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July 18, 2017

Col. Richard L. Hansen
District Commander
U.S ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
NEW ORLEANS- DISTRICT
P.O. Box 60267
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**RE:** Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge (I-10/I-210 West End to I-10/I-210 East End)

Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana State Project No. H.003931 F.A.P. No. BR-10-1(212)29

Dear Col. Richard L. Hansen:

On behalf of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), we invite you to an agency and officials' meeting for the above-captioned project. The proposed project is approximately 9 miles in length and includes alternatives for I-10 in the Lake Charles region between the I-210 interchanges, including the Calcasieu River Bridge (see enclosed project location map). The purpose and need of the proposed Project is to (a) address the lack of system connectivity on I-10; (b) reduce congestion; (c) address roadway and bridge deficiencies; and (d) address roadway and bridge safety concerns. The EIS will involve an analysis of several proposed alternatives and their associated environmental concerns.

The meeting will be held at the Lake Charles Civic Center, Contraband Room from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on August 3, 2017 at the below address:

Lake Charles Civic Center 900 Lakeshore Drive Lake Charles, LA 70601

The consultant team will present a project overview. Representatives from DOTD, FHWA, and the consultant team will facilitate a discussion on issues material to the Project's Preliminary Alternatives, the evaluation and screening of those Preliminary Alternatives, and the results of that screening leading to recommended Reasonable Alternatives to be studied

in greater detail as part of the EIS.

We would also like to remind you that a public meeting will be held at the same location on the same day from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The public has been invited to this meeting to learn more about the project, discuss issues, and ask questions. Comments will be accepted at the meeting or by mail postmarked no later than August 14, 2017.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the proposed project in more detail, please contact me at (225) 242-4501 or Mr. Joachim Umeozulu, the Project Manager, at (225) 379-1386.

Thank you in advance for your interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Noel A. Ardoin, P.E.

Environmental Engineer Administrator

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**Enclosure: Project Location Map** 

cc: Project File

Joe Umeozulu, DOTD



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**Attachment B-2: Postcard** 



# You are invited to a Public Meeting for the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project

(I-10/I-210 West End to I-10/I-210 East End) State Project No. H.003931

Thursday, August 3, 2017 Lake Charles Civic Center, Contraband Room 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70601

Come and go anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. during this open house event. There will be a continuous, repeating slide presentation for viewing between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

#### Join us to review and comment on:

- 1. Preliminary Alternatives
- 2. Alternatives Screening Methodology & Screening Results
- 3. Reasonable Alternatives Recommended for Further Analysis in the EIS

Comments will be accepted at the Public Meeting. Comments may also be submitted by logging on to the project web site at www.i10lakecharles.com and selecting *Contact Us*. Public Meeting materials will be available on the project website following the meeting.

Please contact Ms. April English with HNTB at (225) 368-2814 at least 5 days prior to the Public Meeting if special assistance or an interpreter is needed for meeting participation.

**Attachment B-3: Newspaper Advertisements** 

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Notice is hereby given that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will conduct an open-forum public meeting for:

State Project No. H.003931
Federal Aid Project No. BR-10-1(212)29
I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge
(I-10/I-210 West End to I-10/I-210 East End)
Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

The meeting will be held at the following place and time:

#### **THURSDAY**

August 3, 2017 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lake Charles Civic Center Contraband Room 900 Lakeshore Drive Lake Charles, LA 70601

The proposed project includes widening and infrastructure improvements to I-10 between the I-210 interchanges, including the Calcasieu River Bridge. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide an overview of the project and obtain public comment on the proposed Preliminary Alternatives, alternatives screening process, and Recommended Reasonable Alternatives, which will be evaluated in more detail within the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The purpose of the proposed project is to improve system connectivity, traffic congestion, and roadway and bridge deficiencies and safety issues.

The Section 106 process will occur along with the preparation of the EIS. Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires Federal agencies to consider the effects of Federally funded projects on historic properties. The Calcasieu River Bridge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and will be evaluated in accordance with the Programmatic Agreement for historic bridges.

Persons interested in the proposed project are invited to be present at the above time and place to review the study materials and comment on the information presented. The meeting will be an open-house format and there will be a continuous repeating slide presentation between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Information on the proposed project can also be viewed at the project website, <a href="https://www.i10lakecharles.com">www.i10lakecharles.com</a>.

All comments received during the public meeting and written comments post-marked within ten (10) calendar days of the meeting will become part of the official public record. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may mail your comments to the address listed below:

I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project c/o HNTB Corporation 2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 230 New Orleans, LA 70122

Comments may also be submitted, and questions answered, by logging on to the project website and selecting *Contact Us.* 

If you require special assistance due to a disability or require an interpreter to participate in this meeting, please contact Ms. April English with HNTB Corporation at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting date by email at <a href="mailto:AEnglish@HNTB.com">AEnglish@HNTB.com</a>, phone at (225) 368-2814, or mail at

phone at (225) 368-2814, or mail at HNTB Corporation, 2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 230 New Orleans, LA 70122.

# Edwards not endorsing in utility agency election

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BATON ROUGE - Gov. John Bel Edwards isn't endorsing the former state lawmaker he appointed to Louisiana's utility regulatory board in the fall election for the permanent position.

