



## WELCOME

- This 15-minute presentation will be repeated throughout tonight's hearing and will begin shortly.
- This presentation is available on the LDOTD website at:

[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Environmental/Pages/default.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Environmental/Pages/default.aspx)



OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC HEARING  
FOR  
SULLIVAN ROAD WIDENING  
(WAX ROAD – HOOPER ROAD)  
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH  
State Project No. H.002320  
Federal Aid Project No. H002320

April 28, 2015  
4:00 PM- 7:00 PM





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TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT

## Hearing Agenda

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

- A Sign-in and Handout Station;
- A Real Estate Station;
- An Exhibit Station to review layouts of the proposed project and ask questions of project staff; and
- 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).

Project team members are available to assist you and receive your comments.

A list of locations where the EA document is available for review and/or purchase is included in the handout



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## Objectives of Public Hearing

- Provide information about the Preferred Build Alternative
- Solicit comments about the Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Provide information about LDOTD's Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance Program





## Description of Proposed Project

- Widen and improve Sullivan Road from Hooper Road to just south of Central Woods Avenue
- Widening would be along the existing center line of the roadway
- Additional right-of-way required on both sides
- Residential relocations would occur
- Length of construction approximately 1.16 miles




## Environmental Assessment (EA) Process

- Done** • Document Purpose and Need of Project
- Done** • Develop Reasonable and Feasible Alternatives to Address Need
- Done** • Evaluate Effects of Alternatives to Community and Environment
- Done** • Summarize Evaluation in EA Document
- Now** • Hold Public Hearing on EA Document
- Next** • Prepare Final EA / Decision (Finding of No Significant Impact)





## Project Purpose and Need

- Add capacity to Sullivan Road (LA 3034) from Wax Road to Hooper Road
- Provide connectivity
- Extend the City/Parish widening for Sullivan Road from the Central Throughway to Wax Road
- Continue the development of a network of roadways to reduce existing traffic congestion




## Project Study Area




**PROJECT LOCATION MAP**  
 SOURCE: USGS 1:24,000 TOPOGRAPHIC MAP - COMBE QUADRANGLE

STATE PROJECT NO. H-802328  
 FEDERAL AID NO. H052328  
 SULLIVAN ROAD (WAX-HOOPER)  
 EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH





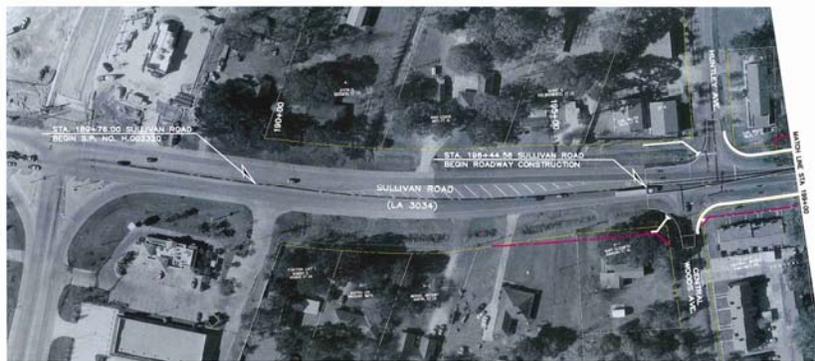


## Alternative Presented at Public Meeting August 19, 2014

- Sullivan Road (Wax to Hooper)
  - Four 12-foot travel lanes
  - 12-foot wide (maximum) raised median with restricted crossing U-turns (R-cuts)
  - 6-foot sidewalks (both sides of roadway)
  - Curb & gutter gravity subsurface drainage system
- LA 408 (Hooper Road)
  - Intersection improvements to approximately 750 feet west of the Sullivan Road intersection
  - Widening to accommodate turn lanes



## Proposed Action Exhibit 1



LEGEND	
	PROJECTED AND ADOPTED CENTER LINE
	EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY
	PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY
	PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION SEGWIDE
	PROPERTY LINE
	PROPOSED MASH OF CURB
	PROPOSED EDGE OF TRAVEL LANE
	PROPOSED SIDEWALK
	THROUGH LANE ARROWS
	TURN LANE ARROWS
	DIAGONAL AND CHEVRON CROSSHATCH MARKINGS USED TO DISCOURAGE TRAVEL





