait in the middle of the intersection. So Dangerous! I think we need a temp bridge. To much traffic otherwise very simple. Please Align the Bridge with St. Claire. Dont keep the correct Mignent it is garbage.

Name: Natalie Couher

Address: 1232 Williams WC

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(1) LEAVE THE EXISTING BRIDGE IN PLACE AS A BIKE & PEOPLE BRIDGE.

(2) GO TO TEXAS ST AND BUILD A 4-LANE PERMANENT BRIDGE TO ACCESS WILLIAMS TO LA 1 BYPASS.

(3) PLEASE DO NOT WASTE FUNDS BUILDING A TEMPORARY BRIDGE.

(4) WHY BUILD TWO(2) BRIDGES TO GET ONE(1).

THANKS — AS PRESENTED THIS IS A 24 MONTH PROJECT.

Name: ELVIN L. SHIELDS

Address: 102 KATELYN CIRCLE.

Email: ElvinShieldsCAOL.COM

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Why not keep the temp bridge adjacent to existing on state right of way.

Why encroach on south ramp of riverbank for construction period

Why move traffic to areas not prepared - owner on church had knowledge prior to buying - Tow line owners selected low traffic area on purpose

Absolutely opposed to locating anywhere other than beside old bridge

Name: Terry Sklar

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Email: tsklar@stccs.com

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I support the skewed arrangement that aligns with St. Clair Avenue. This will help make a safer intersection @ what's now the worst intersection in town.

Name: Kendal Perkins

Address: 177 Shamard Drive

Email: kwperkins@apexofla.com

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FAVOR RE-ALIGNING EAST END.

I FEEL THAT SOME TYPE OF TEMPORARY BRIDGE WILL BE REQUIRED AS A MINIMUM. A PERMANENT BRIDGE AT A LOCATION THAT WOULD LIMIT THE THRU TRAFFIC IN HISTORIC DISTRICT WOULD BE BEST.

REPLACING THE EXISTING BRIDGE IS THE FIRST PRIORITY BUT WILL NOT ADDRESS THE EXISTING TRAFFIC ISSUES. THE TRAFFIC IS NOT GOING TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT, IT IS GOING THRU THE HISTORIC DISTRICT.

Name: GEORGE MINTURN

Address: 219 BEECHWOOD LANE NATCHITOCHES, LA 71457

Email: minturnarch@suddenlink.net

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"No Temporary bridge" I Live on Williams Ave and will put up with extra Traffic on Toulline to help our Down Town.

Alternative 3 or 4 if you refase to build Temporary at Highland

This Town has come back from buildings Falling in to something people drive hundreds of miles to see. People invested their own money in doing this. Temporary bridge on Toulline increase construction Time causing down Time on front st to be Killer for business.

Name: John Self

Address: 212 Williams Ave

Email:

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LIKE FIGURE #1,

TRAFFIC RE-ROUTE TO KEYSER AVE FULL TIME

DO NOT LIKE TEMP BRIDGE IDEA
WASTE OF MILLIONS USE THIS SAVINGS TO HIRE OFFICERS
FOR THE DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION —
SUGGEST ENLARGING POLICE DEPT. ENOUGH OFFICER'S
TO WORK HEAVY TRAFFICE HOURS ON KEYSER BRIDGE
LIKE MORNING: 6-9 AM
NOON = 11-2 AM/PM
EVENING = 4-6 PM

THESE OFFICER'S COULD MOVE MORE TRAFFIC THAN
A LIGHTING SYSTEM

Name: F.M. MENOU, JR

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I am District 1 City Councilman of the City of Natchitoches and I would like to see the Church Street Bridge on the skewed alignment with the proposed temporary bridge at Tauline Street.

Name: Eddie Harrington

Address: 459 Jefferson St., Natchitoches, LA 71457

Email: eddieharrington@gmail.com

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Natchitoches
Historic District Commission
716 Second St.
P.O. Box 37
Natchitoches, Louisiana 71458-0037
(318) 357-3840

November 7, 2018

Jonathan Lachney, Project Engineer
Louisiana Department of Transportation
P.O. Box 5945
Alexandria, LA 71302

Re: Cane River Bridge Church Street Route LA 1-X
State Project No. H.001271
Federal Project No. H001271

Dear Mr. Lachney:

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request alternatives to that which was presented by DOTD on November 1, 2018 relating to the construction of the Cane River Church Street Bridge. Specifically the Commission is opposed to the skewing of the bridge and design of the concrete barrier. It is our belief that both are substantially in conflict with the defining characteristics of the community.

