

State Project H.005121 LA 1 to LA 415 Connector Environmental Re-Evaluation Public Meeting Transcript Submitted January 2023



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Executive Summary

State Project H.005121, the LA 1 to LA 415 Connector Environmental Assessment Re-Evaluation, is a project administered by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), in cooperation with West Baton Rouge Parish and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The project proposes to develop a connector between Louisiana Highway 1 (LA 1) with LA 415, including a new bridge over the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW). The purpose of the proposed project is system linkage in West Baton Rouge Parish, within the Greater Baton Rouge region, and is needed to provide direct connection and relief routes between the existing LA 1 Interstate 10 (I-10) and LA 415.

An Environmental Assessment was completed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) received in April 2007. The LADOTD performed a vessel survey in 2017 to assess the necessary bridge height for crossing of the GIWW. With the completion of the vessel survey, changes in scope and footprint, and expansion of development in the project area, LADOTD is reevaluating the EA/FONSI.

Public engagement, and in particular stakeholder engagement, is a critical component of the environmental re-evaluation. Stakeholder engagement is of heightened importance due to development in the project area that occurred since the 2007 EA/ FONSI. Strategic communication, through a variety of mediums, helped the project team identify issues and opportunities and gain support for the plan's recommendations.

The project team's approach to public engagement was outlined in the Agency and Public Involvement Plan, which defined the process by which information would be communicated to the public in conjunction with the project and identified how input from stakeholders and the public would be solicited and considered. The public engagement process began with database development, communications materials development and outbound communications tied to key stakeholder meetings.

In November 2021, January 2022, and March 2022, the project team met with key landowner stakeholders directly impacted by the connector to provide a project overview and to gain input from these stakeholders. During this period, the project team held eight stakeholder meetings with representatives from 10 separate entities to understand and address key concerns. The project team used input provided by these stakeholders in development of the proposed Blue Alternative, which represents a shift and revision in the route approved in the 2007 EA/FONSI. This route was presented to the public in a public meeting held on November 16, 2022, with information presented in the meeting made available to the public on LADOTD's website the following day.

This report documents public outreach efforts made in relation to the LA 1 to LA 415 Connector Environmental Assessment Re-evaluation Public Meeting held on November 16, 2022.

Public Meeting Promotion

Franklin Associates promoted the November 16, 2022 Public Meeting through public notices in two newspapers, a newspaper display advertisement, flyers distributed in the project area, a published press release, and e-blasts to inform the public of the meeting and to encourage attendance.

Public Notice

Franklin Associates coordinated the publishing of formal Public Notices to inform the public of the November 16, 2022 Public Meeting. These notices appeared in the West Baton Rouge journal of record, the West Side Journal, on November 3, 2022 and November 10, 2022, both in print and in digital editions in advance of the November 16, 2022 meeting. The public notice also appeared in The Advocate on November 2, 2022 to inform people in the broader affected area. These public notices and proof of their publication can be found in *Appendix A: Public Notices*.

Promotional Flyer

Flyers were distributed on October 30, 2022, at the Iberville Chamber of Commerce, the Addis Community Center, and the West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce to encourage additional public promotion. A copy of the flyer can be found in <u>Appendix B: Promotional Flyer</u>. This flyer was also used in the print display ad run in the West Side Journal on November 10, 2022.

Newspaper Advertisements

In addition to the public notices, Franklin Associates also coordinated the publishing of a display advertisement which mirrored the visually designed flyer and appeared in the West Side Journal on November 10, 2022. That advertisement can be found in <u>Appendix C: Newspaper</u> <u>Advertisement</u>.

Press Release

A copy of the press release distributed to the press prior to the meeting can be found in *Appendix D: Press Release*.

Email Distributions

A series of three eblasts were sent out to encourage attendance at the public meeting and went out at the following times:

- 1. Eblast 1 was sent on October 31, 2022, at 4:15 PM CST.
- 2. Eblast 2 was sent on November 10, 2022, at 3:03 PM CST.
- 3. Eblast 3 was sent on November 14, 2022, at 4:28 PM CST.