# Proposed Action Exhibit 2



LEGEND

	PROJECTED AND ADOPTED CENTER LINE
	EXISTING RIGHT-OF-WAY
	PROPOSED RIGHT-OF-WAY
	PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION SERVICE LINE
	PROPERTY LINE
	PROPOSED BACK OF CURB
	PROPOSED EDGE OF TRAVEL LANE
	PROPOSED SIDEWALK
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# Proposed Action Exhibit 3



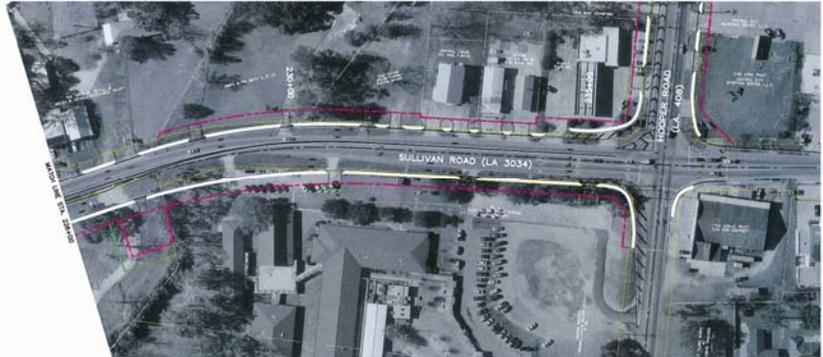
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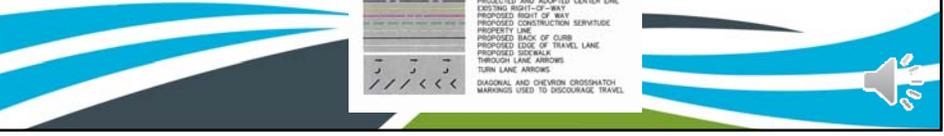