The Democratic governor tapped Houma lawyer Damon Baldone, an ex-state House member, to fill a vacant seat on the Public Service Commission in June.

Now that Baldone is running for the PSC seat, the Advocate reported that Edwards spokesman Richard Carbo said the governor won't be backing a specific candidate in the Oct. 14 election.

Baldone, who had been a Democrat for years, registered for the race as a Republican. Carbo said the party switch didn't factor into Edwards' decision not to endorse.

Besides Baldone, two other GOP contenders are running: former state Rep. Lenar Whitney of Houma and Craig Greene, a Baton Rouge doctor. The seat is vacant Republican because

Scott Angelle joined the Trump administration.

The election will determine who serves out the remaining 15 months of Angelle's term on the PSC, representing all or part of 13 parishes, including areas around Lafayette and Houma.

# **Flooding**

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million.

'Oh my goodness, I'm extremely pleased. I'm excited. I'm elated," said Livingston Parish President Layton Ricks. "This is right in the middle of the numbers we were hoping for."

The Acadiana region, which also got walloped in August, is slated for \$30 million.

Dollars were divvied up using a formula based on flood losses. Specific plans continue to be drafted for communities to spend their money. Ricks said his parish is doing mapping work to determine which specific projects could help lessen flooding, while working with neighboring parishes so projects don't create flood problems for them.

On Tuesday, Edwards was in north Louisiana to announce spending plans. Projects include drainage pipe replacements, water pump station upgrades and levee improvements. Nearly \$5 million will be spent to buyout flood-prone property in Monroe and West Monroe and turn the areas into greenspaces.

The Edwards administration says the dollars are woefully short of what is needed to improve Louisiana's resilience against storms. The governor's office estimates another \$725 million more is needed, and local officials are hoping Congress will allocate more.

"Even though you would like to see more,

every dollar will be useful," said Rep. Tony Bacala, a Republican whose district is in Ascension Parish. "You could probably double it or triple it, and we could use it all.'

The dollars are separate from \$1.7 billion in block grant aid provided by Congress for flood recovery. Most of those dollars will provide grants to homeowners for repairs and rebuilding.

## STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

STOCK	PRICE	CHANGE	STOCK	PRICE	CHANGE	<b>STOCK</b>	PRICE	CHANGE
AT&T Inc (NYSE: T)	36.13	+.14	ENSCO PLC (NYSE: ESV)	5.69	+.37	MoneyGram Intl (Nasd: MGI)	16.87	+.07
Adv Micro Dev (Nasd: AMD)	13.55	+.07	Entergy (NYSE: ETR)	75.90	+.26	Murphy Oil Corp (NYSE: MUR)	26.33	+1.66
AEterna Zentaris (Nasd: AEZS)	2.34	+1.32	Exxon Mobil Corp (NYSE: XOM)	80.85	+.25	Natl Oilwell Varco (NYSE: NOV)	35.15	+1.27
Aetna Inc (NYSE: AET)	154.24	+.93	Facebook Inc (Nasd: FB)	164.14	+1.28	Newpark Resc (NYSE: NR)	7.70	+.30
Alliant Energy (NYSE: LNT)	40.50	+.22	Flowers Foods (NYSE: FLO)	17.76	+.27	Noble Corp plc (NYSE: NE)	4.27	+.30
Altria Group (NYSE: MO)	73.55	+.22	Ford Motor (NYSE: F)	11.83	+.08	Novavax Inc (Nasd: NVAX)	1.42	03
Am Intl Grp (NYSE: AIG)	64.19	+.32	Frank's Intl NV (NYSE: FI)	8.85	+.45	Occid Petl (NYSE: OXY)	60.89	+.65
Anadarko Petrol (NYSE: APC)	44.91	+1.14	Freeport McMoRan (NYSE: FCX)	13.11	+.11	PHI Inc Vtg (Nasd: PHII)	10.29	01
Annaly Capital Mgmt (NYSE: NLY)	11.76	01	Gannett Co (NYSE: GCI)	8.85	+.09	PPG Inds (NYSE: PPG)	113.60	+.65
Apache Corp (NYSE: APA)	49.86	+2.38	Garmin Ltd (Nasd: GRMN)	51.66	+1.45	Parker Drilling (NYSE: PKD)	1.30	
Apple Inc (Nasd: AAPL)	151.02	+.94	Gen Electric (NYSE: GE)	26.94	+.05	PetroQuest (NYSE: PQ)	2.10	+.07
Archrock Inc (NYSE: AROC)	12.25	+.60	General Motors Co (NYSE: GM)	36.47	+.04	Philip Morris Intl (NYSE: PM)	121.62	+1.98
ATMOS Energy (NYSE: ATO)	84.59	+.51	Goldcorp Inc (NYSE: GG)	13.53	+.12	Prudential Fncl (NYSE: PRU)	111.30	+.70
AutoZone Inc (NYSE: AZO)	493.44	-2.25	Grainger WW (NYSE: GWW)	162.19	-12.29	Qualcomm Inc (Nasd: QCOM)	56.78	+.49
BCE Inc (NYSE: BCE)	46.28	+.24	Halliburton (NYSE: HAL)	45.58	+1.58	RPC Inc (NYSE: RES)	21.58	+.75
BP PLC (NYSE: BP)	35.03	+.20	Hancock Holding (Nasd: HBHC)	46.50	-3.25	Regions Fncl (NYSE: RF)	14.47	07
Bank of America (NYSE: BAC)	24.06	+.16	HealthSouth Corp (NYSE: HLS)	45.79	+.08	Rite Aid Corp (NYSE: RAD)	2.63	+.05
Baxter Intl (NYSE: BAX)	62.45	+.31	Home Bancorp Inc LA (Nasd: HBCP)	42.28	+.13	Royal Dutch Shell A (NYSE: RDS/A)	54.05	+.07
Bristow Group (NYSE: BRS)	7.91	+.51	Home Depot (NYSE: HD)	153.30	+1.13	Schlumberger Ltd (NYSE: SLB)	67.44	+1.26
CSX Corp (Nasd: CSX)	51.87	-2.77	Hormel Foods (NYSE: HRL)	32.62	21	Sears Holdings Corp (Nasd: SHLD)	8.68	33
Capital One Fncl (NYSE: COF)	81.38	19	Hornbeck Offsh Svcs (NYSE: HOS)	2.61	02	Sirius XM Hldgs Inc (Nasd: SIRI)	5.44	+.03
Carbo Ceramics Inc (NYSE: CRR)	7.70	+.62	Iberiabank Corp (Nasd: IBKC)	80.65	25	Stein Mart (Nasd: SMRT)	1.26	+.15
CenturyLink Inc (NYSE: CTL)	22.68	+.35	Intl Paper (NYSE: IP)	57.51	12	Stone Energy (NYSE: SGY)	21.11	+.14
Chesapk Engy (NYSE: CHK)	4.96	+.20	Investar Hldg Corp (Nasd: ISTR)	22.80	25	SunCoke Energy Inc (NYSE: SXC)	10.76	+.01
Chevron Corp (NYSE: CVX)	104.46	+.74	JPMorgan Chase & Co (NYSE: JPM)	91.20	+.13	Superior Energy (NYSE: SPN)	11.64	+.76
Cintas Corp (Nasd: CTAS)	126.08	+.66	LHC Group (Nasd: LHCG)	63.37	15	Tegna Inc (NYSE: TGNA)	14.49	+.18
Cisco Syst (Nasd: CSCO)	31.90	+.39	Legg Mason (NYSE: LM)	40.47	+.60	Texas Instru (Nasd: TXN)	82.16	
Citigroup (NYSE: C)	66.70	19	Level 3 Commun (NYSE: LVLT)	57.71	+.53	Tidewatr (NYSE: TDW)	.93	+.02
ConocoPhillips (NYSE: COP)	43.66	+.59	Lowes Cos (NYSE: LOW)	76.83	+.87	Toll Bros (NYSE: TOL)	39.49	+.33
Delcath Systems Inc (Nasd: DCTH)	.16		Marathon Oil (NYSE: MRO)	12.25	+.57	Transocean Ltd (NYSE: RIG)	8.89	+.54
Devon Energy (NYSE: DVN)	32.50	+1.14	Marine Products (NYSE: MPX)	15.37	+.19	US Steel Corp (NYSE: X)	24.47	+1.13
Dillards Inc (NYSE: DDS)	62.68	+2.33	McDonalds Corp (NYSE: MCD)	153.89	07	Viad Corp (NYSE: VVI)	48.90	+.25
Disney (NYSE: DIS)	106.82	+1.07	Merck & Co (NYSE: MRK)	62.62	+.21	Vodafone Group (Nasd: VOD)	29.33	+.19
Dow Chemical (NYSE: DOW)	66.77	+1.02	MetLife Inc (NYSE: MET)	54.95	+.19	WalMart Strs (NYSE: WMT)	75.87	33
DuPont (NYSE: DD)	85.35	+1.35	Micron Tech (Nasd: MU)	31.82	08	Weatherford Intl Ltd (NYSE: WFT)	4.55	+.32
Edwards Life Sci (NYSE: EW)	119.04	+2.55	Microsoft Corp (Nasd: MSFT)	73.86	+.56	Whiting Petroleum (NYSE: WLL)	5.38	+.25
EnCana Corp (NYSE: ECA)	9.94	+.44	Midsouth Bcp (NYSE: MSL)	11.80		Whole Foods (Nasd: WFM)	41.76	

# Trial

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when he refused to turn over emails requested by The Independent news organization through a public record request.

The Ind sued for the emails, which it believed would prove Pope conspired with Lafayette Parish Sheriff candidate Chad Leger in his race against Mark Garber.

Leger is the police chief in Scott. Garber was elected sheriff.

Pope was sentenced to seven days for contempt, which he served using a monitoring device.

He was indicted by a grand jury in November on perjury and malfeasance charges stemming from the Independent's lawsuit.

The indictment alleges Pope committed perjury under oath in December 2015 in a deposition when he denied he ordered the distribution of mass emails about the Sheriff's race by a third party.

