



# US HIGHWAY 11 SPARTAN DRIVE TO LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN

*The Louisiana Department of Transportation (DOTD) and the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) propose increasing capacity and decreasing congestion along US 11 (Pontchartrain Drive), from Lake Pontchartrain to Spartan Drive, in Slidell, Louisiana. When completed, US 11 would consist of two 12-foot-wide travel lanes, 10-foot-wide paved shoulders, curbs and gutters, and bicycle facilities. The travel lanes would be separated by a combination of raised medians with J-turns, and new access management features would be constructed at intersections to facilitate traffic flow.*

*At the Oak Harbor Boulevard intersection a yield-controlled J-turn would be constructed with a dedicated left turn lane in the southbound direction and right turn lane for westbound traffic. At Eden Isles Drive and Carr Drive, existing intersections would be converted to three-legged roundabouts. The Northshore Circle intersection would allow left-in and right-out turns, a J-turn from the north, and a U-turn sized for passenger vehicles. The intersection at Lakeview Drive would allow right-in and right-out turns, with no access from the north.*

*All modifications would be located within existing right-of-way (ROW), and no additional ROW would be acquired.*

## **WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE**

This open house public hearing is designed to provide you the opportunity to learn more about the US 11 Project and to provide input to our project team. From our experience with events like tonight's, we have learned the open house format is the most conducive to meaningful interaction between the public and project team. We hope you agree.

## **WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK**

Be sure to view the narrated presentation and other exhibits tonight. Project team members look forward to discussing the project with you and answering your questions. Have a comment regarding the project? Comment cards are located throughout the cafeteria. Please complete a card and place it at any of the information or welcome tables. You can also comment by mail (**G.E.C., Inc., Attn: Jeff Robinson, P.E., 8282 Goodwood Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70806**). Comments should be postmarked no later than **July 5, 2016**.

## **YOUR PROJECT TEAM**

G.E.C., Inc., is a Louisiana engineering and planning firm with offices in Mandeville, Metairie, and Baton Rouge. We are proud to have been selected for this project and greatly appreciate the opportunity to contribute to our local community.



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## PROJECT PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the project is to increase capacity and decrease congestion along US 11 between Spartan Drive and Lake Pontchartrain.

## PROJECT NEED

The project corridor is an important link for motorists travelling to and from the Greater New Orleans area and Slidell. The roadway provides access to the subdivisions along Carr Drive and to the community of Eden Isle. Commercial and residential properties are located along the roadway and accessed via numerous driveways. This section of US 11 currently experiences considerable daily congestion, which is expected to worsen with anticipated future increases in traffic volume.

## WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) directs federal agencies to evaluate alternatives and impacts to the natural and human environments for proposed federal actions. The process requires coordination with local, state, and federal agencies, and local communities and stakeholders are provided opportunities to ask questions and provide comments about proposed projects. Public input is considered when developing alternatives and documented in an Environmental Assessment (EA), a public document that presents sufficient evidence and analysis for determining whether impacts from the proposed action warrant a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) or further analysis document in an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

## PROJECT MILESTONES

The project has progressed in accordance with the following schedule:

