

Open House Public Meeting Transcript
for
State Project No. H.002264/H.004420
Federal Aid Project No. H002264/H.004420
LA 302: Bayou Barataria Bridge Replacement
Jefferson Parish

August 5, 2021

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration
and

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development



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Open House Public Meeting Notice

**OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING
STATE AND FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H002264/H.004420
LA 302: BAYOU BARTARIA BRIDGE REPLACEMENT
JEFFERSON PARISH**

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) is conducting an open house public meeting for the proposed LA 302: Bayou Barataria Bridge Replacement project. The proposed project is to replace Bayou Barataria Bridge (a.k.a. Kerner Ferry Bridge) (Structure No 022608263900071, Recall No. 000810) (Lat. 29.732910, Long. -90.128300 DD) in Jefferson Parish. The bridge carries two lanes of route LA 302 across Bayou Barataria joining LA 45 (Jean Lafitte Boulevard) on the east bank with LA 3257 (Privateer Boulevard) on the west bank. The structure, built in 1948, is a steel low swing Warren Polygonal truss and has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C for engineering. There will be a continuous multi-media presentation about the project. Additional scope for the proposed project includes improvements to LA 45 to increase the elevation of the roadway. Representatives from LADOTD will be available at the open house to answer questions and discuss issues related to the project. Should you require special assistance, due to a disability, to participate in this open house public meeting, please contact LADOTD by mail at the address shown below, or by telephone at 225.242.4517, at least five working days prior to the meeting. Verbal and written comments on the project can be submitted at the meeting. Comments can also be mailed to the LADOTD address shown below, postmarked by August 19, 2021. Please reference the project name and H number in your response.

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
Environmental Engineer Administrator, Section 28
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

The open house public meeting has been scheduled as follows:

August 5, 2021
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Jean Lafitte Auditorium
4953 City Park Drive
Lafitte, LA 70067

In addition to the open house a virtual public meeting will be held exclusively online for fourteen (14) days from August 6th to August 20th and will allow participants to view a narrated multimedia presentation, project exhibits, and submit comments or questions.

The virtual public meeting can be accessed via the LADOTD Environmental Section webpage:
http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Environmental/Pages/default.aspx
Once on the webpage you will need to navigate to the H.002264 project folder. There will be a meeting sign in link, agenda, continuous multi-media presentation and a comment/question submission link.

If you do not have internet access, or you require special assistance due to a disability to participate in this virtual public meeting; you can request a hard copy of the content of the virtual public meeting. Please contact Stacie Palmer via email Stacie.palmer@la.gov, or by telephone at 225.242.4517.

Open House Attendance Record

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Open House Public Meeting Handout



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**Jean Lafitte Auditorium
4953 City Park St.
Lafitte, LA 70067
August 5, 2021
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Thank you for attending this Open House Public Meeting for the proposed LA 302 Bayou Barataria Bridge. In this handout you will find information about the proposed project, including a preliminary project description, project location map (Figure 1), project layout maps (Figures 2,3,4,5), typical section drawing (Figure 6), bridge layout map (Figure 7) and typical section drawings of the Bridge and Operator's House (Figure 8). Also included is a comment form.

Project team members are stationed throughout the room to discuss the project and answer your questions. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with team members. There will be no formal presentation. As you enter the room, you will see five stations:

Station 1: Sign-in Table

At this station, there are sign-in sheets for General Public, Elected and Other Officials, Agency Personnel, and News Media. Please sign in on the appropriate sheet.

Station 2: Exhibits

This station will consist of a series of maps that illustrate the potential limits of construction super-imposed over aerial photographs and several graphics of the typical design section that is proposed. The exhibit displays the entire proposed project in one large layout.

Station 3: Continuous PowerPoint Presentation

This short presentation will provide an overview of the proposed LA 302 Bayou Barataria Bridge. The presentation lasts approximately 10 minutes and will re-start automatically after a one-minute intermission.

Station 4: Real Estate

At this station, the DOTD Brochure explaining the Acquisition of Right of Way is available and a DOTD Real Estate representative is present to explain DOTD's right of way acquisition procedures.