These eblasts went to a list of 663 contacts in the project database. Additionally, these eblasts went to the West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce with a request to further distribute. Copies of the eblasts, along with a screenshot of a report showing the number of email recipients, open rate (the percentage of recipients who opened the email), and the click rate (the percentage of recipients who clicked on a link within the email) can be found in

<u>Appendix E: Email Distributions</u>. The list of email addresses to which the eblasts were sent can be found in <u>Appendix F: Email Distribution Contact List</u>.

Public Meeting

The LA 1 to LA 415 Connector Public Meeting was held at the Addis Community Center, 7520 Highway 1 South, Addis, LA 70710 on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The meeting was held open-house style so that the public could come in at the time most convenient to them and could interact with the project team to gain information and ask questions about the project. The public meeting included a pre-recorded presentation that looped continuously throughout the meeting. Guests were asked to sign in upon entering the facility, were provided with a handout, and were then free to view exhibits at their own pace. The meeting included a GIS station that allowed guests to examine the proposed Blue Alternative Route in detail. The meeting also included a LADOTD Real Estate representative who was available to discuss property acquisition, as well as a comment station to allow for public input. The meeting handout can be found in *Appendix G: Public Meeting Handout*, the presentation slides and script in *Appendix H: Public Meeting Presentation*, and the meeting exhibits in *Appendix I: Public Meeting Exhibits*. There were 83 people in attendance at the public meeting, including 44 members of the general public.

Public Meeting Attendance

Sign in sheets from the public meeting can be found in <u>Appendix J: Public Meeting Sign In Sheets</u>. Meeting attendees were asked to sign in based on their status as an agency member, elected official, member of the media, or member of the public. Attendance figures are shown below.

Total	83
Agency	35
Media	1
Elected Officials	4
Public	44
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Comment Process

Franklin Associates set up and staffed a comment station at the November 16 Public Meeting. The station had physical copies of the project comment card, shown in <u>Appendix K: Public Comments</u>. The comment station was positioned near the exit to the Addis Community Center so that guests passed the comment station before exiting the venue. Staff members from Franklin Associates was on hand to encourage guests to comment. Comments were taken at the public meeting, but could also be mailed or emailed. The cutoff date for public comments was November 28, 2022. The comment form, along with submitted comments, can be found in *Appendix M: Public Comments*.

Appendix A: Public Notices

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID
PARKS AND RECREATION, SYNTHETIC TURF FIELDS REBID

Sealed hids will be received by the West Baton Rouge Parish Govern-ment, not later than 2-00 p.m., Thursday, November 17, 2022; at the following address:

West Haion Rouge Parish Government 880 North Alexander Avenue Port Allen, LA 70767

November 3, 2022, al West Balon Rouge Parish Government Office at 860 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, LA 70767. The Bids will be opened at the West Balon Rouge Parish Government Office Immedi-ately following the close of btd time on the above noted date.

It is the policy of the West Haton Rouge Parish Government to pro it is no possey or me west nation stongle trains Government to pro-vide equal opportunities without regard to trace, color, national origin, sex, age, disabilities, or veteran status in educational programs and activities. This includes, but is not limited to, admissions, educational services financial aid and employment.

The intent is for the project to be awarded at the December 15, 2022.

Parish Council Meeting. The anticipated construction start date is January 9, 2023.

Ran: October 20, 2022, October 27, 2022 & November 1, 2022

NOTICE

Committee Meeting/s: Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

Regular Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2022

G. Alden Chustz Jr. President

Publish: October 27, 2022 & November 1, 2022

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A PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the West Baton Rouge Zon-ing Commission relative to the rezoning requests. Date Tuesday November 8, 2022 Time: 5:30pm

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the West Baton Rouge Parn Council relative to the rezoning requests. ste: Thursday November 17, 2022 Time 5:30pm

Public hearings will be held at the West Baton Rouge Parish Gov-ernmental Building, 880 N. Alexander, Port Allen, LA 70767

Run Three (3) Times: 10/20/2022, 10/27/2022 & 11/3/2022

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REQUEST FOR SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY

THE OWNER OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7534 HIGHWAY I SOUTH IN ADDIS, LOUISIANA HAS FILED AN APPLICATION FOR SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY. LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS:

LOT 9 RENO ACRES SD CONT 1.91 AC 48C-10 CB290

THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSIONERS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS REQUEST ON NOVEMBER 15, 2022 AT 6:00 PM. AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING AT THE ADDIS MUNICIPAL CENTER.