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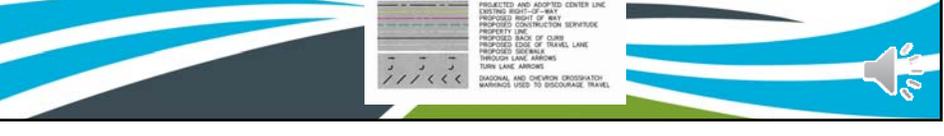
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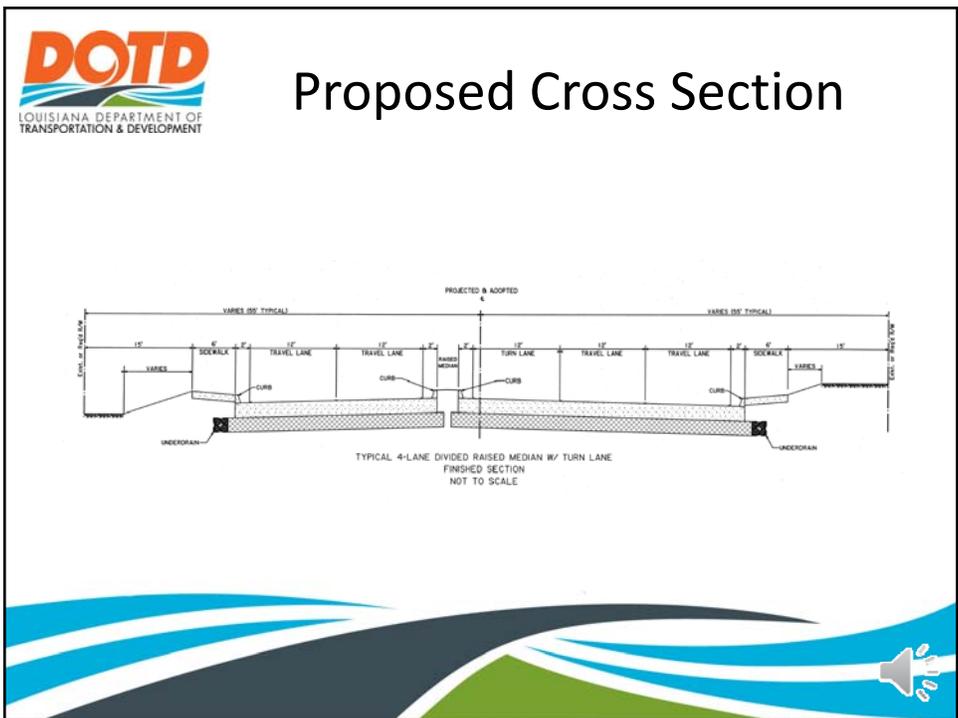
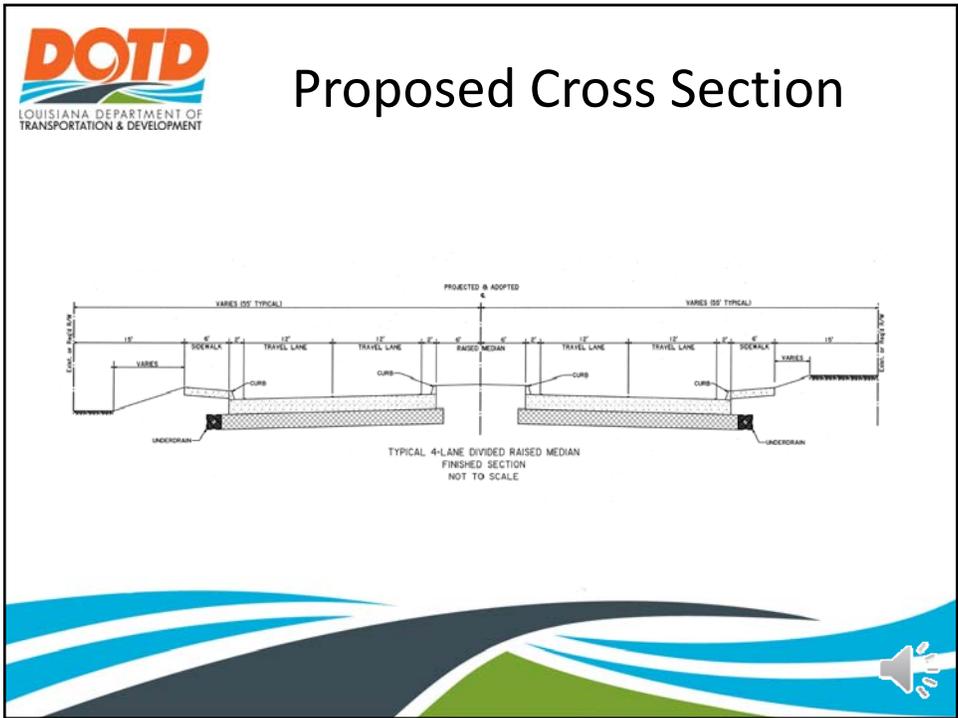


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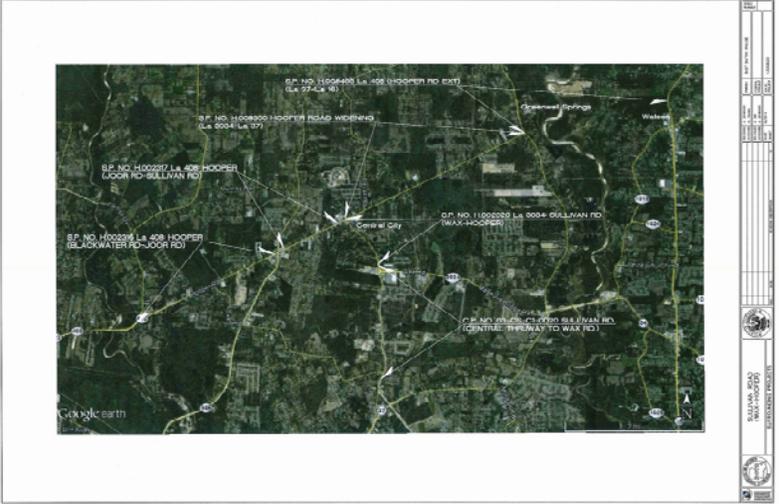
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## Adjacent Roadway Projects




## What is Access Management



- Access Management is the careful planning of access connections to roadways and highways. Access connections can include driveways, streets, and other means of connecting to a roadway.
- One method of maintaining access is through the use of a median.