Station 5: Comment Table

At this station, comments can be made verbally or in writing. A tape recorder is available at this table for verbal comments. The last page of this handout is a comment form that you may use. Comments can be turned in during this meeting or mailed to the address on the back of the form. Additional comment forms are also available to be taken with you. **Please note that comments mailed after this meeting must be postmarked no later than August 19, 2021 to be included as part of the meeting transcript.**

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The PowerPoint presentation and the exhibits shown tonight will be available on the LADOTD website at:

http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Environmental/Pages/default.aspx

Thank you for attending this meeting and for providing input.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

LADOTD and FHWA propose to replace Bayou Barataria Bridge (a.k.a Kerner Ferry Bridge). The existing bridge carries two lanes of LA 302 across Bayou Barataria joining LA 45 and LA 3257. The structure, built in 1948, is a steel low swing Warren Polygonal truss and has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C for engineering.

The proposed bridge type is a moveable low-level swing span located at approximately 0.9 miles south of the existing bridge. Additional scope includes improvements to LA 45 to increase the elevation of the roadway approximately four feet to the same level of improved levees. The project also proposes to install turn lanes to provide fewer interruptions to through traffic flow when the bridge is open to marine traffic.

LA 302 and LA 45 are classified as rural major collector roads. LA 3257 is classified as a rural minor collector road. The estimated 2022 and 2042 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) for LA 302 is 1,500 vehicles per day (VPD) and 2,225 VPD, respectively. The estimated 2022 and 2042 ADT for

LA 45 is 1,875 and 2,800 VPD, respectively. The estimated 2022 and 2042 ADT for LA 3257 is 1,125 VPD and 1,675 VPD, respectively.

The proposed project would require additional right-of-way and servitude. One metal shed located on a substation believed to be owned by a gas pipeline company would be required to be relocated.

The project may be environmentally evaluated as a categorical exclusion or environmental assessment.

EXISTING CONDITION OF BRIDGE

- The existing bridge has a low vertical navigational clearance of 5-7-feet in the closed position and a narrow horizontal clearance of 76-feet for bayou navigation.
- The bridge has seen frequent bridge and fender collisions due to design and vertical and horizontal clearance.
- The swing span truss has areas of corrosion and collision damage.
- The bridge has a load posted truck weight where a single unit truck should not exceed a total weight of 15 tons and a tractor trailer should not exceed 25 tons.
- The bridge is 24-foot wide from gutter to gutter whereas the current functional design criteria for this typical roadway classification is 32-foot.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The current crossing provides the only vehicular access to and from the community of Barataria. Land-based traffic, during ordered coastal evacuations, is restricted during frequent openings for marine traffic and when the bridge is inoperable. The purpose of the project is to correct structural and functional deficiencies including improvement to the horizontal and vertical clearances of the LA 302 Bayou Barataria crossing and address the transportation needs for both land-based and marine traffic.

PROJECT HISTORY

A mid-level bascule bridge replacement was originally environmentally processed in 2002 for which FHWA completed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (Figure 9). The Mid-level Bascule included similar improvements to LA 45 as the newly proposed swing span. To mitigate adverse effects to the historic bridge, Section 106 coordination of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800) was carried out between FHWA, LADOTD, the Town of Jean Lafitte and the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed in 2015. The Town of Jean Lafitte has plans to acquire the historic Kerner Ferry bridge truss and deck for use in the Town Park for recreational purposes as a bayou overlook.

BRIDGE CLEARANCE

Existing Bridge

- Horizontal navigational clearance 76'
- Vertical navigational clearance of 5' – 7' when bridge is open to vehicular traffic
- Essentially closed to marine traffic when closed because of its limited vertical clearance

Previously Approved Mid-Level Bascule

- Horizontal navigational clearance 150'
- Vertical navigational clearance when closed 45'
- Approximately 90% of vessels can pass beneath when bridge is open to vehicular traffic

Newly Proposed Swing Span

- Horizontal navigational clearance 85'
- Vertical navigational clearance when closed 20'
- Approximately 55% of vessels can pass beneath when bridge is open to vehicular traffic



Figure 1: Proposed project location (in red).



Figure 9: 2002 Mid-level bascul bridge footprint.



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Exhibits

See Figures 2-8 of Handout

Power Point Presentation Shown at Meeting

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Meeting Agenda



In addition to this presentation, the following stations are available:

- A Sign-in and Handout Station
- An Exhibit Station to review layouts of the proposed project and ask questions to project staff
- A Comment Station for giving written and/or verbal comments (Written comments postmarked within 10 calendar days of meeting will also be included in the transcript)
- A Real Estate Station where an agent can explain LADOTD's right of way acquisition procedures.

Project team members are available to assist you.





Project Description cont.



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Project Description cont.