THE TOWN OF ADDIS MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS REQUEST ON DECEMB 07, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING AT THE ADDIS MUNICIPAL CENTER.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE INVITED TO COMMENT AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THIS REQUESTED CHANGE

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PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION TOWN OF ADDIS

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Should a member of the public require an interpreter or special assistance due to a disability to participate in this meeting, please contact the project lease by telephone at 225-788-9805 or at 41 Sconnectoregrant.com at least five working days prior to the meeting.

LA 1 to LA 415 Connector Project 250 S. Foster Drive Haton Rouge, LA 70806

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Public Notice, West Side Journal, November 3, 2022

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Publisher of THE ADVOCATE

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The hereto attached notice was published in THE ADVOCATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation within Louisiana, and the Official Journal of the State of Louisiana, City of Baton Rouge, and Parish of East Baton Rouge, or published daily in THE TIMES-PICAYUNE/THE NEW ORLEANS ADVOCATE, in New Orleans, Louisiana, or published daily in THE ACADIANA ADVOCATE in

11/2/2022

Joy Newman, Public Notices Representative

Sworn and subscribed before me by the person whose signature appears above

11/29/2022

M. Monic McChristian, Notary Public ID# 88293

State of Louisiana My Commission Expires: Indefinite

FRANKLIN ASSOCIATES, LLC 250 S Foster Dr

Baton Rouge, LA 70806-4103

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Notice of Public Meeting LA 1 to LA 415 Connector Project SPN: H.005121

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Public Notice, The Advocate, November 3, 2022

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

City of Port Allen (herein referred to as the "Owner") hereby solicits sealed bids for the Pump Station Generators project described as

STATEMENT OF WORK: Installation of generators at three City pump stations. PEC Project No. 11654.05

Sealed Bids shall be addressed to the City of Port Allen, and delivered to the Port Allen City Hall, 375 Court Street (Post Office Box 468), Port Allen, LA 70767) not later than 2:00 p.m., on the 1st day of **December**, 2022. Any bid received after the specified time and date will not be considered. The sealed bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 p.m. on the 1st day of December, 2022, at the Port Allen City Hall located at 375 Court Street, Port Allen LA

The Owner has chosen the method of plan distribution to be via hard copies of the plans and specifications pursuant to LA R.S. 38:2212 as available through the office of the Engineer.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance Bond and Payment Bond, and other bidding documents may be examined at the Office of the Engineer for the contract; Professional Engineering Consultants Corp. located at 7600 Innovation Park Drive, Baton Rouge, La 70820; (225-769-2810). Copies shall be obtained at this office upon payment of a deposit of \$150.00. This deposit will be refunded upon request in accordance with R.S. 38:2212. Validation of the Contractor's license and classifications will be made prior to release of bid documents.

Contractors submitting bids shall be licensed under LA R.S. 37:2150-2164, Municipal and Public Works. The bidder shall show his license number on the bid and on the sealed envelope submitting the htd

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause; such actions will be in accordance with Title 38 of the Louisiana Re-

In accordance with R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1)(b), the provisions and requirements stated in the Bidding Documents shall not be waived by

Each Bidder must deposit with his/her bid, security in the amount of at least five percent (5%) of the total bid price, provided on the spec-ified form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570.