Pope also allegedly lied under oath in the same deposition when he denied Hilary "Joe" Castille, who worked for Leger's campaign, assisted Pope in distributing a media advisory prior to a press conference about the campaign.

malfeasance The charges apparently relate, at least in part, to Pope's use of workers in the City Marshal's Office to prepare a fundraising mail-out for his campaign and for using his office to urge voters to support Le-

Pope held a news conference at his office. Flanked by four deputy marshals in uniform, he accused Leger's opponent, Garber, of encouraging illegal immigrants to come to the United States and file worker's compensation claims.

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1917 RIDGE RD. Former restaurant and sports bar. 5,450 sf includes all FF&E. Drive-thru. Near proposed roundabout @ Ridge & Fieldspan.

CONFIDENTIAL. DAY CARE. Iberia Parish. \$210,000. Price includes

eal estate and all FF&E. Sign Confidentiality Agreement for more info. NEW IBERIA RESTAURANT. 5.200 sa. ft. with drive-thru. Boiling

oom, FF&E included, \$425,000.

MAURICE SHOPPING CENTER. Great location in downtown Maurice on US Hwy 167. Good traffic exposure. Competitive rates.

CROWLEY RESTAURANT. Approx. 4,140 sf. \$380,000. Sign Confidentiality Agreement for more information

GROCERY STORE. \$250,000 includes bldg, FFE, inventory, gas pumps & tanks. On leased land. CONFIDENTIAL.

4207 CAMERON. 57,000 SF. Discount Furniture location. 29,700 sf howroom & office. 27,300 sf warehouse with 5 dock-height loading doors. 250 x 500 lot. \$1,700,000.

KAPLAN. 801 Veterans Memorial. Free-standing bldg. 900 sf. Open floor plan with separate restrooms. Previously a salon. \$31,999. Owner/Agent.

NEW IBERIA. C-STORE. 3,000 sq. ft. building + all furniture, fixtures, equipment & inventory. \$330,000. Building & land only can be purchaser

1007 KALISTE SALOOM RD. 800 sq. ft. retail suite. Great visibility.

1011 KALISTE SALOOM RD. 1,000 sq. ft. retail suite. Great visibility. \$1,00/mon

1710 RIDGE RD. Corner of Summer Oak Lane. C-Store. \$570,000 includes business, real estate, FF&E.

CONFIDENTIAL. Oil, lube & light mechanic repairs. Four drive-thru pays. 1.1 acres. \$475,000 includes all real estate & most FF&E.

# <u>OFFICE</u>

100 HUGGINS RD. Great visibility @ corner of W. Congress. Over 1,700 sf in very good condition. Interior recently painted, Additional

yard available for added parking or expansion. \$250,000.

332 E. FARREL RD. 1,000 sf includes reception, office, restroom kitchenette on 1st floor. Two offices on 2nd floor. \$895/mon

FORMER MEDICAL CENTER. Oil Center location. 33,990 sq.ft. 3.2 acres. 140 parking spaces. \$7,600,000.

DOWNTOWN OFFICE SUITE. 2nd floor of Jefferson Towers at corner of Jefferson & Vermilion. 7 offices, break room 1/2 bath

2448 JOHNSTON ST. Highly visible location between Caiundome Blvd & S. College Rd. 3.950 sf. \$4,000/mon includes all services except janitorial. Also includes use of digital marquee sign.

326 MINERAL RD. Various size office combinations. Competitively priced at on \$8.00/sf/y. Full-service except janitorial.

**OIL CENTER.** \$900.000, 14,000 sq. ft, two-story building, 412 Travis St @ corner of Harding St. Current occupant would like to remain in 3,000-3,500 sq. ft., if possible

1617 PINHOOK. Across from Chili's Restaurant, Great traffic exposure. 2nd floor suite. Approx 1,260 sq. ft. Landlord pays tax & ins. \$799/mon.Owner/Agent.

148 EASY ST. 1,50 sf office suite. Reception, kitchen 5 offices, one restroom. \$1,500/mon includes Tax & Ins.

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PARK TOWERS. 400 E. Kaliste Saloom Rd. Class A office suites from 1,500 to 13,000 sq.ft. Competitive Full-Service rate @ \$16.50/ sq. ft.

# INDUSTRIAL

BROUSSARD, 724 W. Main St. Across from the Village at Broussard S/D. 1,680 office + 5,600 warehouse. 5.3 acre site. \$865,000



112 S. PIERCE ST. 34,700 sf includes 4,300 sf office + 30,400 sf warehouse. Entirely sprinkled. Recently updated. In good condition. Call for details \$650,000

308 ZACHARY. I-10 INDUST PK. 1,575 sf office + 4,850 sf warehouse. \$2,750/mon. Can be divided into two suites

NEW IBERIA. 4706 CURTIS. Near Port of Iberia. Two buildings totaling 1,200 sf office + 10,000 sf warehouse. 3-phase. 600 amp. 1.87 acres. 22' eave. \$430,000. \$3,500/mon.