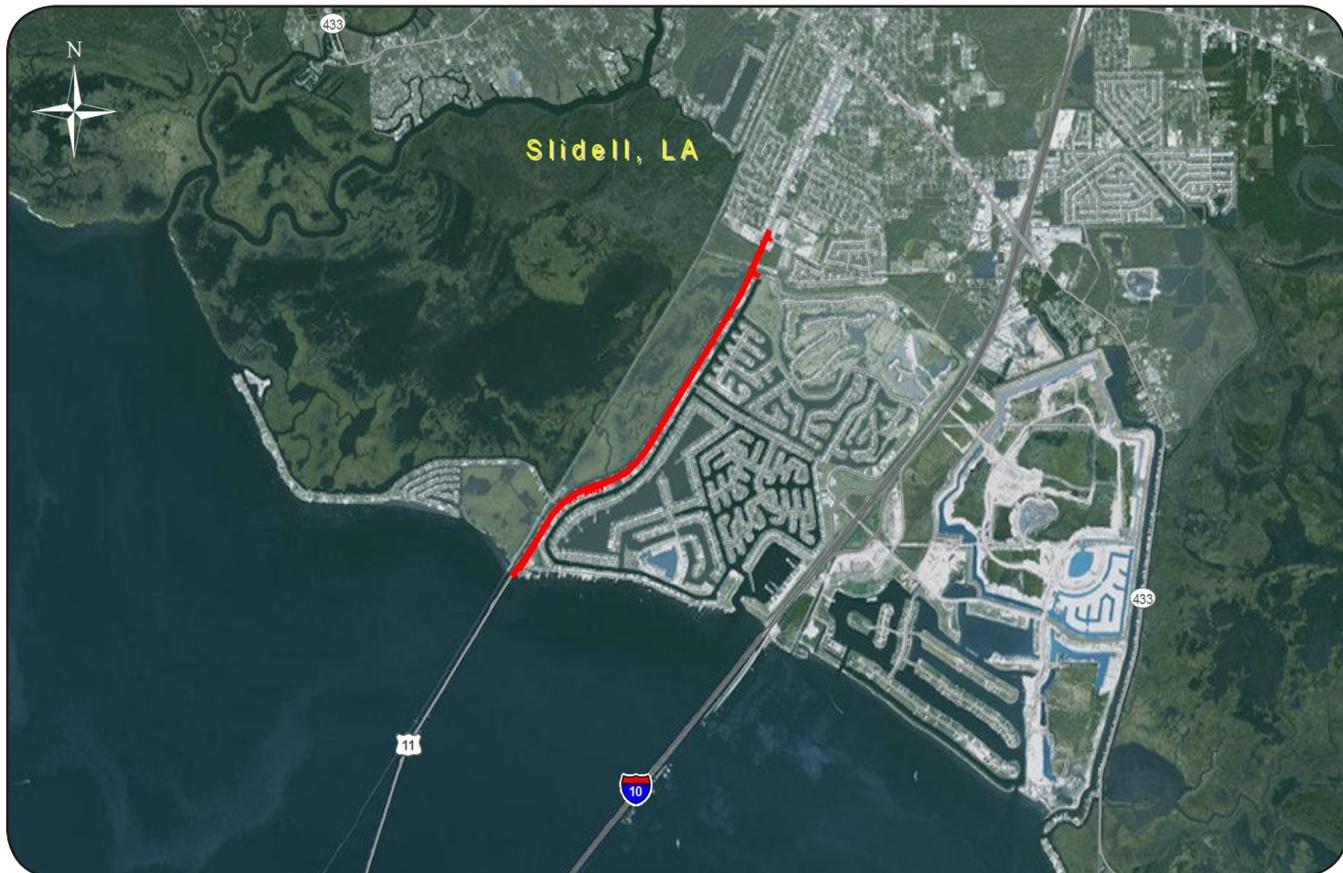
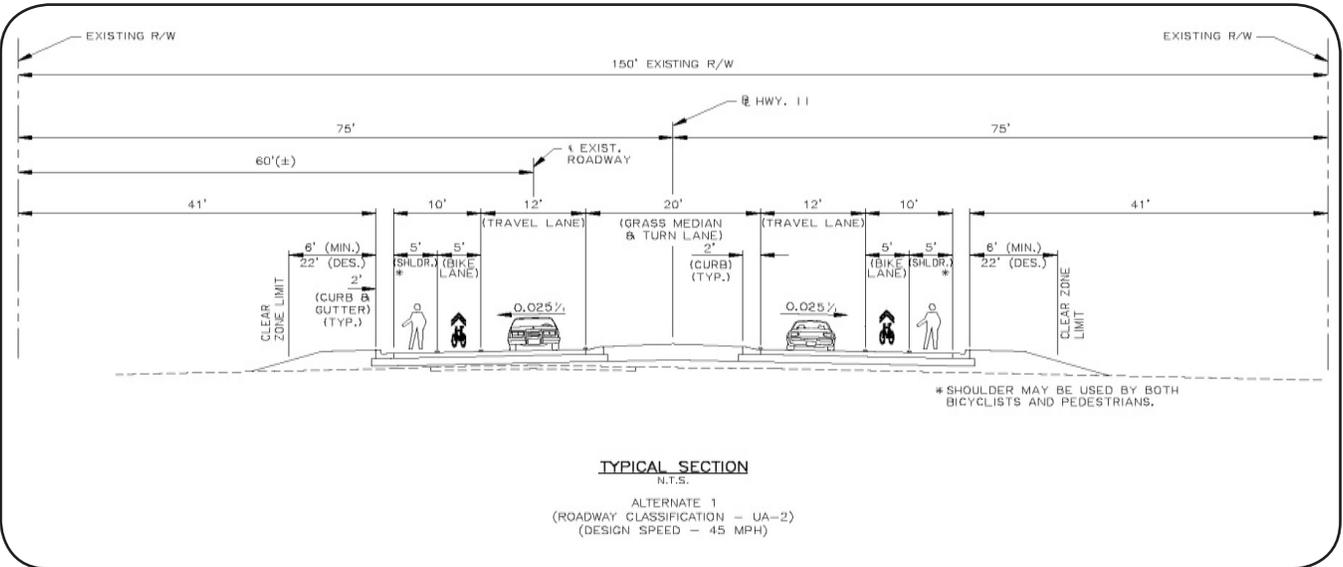
September 8, 2009	Solicitation of Views
October 29, 2009	Public Meeting
May 20, 2010	Public Meeting
 June 23, 2016	Public Hearing
July 5, 2016	Public Comment
September 9, 2016	Environmental Assessment – Finding of No Significant Impact