No bidder may withdraw his/her bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

OWNER CITY OF PORT ALLEN

BY: /s/ RICHARD N. LEE, III, MAYOR

RUN: November 3, 10, and 17, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE WEST BATON ROUGE SHERIFFS OFFICE WILL ACCEPT SEALED BIDS UNTIL 10:00 AM FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2022 FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE FOLLOWING:

ONE(1) 2021 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 BLACK CUSTOM TRAIL BOSS 4X4 CREW CAB 5.75 USED LOW MILEAGE UNDER 10,000

BIDS MUST BE MAILED TO PO BOX 129 PORT ALLEN, LA 70'NS' OR DELIVERED TO ROOM 15 IN THE PARSH COURTHOUSE 650 BTH STREET AND THE ENVELOPE CLEARLY MARKED SEALED BID SLIVERAGO 150'N ON'T TO BE OPENED UNTIL PRIDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2022. ATTENTION HUNTER BERAUD

DETAILS MAY BE OBTAINED IN ROOM 15 OF THE PARISH COURTHOUSE. THE SHERIFF RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE FORMALITIES.

MICHAEL B. CAZES, SHERIFF WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH

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THE TOWN OF ADDIS PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS REQUEST ON DE-CEMBER 20, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE REGULAR MEETING AT THE ADDIS MUNICIPAL CENTER.



Public Notice, West Side Journal, November 10, 2022

Appendix B: Promotional Flyer



COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE MEETING

THE LA 415 CONNECTOR PROPOSES TO CONNECT LA 415 TO LA 1.

COME FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

ADDIS COMMUNITY CENTER
7520 HIGHWAY I SOUTH, ADDIS, LA 70710
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022 | 4-7 PM

Information will be presented open house style, with a brief recorded presentation on loop, so you can arrive at your convenience within the hours of 4-7 PM.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



Appendix C: Newspaper Advertisement

Local

NOVEMBER 10, 2022 * WEST SIDE JOURNAL

Work to begin soon on renewable energy plant

IN HONOR OF THOSE WHO SERVED





Iberville Veterans Day celebration set for Friday



Republicans decry party executive committee's early endorsement of Landry







Advertisement, West Side Journal, November 10, 2022

Appendix D: Press Release



NEWS

Public Open House Announced for LA 1 to LA 415 Connector Project

Baton Rouge – The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) announces a public open house meeting for the LA 1 to LA 415 Connector Project (State Project No. H.005121). The meeting will be held at the Addis Community Center at 7520 Highway 1 South, Addis, LA 70710 on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

This project proposes connecting LA 415 to LA 1 south of Interstate 10 within West Baton Rouge Parish. At the meeting, project staff will be present to offer information about the proposed route of the future connector. A prerecorded presentation providing an overview of the project, maps, and conceptual images of what the road will look like will be on display to inform attendees of current plans. The open house meeting allows area residents and interested parties to drop in at any time between 4:00 and 7:00 PM.

Comments may be submitted either at the open house meeting or sent by mail to 415 Connector Project, c/o Franklin Associates, 250 S. Foster Dr., Baton Rouge, LA 70806 or via email to 415connector@gmail.com. All comments received or postmarked no later than Monday, November 28, 2022, will be included in the meeting transcript.

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The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) is committed to delivering transportation and public works systems that enhance the quality of life. In addition to more than 16,600 miles of roadway, including over 890 miles of interstate, DOTD supports the development of the state's aviation, marine and rail infrastructures. Through this work, we are able to facilitate economic development, create job opportunities, improve vital evacuation



routes, and make critical freight corridors safer and more efficient.

For more information, please visit www.dotd.la.gov, email dotdcs@la.gov, or call DOTD's Customer Service Center at (225) 379-1232 or 1-877-4LADOTD (1-877-452-3683). Business hours are 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please let us know how we may better serve you: customer Service Survey.

Appendix E: Email Distributions



LA 415 Connector Community Open House Meeting

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development invites you to attend an open-house style public meeting at the Addis Community Center on Wednesday, November 16 to provide information on the LA 1 to LA 415 Connector.

Addis Community Center 7520 Highway 1 South, Addis, LA 70710 Wednesday, November 16, 2022 | 4:00 to 7:00 PM

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The LA 415 Connector will provide a direct link between LA 415 and LA 1 south of Interstate 10 within West Baton Rouge Parish. Click here to learn more about the Connector.

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Come learn more about the project and share your thoughts! We look forward to seeing you there!