1201 GENERAL MOUTON. Corner of Spring St. 1,800 sf office + 3,050 sf warehouse. Two OH doors. \$3,200/month

431 ESPASIE RD. Milton. 3,200 office + 4,400 warehouse. 2+ acres. \$2,200/mon includes tax & ins.

400-402 BREAUX RD off Johnston St. 3,360 sf fullyA/C. Large work area. Large kitchen. 2.77 acres. \$225,000.

102 SAVONNE. 7,000 sf office/warehouse. Includes front offices + 3 warehouse areas with offices. One warehouse fully air conditioned. 16' eave with three 12w x 14h OH doors. \$3,000/mon includes taxes & ins.

402-A ZACHARY. 100 sf office + 900 sf warehouse. Storage above office. 16' eave with one 12w x 14h OH door. \$600/mon includes tax & ins

107 ZACHARY. 1,400 sf office + 1,600 sf warehouse. Reception, two offices, large break room/kitchen. 16' eave with one 12w x 14h OH door. \$1,200/mon includes tax & ins.

# INVESTMENT

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. 130 Chappuis Drive across from U.S. Post Office. 12,700 sq. ft. office building with long-term tenant \$1,000,000. Confidentiality Agreement for additional information.

MOBILE HOME PARK. Includes 8 park-owned mobile homes

on 3 acres. Additional 11 acres ready future development. 1170 Montgomery Rd off Hwy 182 south of Opelousas.

OPELOUSAS MHP. 4 acres includes 24 lots, health food store,

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# **STORMS**

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about \$220 million, will go to the Baton Rouge region, which received heavy destruction in August. East Baton Rouge Parish will receive \$112 million. Livingston Parish will get \$68 million and Ascension Parish will receive nearly \$34 million.

"Oh my goodness, I'm extremely pleased. I'm excited. I'm elated," said Livingston Parish President Layton Ricks. "This is right in the middle of the numbers we were hoping for."

The Acadiana region, which also got walloped in August, is slated for \$30 million.

Dollars were divvied up using a formula based on flood losses. Specific plans continue to be drafted for communities to spend their money. Ricks said his parish is doing mapping work to determine which specific projects could help lessen flooding, while working with neighboring parishes so projects don't create flood problems for them.

On Tuesday, Edwards

was in north Louisiana to announce spending plans. Projects include drainage pipe replacements, water pump station upgrades and levee improvements. Nearly \$5 million will be spent to buyout floodprone property in Monroe and West Monroe and turn the areas into greenspaces.

The Edwards administration says the dollars are woefully short of what is needed to improve Louisiana's resilience against storms. The governor's office estimates another \$725 million more is needed, and local officials are hoping Congress will allocate more.

"Even though you would like to see more, every dollar will be useful," said Rep. Tony Bacala, a Republican whose district is in Ascension Parish. "You could probably double it or triple it, and we could use it all."

The dollars are separate from \$1.7 billion in block grant aid provided by Congress for flood recovery. Most of those dollars will provide grants to homeowners for repairs and rebuilding.

# Vernon to begin accepting applications for food program

Special to the American Press

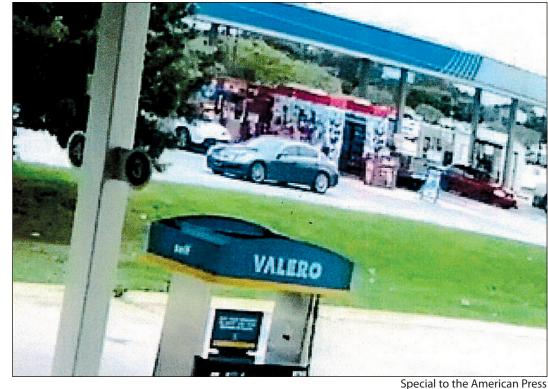
The Vernon Parish School Board will begin accepting applications for free and reduced-price meals online Aug. 1 and will allow people to pay for meals online beginning Aug. 7.

To apply for free and reduced-price meals, visit www.vpsb.k12.la.us.

To apply to pay for meals, visit www.myschoolbucks. com.

For more information, call Lillie Allen at 337-239-3401.





Pictured in this photo is the car used by three men for a robbery — a gray four-door sedan with chrome trim around the back side windows. Anyone with information on the car or the robbers can call Lake Charles police at 491-1456.

# Armed robbers hit LC business

Staff reports

Lake Charles police are looking for three men who robbed a check-cashing business Tuesday.

Lt. Kevin Kirkum said the men robbed Check into Cash, 2661 Derek Drive, at gunpoint at about 11:25 a.m. and fled in a car driven by a fourth man.

Kirkum said one of the men initially inquired about obtaining a loan. When the clerk asked for proper documentation, he said, the other two pulled out weapons.

The man who had been talking with the clerk then demanded money, Kirkum

Police haven't identified the four men or found the car — a gray four-door sedan with chrome trim around the back side windows, he said.

Three patrons were in the business during the robbery, but no one was injured, Kir-

(Thelma) Whited Jr., of Lake

She is survived by her

William (Thelma); grandchil-

dren, William III (Jennifer)

Whited of Monroe, La., Julia

(Brian) Dowd of Jasper, Ala., and Lorie (Larry) Simon of

Lake Charles, La.; nine great-

Clayton, Cody, Carmen, Chap-

man Dowd, Natalie, Hunter, and Malorie Simon, and An-

nelise Jo Whited; sisters, Wil-

lene Rosa of Concord, Mich.,

and Carrie Knox of Hermit-

age, Tenn.; and brother, the

Rev. Fred (Mildred) Agee of

tor's wife for more than 40

Ruth was a dedicated pas-

years. She faithfully cared for

her husband and gave herself

to serving others. She was a

dear friend and mother. She

Visitation will be 10 a.m.