## WHERE IS THIS PROJECT IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS?

The NEPA process for this project began in 2009 when information and a request for comment was forwarded to resource agencies, elected officials, and other stakeholders. Public meetings were held on October 29, 2009, and May 20, 2010. Once the public comment period concludes on July 5, 2016, and depending on the comments received, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will decide whether or not prepare a FONSI.



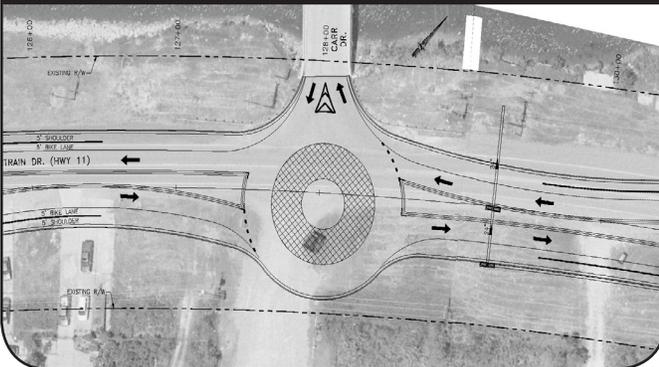
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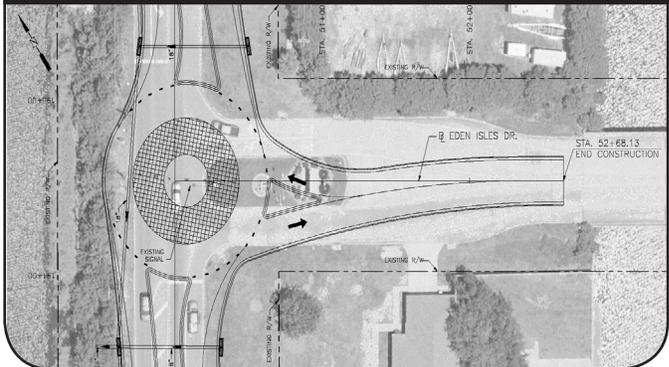


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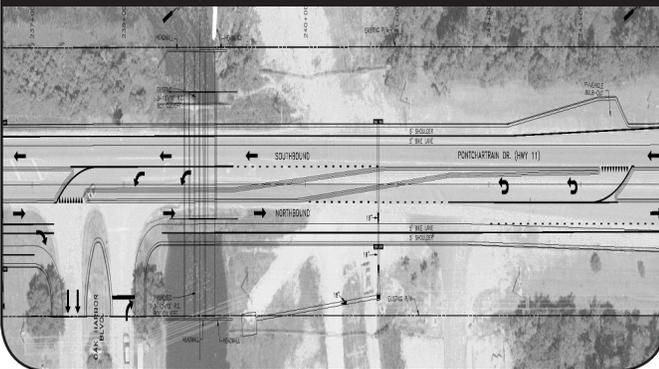
## CARR DRIVE INTERSECTION



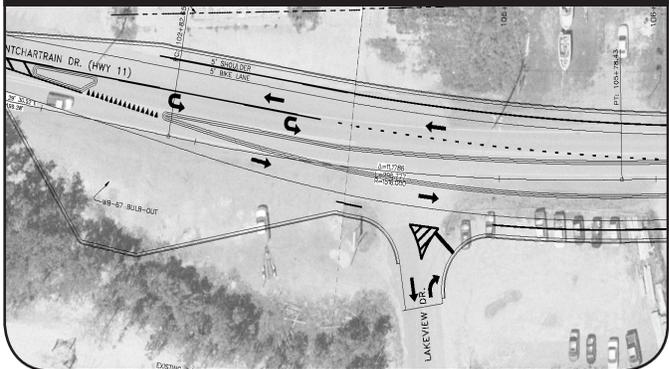
## EDEN ISLES DRIVE INTERSECTION



## OAK HARBOR BLVD INTERSECTION



## LAKEVIEW DRIVE INTERSECTION



## NORTHSHORE CIRCLE INTERSECTION