DOTD representatives and the LA 415 project team will be on hand at the meeting to share further details, answer your questions, and hear any thoughts or concerns you may have regarding the Connector. Comments may be submitted either at the open house meeting or sent by mail to:

415 Connector Project c/o Franklin Associates 250 S. Foster Dr. Baton Rouge, LA 70806

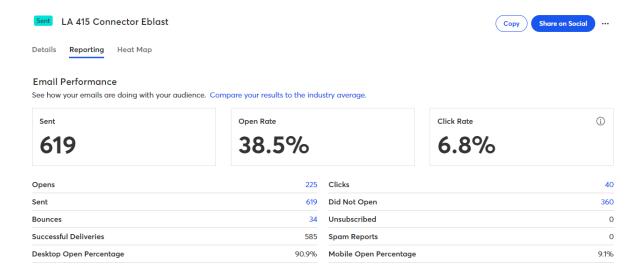
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Screenshot of Eblast 1, sent October 31, 2022, at 4:15 PM CST



Report on Eblast 1



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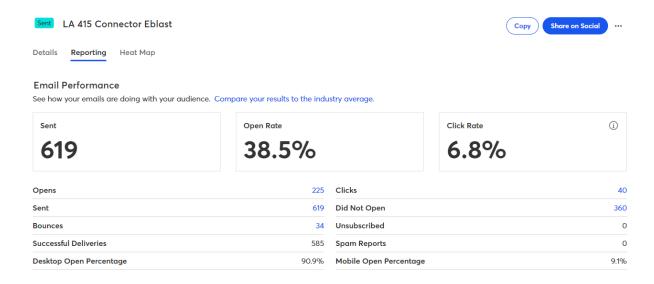
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Screenshot of Eblast 2, sent November 10, 2022, at 3:03 PM CST



Report on Eblast 2



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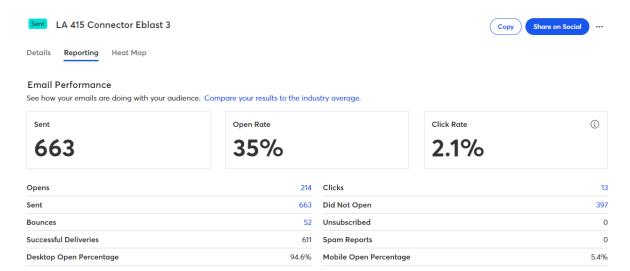
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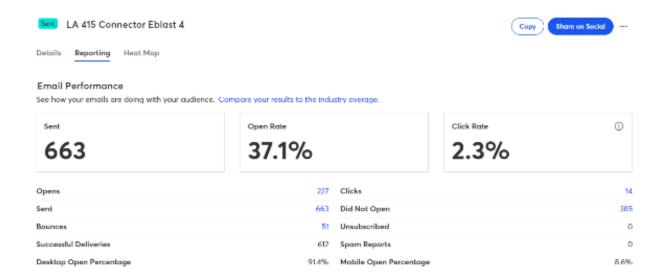
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Appendix G: Public Meeting Handout



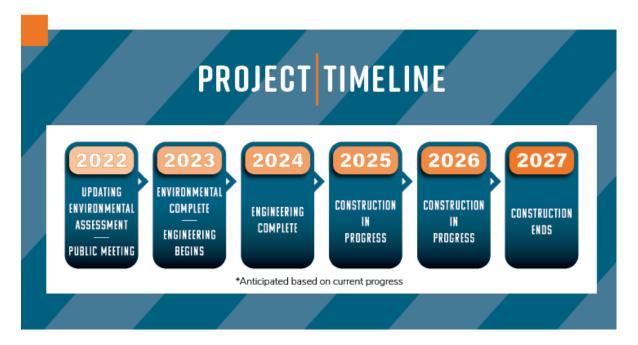
THE LA I/LA 415 CONNECTOR

The proposed project is a connector to link LA 1 with LA 415 at I-10 west of the Mississippi River Bridge, to include a new bridge over the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

CURRENT STATUS

For this effort, an Environmental Assessment was completed and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was received in April 2007. This means the project was approved to be constructed. However, before funding could be secured, there were new developments in and adjacent to the proposed required right-of-way between 2007 and 2021. With development in the project area since 2007, DOTD is conducting a reevaluation of the Environmental documentation.