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FOOTPRINT OF NEWLY PROPOSED SWING SPAN VS. 2002 BASCULE

BASCULE BRIDGE

SWING SPAN BRIDGE





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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT



Required Right-of-Way & Servitude

Previously Approved Mid-Level Bascule

- 20.427 acres ROW estimated
- 3.67 acres servitude estimated

Newly Proposed Swing Span

- 10.854 acres ROW estimated
- 0.304 acres servitude estimated



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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT


Wetland Impact

Previously Approved Mid-Level Bascule

- 18.70 acres of wetland impact estimated
- 2.40 acres non-wetland waters of the U.S. impact estimated

Newly Proposed Swing Span

- 14.02 acres of wetland impact estimated
- 3.89 acres non-wetland waters of the U.S. impact estimated





Relocations



Previously Approved Mid-Level Bascule

Acquired

- One Single Family Residence
- One immovable property
- One carwash

Newly Proposed Swing Span

- One metal shed located on a substation believed to be owned by a gas pipeline company.

Note: The previously acquired parcels will be required for newly proposed swing span



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Cost & Funding




Previously Approved Mid-Level Bascule

- Approximately \$ 100 million
- Funding not available

Newly Proposed Swing Span

- Approximately \$30 million
- Funds are programmed and obligated



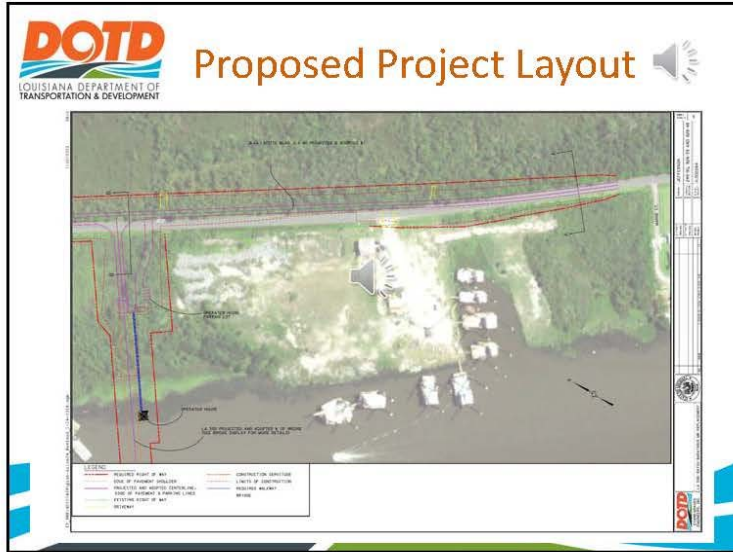
Proposed Swing Span Bridge Project Layout

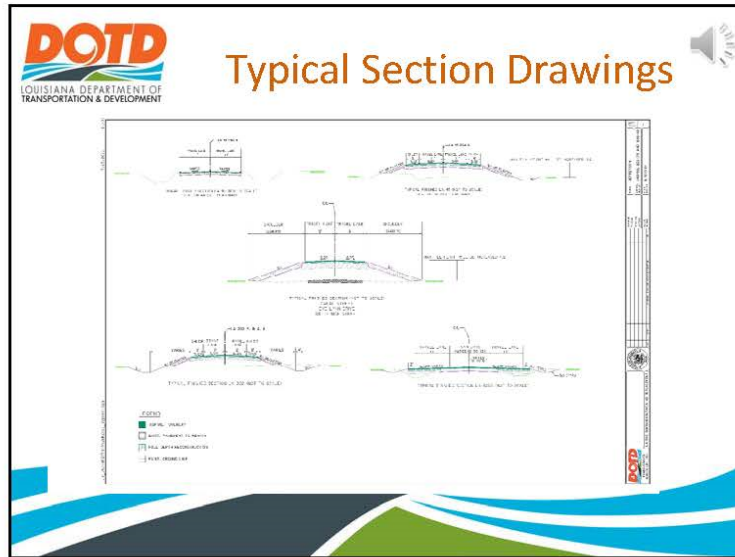



The following slides show the proposed typical sections of the roadway improvements and the alignment of the proposed swing span bridge and the proposed operator house.