## Complete Streets Policy

adopted in July 2010

- On all new and reconstruction roadway projects, LDOTD will:
  - Plan, fund, and design sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities determined by the context of the roadway
  - Provide bicycle accommodations appropriate to the context of the roadway




## NATURAL RESOURCES IMPACTS

Natural Resource	Units	No Action	Build
Wetlands	Acres	0	0
Other Waters of the US	Acres	0	0.40
Stream Crossings	Each	0	0
Scenic Streams	Each	0	0
Sole Source Aquifer Impacts	Acres	0	0
Protected Species	Each	0	0
Prime and Unique Farmland	Each	0	0
Coastal Resources and Essential Fish Habitat	Each	N/A	N/A





## CULTURAL/RECREATIONAL RESOURCES

Cultural/Recreational Resource	Units	No Build	Build
Historic Properties adjacent to project corridor	Each	2	2
Historic Properties impacted by project	Each	0	0
Section 6(f) Properties	Each	0	0
Section 4(f) Properties	Each	0	0

Coordination with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) was carried out regarding the effect of the proposed project on historic sites. There will be No Adverse Effect to the Old Central Middle School Gymnasium or the Old Central Middle School Main Buildings.




## Environmental - Other

Other environmental impacts of the Preferred Alternative are listed below.

Evaluation Criteria	Build Alternative
Potential to Impact Air Quality	No
Potential to Impact Minority and/or Low-Income Populations	No





## Recognized Environmental Conditions

There are no business environmental risk for underground storage tanks (USTs) for the proposed project and no further analysis or assessment is necessary.



## NOISE IMPACTS

71 receptors were modeled for traffic noise impacts. Of these, 71 show an impact for the 2034 build and no-build conditions.

Noise abatement measures were not found to be reasonable or feasible and are not being proposed as part of this project.





## REAL ESTATE IMPACTS

Relocation Impacts*	Units	No Action	Build
Residential Relocations **	Each	0	1**
Commercial Relocations	Each	0	0
Community Relocations	Each	0	0
Vacant/Unused Structures	Each	0	0
Other Relocations	Each	0	0

Frontage Impacts	Units	No Action	Build
Residential Properties	Each	0	21
Commercial Properties	Each	0	10
Community Properties	Each	0	0

\*A list of anticipated relocations is included in the handout handout. Properties that are anticipated relocations are also labeled on the aerial photograph at exhibit Station.  
 \*\* Address of relocation is 11248 Sullivan Road



## Opinion of Probable Cost

Below is the opinion of the probable cost for the Preferred Alternative:

Cost of:	Preferred Alternative
Construction	\$12.31 Million
Right-of Way and Relocation	\$ 3 Million
Utility	\$1.5 Million
Total	\$ 16.81 Million



## Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Information

A representative of the LDOTD Real Estate Section has a table here tonight and is available to answer any questions pertaining to LADOTD's Right-of-Way Acquisition and Relocation Assistance Program.

The LDOTD Brochure explaining Acquisition of Right-of-Way and Relocation Assistance Program is available tonight at the table or can be obtained later from:

**LDOTD Real Estate Section**  
**P.O. Box 94245**  
**Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245**  
**(225) 242-4593**

We suggest you read the brochure carefully. If you have any questions regarding your individual situation, consult with the agent when he/she meets with you, or contact the Real Estate Office.



## Steps in the Acquisition Process

It is the LDOTD's objective to pay just compensation for all properties required for the project

- Owners of required properties may be contacted by an appraiser or appraisers and given the opportunity to point out things that may be important to the evaluation of the property.
- All evaluations will be reviewed by a review appraiser and approved by LDOTD
- After review and approval, a Real Estate Agent will contact each property owner, and present a letter setting forth the amount of the LDOTD's cash offer for the purchase of the property. S/he will also explain the property value and discuss any alternate offers including possible options to keep and move any buildings, fencing, etc.