The project's purpose remains to provide system linkage in West Baton Rouge Parish. The need remains to provide a direct connection and evacuation route between LA 1 and LA 415 (to I-10). Establishing a direct connection between LA 1 and LA 415 provides a relief route for the congested local traffic as well as for evacuations.



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I TONIGHT'S MEETING | NOVEMBER 16, 2022



Tonight's meeting is an open house-style public meeting. We recommend starting by watching the brief pre-recorded presentation on the Connector. Following the presentation, feel free to view the layout map of the proposed route, and to visit the exhibits displayed throughout the room. We encourage you to talk with the project team and to ask any questions that you may have. There will also be an opportunity to leave a comment before leaving the meeting; all comments will be considered.

PROJECT DETAIL MAP





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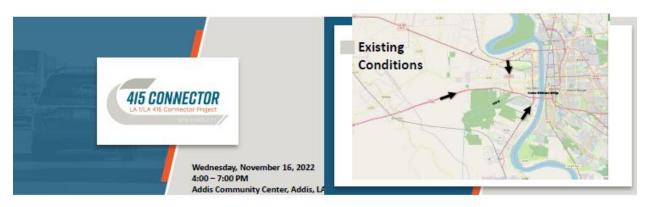
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Appendix I: Public Meeting Presentation

Appendix I.1: Public Meeting Presentation Slides











EVALUATION FACTOR	YELLOW ALTERNATIVE (2007)	BLUE ALTERNATINE (2022)
Acquired Right-of-Way (scres)	97.9	79.8
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Average Daily Traffic (ADT) for Connector in whiches per day (VPD)	2010 A217 +E3,868	2042 ADF = 17,916
Relocations (structure inspects)		
Residence		0
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Other		e e
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Air Quality	Socie	None
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Water Quality	Low	later
Wetlands (scree)	11.6	5.7
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Protected Species	Socie	None
Section 6/1 Resources	None	None
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Cultural Recourses	None	None
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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.

We want to hear from you!

- Sign-in to receive future project updates.
- Review all materials presented.
- Speak with project team members about your questions and concerns.
- Provide us with your comments by completing a comment card or emailing us at 415connector@gmail.com.



What happens next Comment period ends November 28. Comments will be reviewed and considered. Completion of Environmental Assessment re-evaluation. With FHWA concurrence, the project can move forward into final design. Construction is presumed to begin in 2024. Other Capacity Improvements These are separate projects with separate expectations and timelines. I-10 Widening i10br.com Mississippi River Bridge mrbsouth.com



Appendix I.2: Public Meeting Presentation Script

<u>Slide 1</u>: Welcome to the 415 Connector project public meeting. This meeting will provide information on the 415 Connector Project, which proposes to connect LA Highway 1 to LA Highway 415 to improve system linkage in West Baton Rouge Parish, within the Greater Baton Rouge region, and to provide direct connection and a relief route between the existing LA 1, Interstate 10 (I-10), and LA 415.

<u>Slide 2:</u> Currently, Eastbound traffic on Interstate 10, as well as southbound traffic on LA 415 is unable to head South towards Brusly, Addis, or Plaquemines without taking the LA 1 exit off of I-10. Similarly, north-bound traffic coming from LA 1 is unable to travel directly to LA 415. This forces traffic towards Interstate 10 near the Horace Wilkinson Bridge, and subjects travelers to the traffic congestion that frequently occurs in that area.

As it currently exists, LA 415 ends immediately South of Interstate 10, just North of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. Northbound traffic on LA 1 that is attempting to travel to I-10 West or LA -415 North is directed towards the LA-1/ I-10 interchange on the west end of the Horace Wilkinson Bridge. The LA 1/ LA 415 Connector will help to mitigate these concerns by connecting LA 415 at its current end point to LA 1 in south Port Allen.