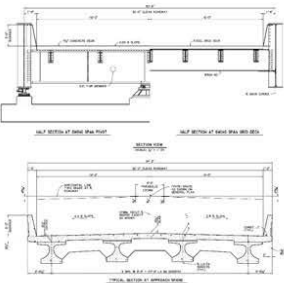




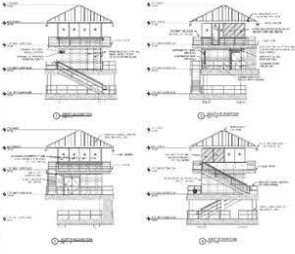
Typical Section and Operator's House



BRIDGE TYPICAL SECTIONS




BRIDGE OPERATOR'S HOUSE





Right of Way Acquisition Information



- A Real Estate representative is here at the meeting to explain DOTD's right of way acquisition procedures.
- The DOTD Brochure explaining the Acquisition of Right of Way is available at Station 4.
- If you have property affected by this project, we suggest you read the brochure carefully. If you have any questions regarding your individual situation, consult with the agent when he or she meets with you or contact the Region Real Estate Office.



Steps in the Right of Way Acquisition Process



DOTD's objective is to pay **Just Compensation** for all properties required for the project.

- Owners may be contacted by an appraiser(s) to evaluate their property.
- All evaluations will be approved by DOTD.
- After approval a Real Estate agent will contact each property owner with a letter detailing DOTD's offer for the purchase of the property.
- Owners will be given a set timeframe to accept or counter DOTD's offer



How Can You Help?




1. Sign-in tonight and review all materials.
2. Provide us with your written or recorded comment.





This is the end of the Presentation.

Thank you for your time. Please visit the remaining stations to view the exhibits and provide comments.



The presentation will begin shortly.



Transcript of Verbal Comments

No Verbal Comments were received.

Written Comments



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I am happy the bridge is going to be built
Even if it takes a long time to be completed.

I would really like to see improvement to/ on
Privateer blvd. such as white lines on the
two borders ~~to~~ on the road and possible
widen ~~th~~ Privateer Blvd. by a foot or two.

It is hard to follow Privateer blvd road
at night especially when another car is
passing going the other way with bright
lights. white lines on the border of road
will help old and young people navigate
their car at night.

Thank you!

NAME: Kelly Doyle
ADDRESS: 4921 Arthur Ln.
Barataria



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Privateer Blvd needs to be raised all the way. Hwy is substandard - too narrow & floods with rain

NAME: Sandra Smith
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Barataria, LA 70036



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NAME: Travis Fish
ADDRESS: 3069 Privateer Blvd
Barataria La 70036



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 Thank you.*

NAME: Patricia J Bush
 ADDRESS: 3338 Marie Ct
Refitte LA 70067

La DOTD Project Comments / Public Feedback

State Project # : H.002264 / H.004420

Federal Aid Project #: H002264

Project Description: LA 302: BAYOU BARATARIA MB REPLACEMENT

Comments Deadline: August 19, 2021

Name: Tricia Dempster

Address: 2819 Jean Lafitte Blvd, Lafitte Louisiana 70067

Comments: I reside at 2819 Jean Lafitte Blvd, when will someone be contacting me on the property issue. We have a wooden swing set and will need to know when to move it. Also, how will the raising of the road affect my flood insurance?



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**Re: LA 302 Bayou Barataria Replacement; State Project No. H.002264 /
H.004420; Station 5 – Comment Table**

Dear Ms. Palmer,

This firm represents the interests of Jean Lafitte Properties, LLC (“JLP”), the owner of the land subject to expropriation for the Bayou Barataria Bridge Replacement Project. This letter will serve as JLP’s response to the Department of Transportation & Development’s request for comments to be included as part of the transcript of the open house public meeting that took place on August 5, 2021.

Our client, JLP is preparing an analysis of the significantly detrimental economic impact that the Bayou Barataria Bridge Replacement Project will have on its property and the business that operates on the property. JLP has operated a vessel repair and marine contractor business at that location for over 20 years. Recently, JLP leased this property to All Coast, LLC, the largest liftboat owner/operator in the Gulf of Mexico. All Coast has assumed the operation of the vessel repair and marine contracting business. All Coast is now repairing and refurbishing numerous out of service vessels in order to put the vessels back in service in connection with the rebound in the offshore service industry.