Saturday, July 22, 2017, with

the funeral at noon, Johnson

Funeral Home, Lake Charles,

auregard Memorial Cemetery,

The family requests that

donations be made to the me-

morial fund set up for Napol

Orphins sent to Vital Mission-

ary Church, Inc, PO Box 5700,

Words of comfort to the

family may be expressed at

www.johnsonfuneralhome.

Lake Charles, LA 70606.

La. Burial is following at Be-

2110 Hwy 171 DeRidder, La.

will be missed by all.

Springfield, Mo.

grandchildren, Cameron,

husband of 70 years; son,

Charles, La.

kum said.

The men stole two cellphones as they were leaving, he said, and later used one of them to call the store and threaten the investigator who answered the phone.

The caller said he was watching officers and threatened to harm them, Kirkum

Anyone with information on the robbers can call police at 491-1456.

# LC police seek 16-year-old in fatal shooting

Staff reports

Lake Charles police are looking for a 16-year-old boy they say took



part in a slaying and robbery Monday on North Simmons Street. Lt. Kevin Kirkum said

Justin Ned is wanted on charges of being a principal to first-degree murder, armed robbery and armed robbery with a firearm.

Police said Gary Obrien, 31, was found dead in his home, at 409 North Simmons St., early Monday morning.

Kirkum said three armed men wearing dark clothes and with their faces covered entered through the back door and shot Obrien when he didn't comply with their demand.

Two other people in the home at the time weren't shot, Kirkum said, but one did suffer a minor injury.

Police later that day arrested Justin D. Landry, 20, 617 N. Booker St., and Jermyre J. Bowers, 18, 622 Dixy Drive.

Landry was charged with first-degree murder, and Bowers was charged with obstruction of justice.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of Ned can call Lake Charles police at 491-1456.

# WHAT'S AHEAD

Plate lunch sale: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Friday, July 28, Brookdale Assisted Living, 2420 Country Club Road. Meal will include chicken and sausage with baked beans. Cost, \$10. Place orders by noon Monday, July 24, at 478-4030 or leslie.cubbage@brookdale.com.



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**DEATHS** Continued from **A2** 

**Lovella Young Steedley** 





Lovella Young Steedley, 93, passed away on July 19, 2017, at her residence.

She was born in Mamou, La., and lived in Lake Charles most of her life. Lovella was a member of Heritage Baptist Church. She was a very loving and caring person who loved her family dearly. She was very devoted to her faith and loved to attend her church, being a great example as the oldest member of her congregation. As a resident of Tower Oaks for many years, she was very active and took part in many of the events that were planned for the residents.

Lovella was preceded in death by her parents; and siblings, most recently her sister, Burna Holland.

She is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to pay a special thanks to the director of Tower Oaks, Shelly Young, for her love and friendship to Lovey through the years. Appreciation to Norma May for making sure that Lovey got to attend church on Sunday mornings.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 21, 2017, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Service will be held at 1 p.m. at Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. Burial will follow at Consolata Cemetery.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.hixsonfuneralhomes.

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**Rita Mae Chevis Walker** 



LAKE CHARLES — Rita Mae Chevis Walker, 66, was called home Saturday, July 15, 2017, in her place of residence.

She was a native of Cankton, La., and has lived in Lake Charles, for the majority of her life. She was a full time mother until her kids graduated high school and she was employed at the Downtowner Hotel as a housekeeper. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church and she enjoyed traveling, watching her soap operas and most of all

just being with her family. She is survived by her

husband, Percy Walker of Lake Charles, La.; three sons, Joseph Malcolm Walker, Percy Walker Jr., both of Lake Charles, La., and Troy Angelle of Carencro, La.; two daughters, Deidra Walker and Indiana (Troy) Rideaux of Lake Charles, La.; three sisters, Lou Charlot, Dolores Robinson of Houston, Texas, and Wilda Breaux of Church Point, La.; two brothers, Raymond (Betty) Chevis of Church Point, La., Hilton (Tina Francis) Chevis of Lafayette, La.; she has 10 grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren; and a host of niece and nephews.

on Friday, July 21, 2017, at Fondel Memorial Chapel. Visitation hours are 8 a.m.-11:40 a.m. The funeral will be at noon Friday, July 21, 2017, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lake Charles, La. Father Richard Oche will officiate. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Lake Charles, La., under the direction of Fondel Memorial Chapel.



# **Ruth Agee Whited**

Ruth Agee Whited went to be with her Lord, July 16, 2017, in Jennings, LA.