## Relocation Assistance

Relocation Advisory Services shall include current and continuing information on:

- Availability and prices of comparable, decent, safe and sanitary dwellings for displaced residents
- Comparable commercial properties and locations for displaced businesses
- Finance charges
- Federal and State programs offering assistance to displaced persons



## Relocation Assistance Payments

- Relocation assistance payments are separate and in addition to payments for the purchase of your property. They are made for:
  - Moving expenses
  - Replacement housing
  - Business re-establishment expense
- Moving expense payments will be made to any individual, family, or business, in legal occupancy of the property either at the start of the negotiations or at the time of purchase.





## Relocated Businesses

- Displaced businesses, farms, and non-profit organizations may be paid the actual, reasonable expenses of moving, together with the certain eligible costs incident to the move.
- Some businesses may also be eligible for certain actual cost incident to re-establishing their businesses.
- Instead of payment for moving expenses, some business owners may be eligible to receive a payment based in the average annual net earnings of the business. If the business meets the qualifications, this payment shall not be less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$40, 000.00.
- Moving payment information for businesses may be found beginning on page 22 of the brochure.




## Replacement Housing Payments

- Replacement housing payments are also available to qualifying owners and tenants:
  - Must occupy property at start of negotiations
  - Must have been there at least 90 days
  - Must move into decent, safe, and sanitary replacement housing
- The amount of your maximum supplemental payment will be given to you in writing. Additional requirements and payment limits may be found beginning on page 14 of the brochure.
- Certain owners and tenants not in occupancy for at least 90 days or who become occupants after negotiations have started may qualify for replacement housing payments
  - Must have been occupancy at the time the property was acquired by the LDOTD
  - Must move into decent, safe, and sanitary replacement housing





## Right to Appeal

Applicants for a relocation payment have the right to appeal the LDOTD's Determination of their eligibility for payment and/or the amount of payment.

- Appeals must be submitted to the Real Estate District Manager within 60 days of after the applicant has been notified that his claim has not been approved.
- Final decisions on eligibility and payments will be made by the DOTD's Real Estate Administrator in Baton Rouge.
- Additional information on the appeals may be found on page 26 of the brochure.



## Other Terms and Conditions

- To the greatest extent practicable, no person lawfully occupying real property shall be required to move without 90 days written notice from LDOTD.
- The notice will indicate the specific date the property must be vacated.
- No person lawfully occupying a dwelling will be required to move unless, and until, comparable, decent, safe and sanitary replacement housing is made available within the general area of the project.
- The replacement housing must be available within a reasonable time prior to the scheduled move of the occupants, and must be within the occupants' financial means.
- Replacement housing must be fair, open and offered to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.





## Other Terms And Conditions

Prior to negotiating for purchase of your property, a Representative of the Department will personally contact and interview all persons who will be required to relocate. The benefits will be explained and a determination made of individual needs and intentions for relocating.

### A SPECIAL WORD OF CAUTION

Relocation benefits cannot be paid until the property is acquired by LDOTD. Contact LDOTD to assure your eligibility and the prompt payment of your relocation benefits. If you move or purchase replacement housing before you have been authorized to do so by LDOTD, you risk losing all possible benefits provided by the Relocation Assistance Program.



## Detailed Information in the Right-of-Way Brochure

- Payments for residential displacements ([page 13](#))
- Replacement housing payments ([page 14](#))
- Moving payments for businesses ([page 22](#))

Brochure copies are available tonight at the Real Estate table or by contacting:

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## FUTURE STEPS ANTICIPATED SCHEDULE AS OF TODAY

SPRING 2015 • Complete Environmental Process

FALL 2015 • Complete Right-of-Way Acquisition

SUMMER 2015 • Finalize Design Plans

SPRING 2016 • Begin Construction\*\*

\*\*Dependent on funding availability.



## How Can You Help?

- Sign-in tonight and review all materials.
- Speak with a team member about your concerns.
- Provide us with your written or recorded comment.





## WHY COMMENT?

### BECAUSE....

- Community concerns and preferences are factors that are considered.
- All comments must be considered in the Environmental Assessment (EA).
- We need to know if there are any remaining resolvable issues or opportunities with the project as proposed.

Comments received tonight or post-marked by May 8, 2015 will be part of the official transcript of this public hearing.



## This is the end of the Presentation

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