All Coast’s operation of the business makes the property extremely valuable from both a sales and income approach. Currently, there are eight out-of-service vessels at the property ready to undergo repairs and/or refurbishment. These vessels include the L/B Jackfish, L/B Dolphin, L/B Seabass, L/B Gar, L/B Manta Ray, L/B Triggerfish, L/B Moray, and L/B Blue Runner (some pictures attached). Moreover, All Coast plans to relocate numerous additional out of

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service vessels from New Iberia, La to the property in order for those vessels to also undergo repairs and/or refurbishment. The current plans for construction reflect support beams that are too close together to allow these vessels to reach the property, and would also prevent the transit of the liftboats currently at the property to the necessary inland waterways that must be accessed by the vessels in order to reach their worksites in the Gulf of Mexico. Consequently, our client will experience a drastic adverse economic impact as a result of the project.

In an effort to mitigate the negative impact on its property, JLP proposes that the bridge be built at an angle across different properties and widened to allow enough space between the support beams for vessel to transit to and from the property in order to lessen the negative effect that it would have on the business and the property. This could be accomplished by building the bridge further to the north side of JLP's property line (see attached). If the current plans to build the bridge proceed, JLP is prepared to challenge an expropriation action.

Please consider the above and contact our office at your earliest convenience should you have any questions.