She was a native of Old Hickory, Tenn. She was born Aug. 10, 1928, to Willie H. and Pearl Blaylock Agee. She married William Edward Whited, Sr. Aug. 27, 1946. They have one son, William





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# A Pastor's Reflection... By: Rev. Weldon C. Bares, First United Methodist Church



other day that was said to have angry." (James 1:19) been written and prayed by a myself that I am getting older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking that I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to

straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but you know, Lord, that I want a few

friends at the end." A pretty good prayer. The Apostle James reminds us, "Be quick to listen, slow

I came across a prayer the to speak, and slow to become

So, with God's help, let's nun in the seventeenth century. make this day count for It goes like this: "Lord, you something good and for know better than I know something positive. Let's resist the urge to straighten out everyone's affairs. A nun from the 1600's reminds us to be cautious.

> The book of Job has these profound words, "Multitude of years should teach wisdom." (Job 32:7) May that be true for my life. May that be true for all

You are invited to worship at First Methodist: Sundays, 8:30 & 10:45 AM Corner of Broad and Kirkman www.fumclc.org



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**Attachment B-4: Newsletter** 



# I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project (I-10/I-210 West End to I-10/I-210 East End)

## What is the Project and Why is it Needed?

The proposed project includes improvements to I-10 between the I-10/I-210 east and west interchanges in the Lake Charles region, including the Calcasieu River Bridge, a distance of approximately 9 miles. The project is needed to address the following four needs:

#### 1. Inadequate System Connectivity

I-10 outside the project limits is three lanes in each direction, which reduces to two lanes in each direction within the project limits. The lane reduction can result in traffic bottlenecks that in turn decrease traffic operations and reduce the amount of space for motorists to maneuver.

#### 2. Increased Traffic Congestion

The number of vehicles traveling on the Calcasieu River Bridge in the future project design year (2040) is anticipated to exceed the bridge's capacity by more than 37,000 vehicles per day.

#### 3. Roadway and Bridge Deficiencies

The Calcasieu River Bridge has existing structural integrity issues such as corrosion, cracking of the bridge deck, and an inadequate load limit for an interstate highway. Functional deficiencies along the facility include steep bridge approach grades, no shoulders on the bridge, and I-10 entrance and exit ramp spacing and weaving distances that do not meet current design guidelines.

#### 4. Roadway and Bridge Safety Concerns

Conflict points create safety hazards along I-10 and at the Sampson Street at-grade railroad crossings. The steep bridge grades slow traffic on the up-slope and make it more difficult to stop on the down-slope and the low vertical clearance of the bridge has led to over-height vehicle collisions with the bridge trusses.



#### What is an EIS?

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a full-disclosure document, prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), that details the process through which a transportation project is developed. It includes a considerable range of alternatives, demonstrates compliance with environmental laws and provides a means for public input into the decision making process.



#### What is the EIS Timeline? **Anticipated FEIS** We Are Here and ROD Approval **Public Meeting** Prepare Draft EIS Public Hearing Winter 2017 | Spring 2018 | Summer 2018 | Fall 2018 | Winter 2018 | Spring 2019 Spring 2017 Fall 2017 Recommended Prepare Final EIS **Finalize** Alternatives Development Preferred Alternative Reasonable & Screening Process **Alternatives**

## **Preliminary Alternatives**

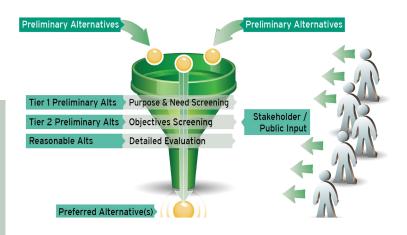
Preliminary Alternatives under evaluation include:

- No-Build Alternative
   Includes existing conditions plus committed projects
- Transportation Systems Management Alternative Examples: intersection and traffic control improvements
- Transportation Demand Management Alternative
   Examples: public transit and rideshare promotion
- High Occupancy Vehicle Alternative
   Lanes reserved for use by 2 or persons in a vehicle
- Four Preliminary Build Alternatives (PBA)
   Replacement of the Calcasieu River Bridge and six different Sampson St. Sub-Alternatives

The PBAs were identified after various stages of development and refinement including a Feasibility Study that evaluated build alternatives and rehabilitation of the Calcasieu River Bridge, multiple bridge height and engineering studies, public and agency coordination, and discovery of ethylene-di-chloride, or EDC, contamination near the I-10/Sampson Street interchange.

## **Alternatives Screening Process**

The Preliminary Alternatives will undergo a two-tiered screening process. Tier 1 will evaluate the ability of the Preliminary Alternatives to meet the purpose and need of the Project. Tier 2 will evaluate the ability of the remaining Preliminary Alternatives to meet the objectives of the project. The alternatives remaining at the end of this screening are the Reasonable Alternatives, which will be evaluated in detail within the EIS, leading to the recommendation of a Preferred Alternative.



### How do I Get Involved?

You are invited to a Public Meeting

I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project

(I-10/I-210 West End to I-10/I-210 East End)

#### Thursday, August 3, 2017

Lake Charles Civic Center, Contraband Room 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, LA 70601

#### **Open House Format**

Come and go anytime between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. There will be a continuous, repeating slide presentation for viewing during that time. Join us for review and provide comments on:

- Preliminary Alternatives
- Alternatives Screening Methodology & Screening Results
- Reasonable Alternatives Recommended for Further Analysis in the EIS

Comments will be accepted at the Public Meeting and during a formal comment period lasting up to 10 days following the meeting. Please contact Ms. April English with HNTB at (225) 368-2814 at least 5 days prior to the Public Meeting if special assistance or an interpreter is needed for meeting participation.