<u>Slide 3:</u> Traffic modeling shows that this connector will reduce the volume of vehicles entering and exiting I-10 at LA 1. The modeling predicts that of the vehicles heading east on I-10 which currently take the LA 1 exit, approximately 40% will take the connector exit in future, prior to them reaching the LA 1 exit.

Based on the traffic modeling, approximately 35% of LA 1 northbound travelers would elect to use the connector rather than continue on LA 1. This shows sizable reductions in the volume of traffic entering and exiting I-10 at LA 1 in future with the creation of this connector.

<u>Slide 4:</u> The proposed project is a connector to link LA 1 with LA 415 at Interstate 10 (I-10) west of the Mississippi River Bridge, to include a new bridge over the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW).

An Environmental Assessment (EA) was completed on the 415 Connector and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) was received in April 2007. The 2007 EA/FONSI recommended moving forward with a build alternative that included a four-lane, primarily at-grade, connector roadway with four-lane bridge over the GIWW referred to as Build Alternative 4 with LA 1 Intersection B. This means the project was approved to be constructed. However, before funding could be secured, there were new developments in and adjacent to the proposed required right-of-way (ROW) between 2007 and 2021. With development in the project area since 2007, DOTD is conducting a reevaluation of the Environmental Documentation.

<u>Slide 5:</u> With the reevaluation of the documentation, the need to adjust from the previously approved Yellow Route arose. A new alternative, the Blue Route, is proposed to fit current needs.

The proposed project is a connector roadway with bridge supporting four, 12-foot travel lanes with paved eight-foot outside and four-foot inside shoulders and a design speed of 45 miles per hour. The new bridge will support a 360-foot main span or spans over the GIWW with a vertical clearance of 73 feet above mean high water (MHW) and a horizontal clearance of 125 feet. A half diamond interchange is proposed with LA 1, with the potential to expand to a full diamond interchange in the future. Control of access (COA) associated with the LA 1 interchange necessitates construction of an access road. The access road will serve to provide access to/from LA 1 for COA affected businesses and residences between St. Titus Lane and Forest Drive on the west side of LA 1. The interchange at LA 415 and I-10 will remain a full diamond interchange. Modifications to this interchange include two through lanes and two left turn lanes in each direction from LA 415, resulting in the widening of the I-10 eastbound on ramp and I-10 westbound on ramp to two lanes each, and the I-10 eastbound and I-10 westbound off ramps to four lanes each.

To minimize impacts and improve access, the approved alignment shifted to the south with a roadway determined to be primarily elevated rather than at-grade. Additionally, the LA 415 interchange with I-10 has been modified to include additional turn lanes and the connection with LA 1 was shifted north along LA 1, providing a new access roadway just west of LA 1 for residents and businesses that would be affected by the control of access area. To provide maximum flexibility in design and meeting future traffic conditions, adequate additional ROW is proposed to allow for the bridge to be either a single structure or dual structures.

<u>Slide 6:</u> The project's purpose remains to provide system linkage in West Baton Rouge Parish within the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area. The need remains to provide a direct connection between LA 1 and LA 415 (to I-10). As the only north-south roadway in West Baton Rouge Parish crossing the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, LA 1 does not have sufficient capacity to meet existing demand. Establishing a direct connection between LA 1 and LA 415 (to I-10) provides a relief route for the congested local traffic, as well as for evacuations.

<u>Slide 7:</u> This slide presents typical roadway sections expected on the LA 1/ LA 415 Connector. The Connector will consist of four 12-foot travel lanes and paved eight-foot outside and four-foot insider shoulders with a 45 mile per hour design speed.

Ramps will consist of a 15 foot travel lane with paved eight-foot outside and four-foot insider shoulders, while 2 Lane Sections will consist of a 12 foot travel lane with paved four-foot outside shoulders.

<u>Slide 8:</u> This slide depicts typical roadway sections expected on the LA 1/ LA 415 Connector. The Connector will consist of four 12-foot travel lanes and paved eight-foot outside and four-foot insider shoulders with a 45 mile per hour design speed.