Natchitoches, the oldest settlement in the Louisiana Purchase, is rich in cultural, architectural, natural and historic resources. The Natchitoches Historic District, a National Historic Landmark, is a vital component of the community and has contributed significantly to economic development, tourism and quality of life for its residents.

The Historic District Commission supports the construction of the Cane River Church Street Bridge and understands the safety issues requiring a barrier between the pedestrian sidewalks and the traffic lanes. The Commission opposes the use of proposed concrete barrier and urges consideration of an alternative that enhances the design of the Church Street Bridge and respects the character and integrity of the Natchitoches Historic District.

The Historic District Commission also opposes skewing the proposed Cane River Church Street Bridge. The historic fabric of the neighborhoods, the established grid system in the District and Natchitoches' distinct sense of place do not support the skewing of the bridge.

The Commission strongly supports the construction of the proposed Cane River Church Street Bridge. However, the Natchitoches Historic District Commission respectfully requests consideration for alternatives addressing the concrete safety barrier and the skewing of the bridge.

With kindest regards,

Sharon T. Gahagan, Chairman
Natchitoches Historic District Commission

Steve Horton, Vice Chairman

Melissa Robinson, Member

Virginia Crossno, Member

Marion Salter, Member

Jared Dunahoe, Member

cc: Troy Roussell, District Administrator
John Rogers, Area Engineer
Dax Douet, Engineering Director, C. H. Fenstermaker

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I and my family Vote for Alterative 1

Jack L. Duty
217 St. Clair Ave
Natchitoches, LA
71457

Name: JACK L. Duty

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Email: 217 St. CLAIR Ave.
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NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA 71457
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November 9, 2018

The City of Natchitoches

Re: Bridge Proposals

To Whom It May Concern:

I am concerned with the proposals for the upcoming new bridge construction and the issue with the temporary bridge. The new bridge needs to connect to St. Clair Street.

I am a local business owner with a business location that will be directly impacted by the construction projects. It is my opinion that if we do not build a temporary bridge that it will have a severe negative impact on my business and surrounding businesses.

We have a lot of customer traffic at our location. There is a large church across the street and two within the block on Second Street. There is a large public library that also has a lot of customer traffic.

This intersection is very busy, so busy at times it is dangerous, with us having two bridges! I can't imagine the chaos and congestion that will ensue with losing a bridge for that long of time.

Also the primary responding fire department is located in this area. I can't imagine the delay they will have in responding to the emergencies. Taking into consideration both inability to cross because of only one bridge, and the congested traffic they will have to work through.

Also, the inability for the ambulance service to get through downtown when they need to service this side as well as North Natchitoches Parish.

I believe the city would have an overall loss of business due to heavy congestion and people already frustrated. It will be far easier for people to go to Shreveport or Alexandria to do their shopping and not have to deal the traffic issues. Keep in mind, with the traffic as it is now, there are many complaints.

I suggest building a PERMANENT bridge connecting Washington Street to St. Maurice Lane.

Sincerely,

Mike Murphy

Mike Murphy

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Name:

Address: 455 Second St Natchitoches

Email: mike@mikemurphyagent.com

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light at ~~end of~~ corner of Touline & 2nd because of the odd angles ~~or~~ no vehicles parked close to corner on 2nd or Touline. Our business is Mike Murphy State Farm and is located at the corner of Touline & 2nd St. We believe it is best for the city to build the temporary bridge from Touline across and align the new Church St bridge with St. Clair. Even though traffic would have a dramatic increase on Touline we believe the one-way flow of traffic would be manageable. Having a temporary bridge is a must for traffic management. Watching vehicles navigate the intersection at 2nd and Touline each day we believe it necessary to either have a light or 4 way stop once the temporary bridge is open and Touline has one-way traffic going to second street. Also I noted at the top of this that no vehicles need to be parked close to the intersection - this would only be necessary if there was no light or 4 way stop installed.

Name: Ray Durham

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Email: ray@mikemurphyagent.com

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