With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



Matthew A. Moeller

Enclosures: Photographs of Liftboats and the Property







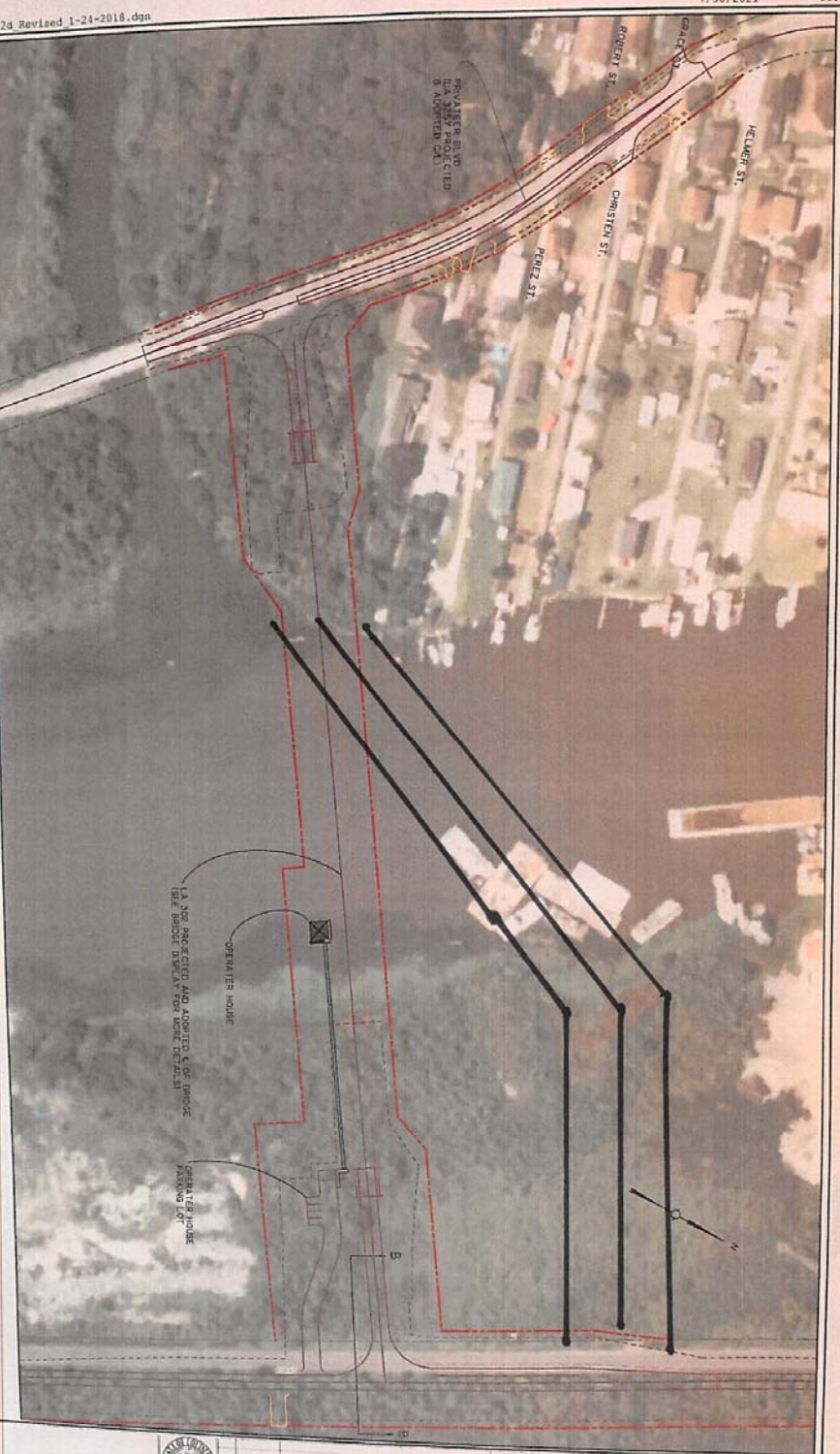






LEGEND

- REQUIRED RIGHT OF WAY
- EDGE OF PAVEMENT SHOULDER
- PROJECTED AND ADAPTED CENTERLINE
- EDGE OF PAVEMENT & PARKING LINES
- EXISTING RIGHT OF WAY DRIVEWAY
- CONSTRUCTION SERVICE LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION
- REQUIRED WALKWAY
- BRIDGE



L.A. 300 BAYOU BARATARIA MD REPLACEMENT



PROJECT	JEFFERSON
NO. OF SHEETS	249-90, 826-39 AND 826-40
DATE	7/30/2021
DRAWN BY	H.002264
CHECKED BY	
APPROVED BY	

Public Comments Addressed by LADOTD Project Manager

Number	Commenter	Comment	Response
1	Kelly Doyle 4921 Arthur Ln. Barataria	<p>I am happy the bridge is going to be built even if it takes a long time to be completed.</p> <p>I would really like to see improvement to/on privateer Blvd. Such as white lines on the two borders on the road and possible widen Privateer Blvd. by a foot or two.</p> <p>It is hard to follow Privateer Blvd road at night especially when another car is passing going the other way with bright lights. White lines on the border of road will help old and young people navigate their car at night.</p> <p>Thank You!</p>	On LA 3257, Privateer Blvd, we will be adding a turn lane for LA 302 and adjusting the curvature slightly. The roadway will be restriped inside the project limits.
2	Sandra Smith 5313 Privateer Blvd Barataria, LA 70036	Privateer Blvd needs to be raised all the way. Hwy is substandard - too narrow & floods with rain.	The portion of LA 3257, Privateer Blvd, within the project limits is inside the levee protection system and will not be raised.
3	Richard C. Smith 5313 Privateer Blvd Barataria, LA 70036	Please Build it Now	Comment acknowledged

4	Travis Fish 3069 Privateer Blvd Barataria, LA 70036	If you build the bridge to low most boats won't be able to pass under it. You will have to open the bridge to the boat traffic. If you build the bride to low it will be just as obsolete as the 73 years old Barataria bridge is now. The citizens of Barataria deserve better. We deserve better than what and the way we have been treated for the last 100 years.	The proposed structure will be approximately 15' higher than the existing. The existing structure is currently at a height which does not allow any navigational passage. The proposed height for the structure is anticipated to allow 55% of navigational traffic, based on a navigation study. This will reduce the number of openings significantly.
5	Yvette Crain 1150 Jean Lafitte Blvd Lafitte, LA 70067	Great open house. As a resident I am thrilled about the new bridge & location. It is a great project for our community. Thanks to the State & all parties involved.	Comment acknowledged
6	Patricia J. Bush 3338 Marie Ct. Lafitte, LA 70067	My concern is about the impact of the bridge building on my house. It is over the water on pilings and steel beams. It needs repair and maintenance due to its age and I am concerned about spending a lot of money to do this and then the pile driving for the new bridge damage the repairs. Can a	A vibrational analysis will be included in the construction plans. Anything for a residential or commercial building outside of 200' from the pile driving will not be monitored.

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7	Tricia Dempster 2819 Jean Lafitte Blvd Lafitte, LA 70067	I reside at 2819 Jean Lafitte Blvd, when will someone be contacting me on the property issue. We have a wooden swing set and will need to know when to move it. Also, how will the raising of the road affect my flood insurance?	Based on the current project timeline, we anticipate contacting you in approximately 6 to 8 months concerning your property. Please contact your flood insurance agent for further information.
8	Jean Lafitte Properties, LLC	See letter in written comments section	See response letter below



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October 4, 2021
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Re: LA 302 Bayou Barataria Replacement | State Project Nos. H.002264/H.004420

Dear Mr. Moeller:

Receipt is acknowledged of your August 19, 2021 letter. Your input regarding the Bayou Barataria Bridge Replacement Project is appreciated.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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