Please mail comments to the following address:

I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project

c/o HNTB Corporation

2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 230

New Orleans, LA 70122

Comments may also be submitted, and questions answered by logging on to the project web site at www.i10lakecharles.com and selecting *Contact Us*.



Calcasieu website: www.i10lakecharles.com

## **Calcasieu River Bridge**

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD), using federal funds, is proposing to replace the Calcasieu River Bridge (Structure No. 07104509127691, Recall No. 032780) located on I-10 in Calcasieu Parish, LA (see project location map on page 4 of this newsletter). It is anticipated that by year 2040, traffic levels will exceed the bridge's safe capacity of 37,000 vehicles per day. Under the FHWA Nation Performance Management Measures, bridge performance is measured by two measurements, good condition and poor condition. The Calcasieu River Bridge is considered to be in poor condition. It does not require load posting at this time.

The existing structure, a steel cantilever through truss bridge, has two 12-foot wide travel lanes, no shoulder, and is approximately 6,600 feet in length. The bridge was constructed in 1951 and has undergone several major repair projects over the years, the most recent in 2013. The bridge is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criterion C: Design/Engineering as an example of a distinctive type of truss bridge. Significance is demonstrated through an innovative or complex technological solution related to site conditions, consisting of the use of a cantilever truss with a suspended through truss span to meet the challenges of crossing the Calcasieu River. Significance is also demonstrated by the presence of distinctive features of the Warren through truss, which is characterized by diagonal members to withstand both tensile and compressive forces.

At this time, LADOTD is proposing to replace the bridge with a multi-span girder bridge. The new bridge will have three 12-foot travel lanes, 12-foot shoulders, and will be approximately 7,600 feet in length. Traffic will be maintained by use of the existing bridge while the new bridge is under construction. Additional right-of-way will be required. This project is being environmentally processes as an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

LADOTD, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), has completed a Historic Bridge Inventory Study of pre-1971 structures in Louisiana. On September 21, 2015, a Section 106 Programmatic Agreement (PA) for treatment of historic bridges was executed among the SHPO, FHWA, the Advisory Council on Historic Places (ACHP), and LADOTD. Under this PA, NRHP eligible bridges were categorized as either preservation priority, preservation candidate, or non-priority bridges. The I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge is categorized as a non-priority bridge because it is not an ideal candidate for long-term preservation. Mitigation measures under the PA for non-priority bridges include notification via a solicitation of views with a 45-day response period. In addition, as part of an effort to encourage relocation and adaptive reuse of the bridge, LADOTD will market the bridge.

For further information on Louisiana historic bridges, the PA, and historic bridge marketing visit: http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/HBI/Pages/default.aspx

In accordance with the PA, views and comments on the project, including the Calcasieu River Bridge, will be solicited for 45 days following the August 3, 2017 public meeting. NOTE: If you would like your comments to become part of the official public meeting record, they need to be postmarked no later than August 14, 2017.

Comments will be accepted either in written or verbal format at the August 3, 2017 public meeting, by logging on to the project website at www.i10lakecharles.com and selecting Contact Us, or by U.S. Mail at:

I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project c/o HNTB Corporation 2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 230 New Orleans, LA 70122

# **Project Location Map**



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**Attachment B-5: Press Release** 



#### DOTD to hold public meeting for I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge project in Calcasieu Parish

LAKE CHARLES, LA. (July 24, 2017) – The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will be hosting an open-forum public meeting on August 3, 2017 for State Project No. H.003931, the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project.

The project area extends from the I-10/I-210 interchange on the west side of the river to I-10/I-210 interchange on the east side of the river. The proposed project includes widening and infrastructure improvements to I-10 between the I-210 interchanges, including the Calcasieu River Bridge.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide an overview of the project and obtain public comment on the proposed Preliminary Alternatives, alternatives screening process, and Recommended Reasonable Alternatives, which will be evaluated in more detail within the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The purpose of the proposed project is to improve system connectivity, traffic congestion, and roadway and bridge deficiencies and safety issues.

The meeting will include a looping presentation that describes the project, as well as stations at which attendees can speak informally with members of the project team.

Comments and suggestions will be accepted from all interested parties to help ensure that the project team addresses the full range of environmental issues during the environmental process.

The public meeting is scheduled:

5:00 – 8:00 PM August 3, 2017

Lake Charles Civic Center Contraband Room Lake Charles, LA 70601

All interested parties are invited and encouraged to attend. Should anyone require special assistance due to a disability, please send a request at least five (5) working days prior to the public meeting by mail, email or telephone. All comments received during the public meeting and written comments post-marked by August 14, 2017 will become part of the official public record. If unable to attend the meeting, comments may be mailed to the address listed below. Comments must include the name and address of the person making the comment.

#### Mail

I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Project c/o HNTB Corporation 2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 230 New Orleans, LA 70122

#### Email

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#### Phone

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