<u>Slide 9:</u> Ramps will consist of a 15 foot wide travel lane with paved eight-foot outside and four-foot insider shoulders.

2 Lane Sections of the Connector will consist of a 12 foot travel lane with paved four-foot outside shoulders.

<u>Slide 10:</u> This slide presents typical bridges sections for the LA 1/LA 415 Connector. The new bridge will support a 360-foot main span or spans over the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway.

<u>Slide 11:</u> This slide shows the interchange with LA 1, with the proposed roadway depicted in light blue and with crosshatched yellow lines indicate areas where pavement will be removed. The area towards the top of the screen is the west side of LA 1.

The interchange with the LA 415 Connector and LA 1 will consist of a half diamond interchange, with the potential to expand to a full diamond interchange in the future. Control of access associated with the LA 1 interchange will necessitate construction of an access road for affected businesses and residences between St. Titus Lane and Forest Drive on the west side of LA 1.

<u>Slide 12:</u> The light blue again depicts the proposed roadway, with the red depicted the raised bridge that will tie in the connector with LA 1.

Control of access associated with the LA 1 interchange necessitates construction of an access road. The access road will serve to provide access to/from LA 1 for COA affected businesses and residences between St. Titus Lane and Forest Drive on the west side of LA 1.

Slide 13: The interchange at LA 415 and I-10 will remain a full diamond interchange. Modifications to this interchange include two through lanes and two left turn lanes in each direction from LA 415, resulting in the widening of the I-10 eastbound on ramp and I-10 westbound on ramp to two lanes each. I-10 eastbound and I-10 westbound off ramps are to be widened to four lanes each.

<u>Slide 14:</u> This slide presents a comparison of the effects of the approved EA/FONSI Yellow Alternative with the currently proposed Blue Alternative that resulted from the alignment shift. As reflected in the table, overall project impacts have been reduced and anticipated traffic volumes have increased.

<u>Slide 15:</u> Following approval of the updated Environmental Assessment, Engineering will begin in 2023. This will include Architectural and Engineering design and bidding. We anticipate beginning construction on the connector in 2024 with an approximate three-year duration of actual construction. We anticipate completing construction on the Connector in 2027.

<u>Slide 16:</u> Should you own property that will be affected by this project, a Real Estate representative is present at tonight's meeting to explain DOTD's right of way acquisition procedures and can provide the DOTD Brochure explaining the Acquisition of Right of Way.

We recommend those who have property affected by this project speak with the representative and 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.

<u>Slide 17:</u> DOTD's objective is to pay Just Compensation for all properties required for the project. An appraiser will contact property owners to evaluate their property.

All evaluations will be approved by DOTD. After DOTD approval, a Real Estate agent will contact each property owner with a letter detailing DOTD's offer and a timeframe to accept or counter DOTD's offer.

<u>Slide 18:</u> With that, we want to hear from you. Comment Cards are available at tonight's meeting, you can submit them tonight, or you can email them to <u>415connector@gmail.com</u>, or mail them to the address printed on the card. Comments received or post marked by November 28 will be included in the transcript of tonight's meeting. All comments received will be taken into consideration. So tonight, be sure to sign-in to receive future project updates, review all materials presented, speak with project team members about your questions and concerns, and provide us with your comments.

<u>Slide 19:</u> At the conclusion of the comment period, the updated Environmental Assessment will be submitted for approval by FHWA. Engineering will take place in 2023, with construction expected to begin in 2024.

<u>Slide 20:</u> There two other local projects that are planned to improve traffic capacity in the area. The first of these is the I-10 Widening Project and the second is the creation of a new bridge over the Mississippi River in Iberville Parish. These projects are separate from the LA 1/ LA 415 Connector Project; questions or comments regarding these projects can be submitted on the contact page of each project's respective website, shown on this slide.

Construction of the Connector is currently expected to take place from 2024 to 2027. This will overlap with the work being done to widen I-10 (Segment 1 on the Baton Rouge side of the Mississippi River) from 2024 through 2026. We expect that traffic impacts to I-10 westbound due to the construction of the LA 1 to LA 415 Connector will be minimal.

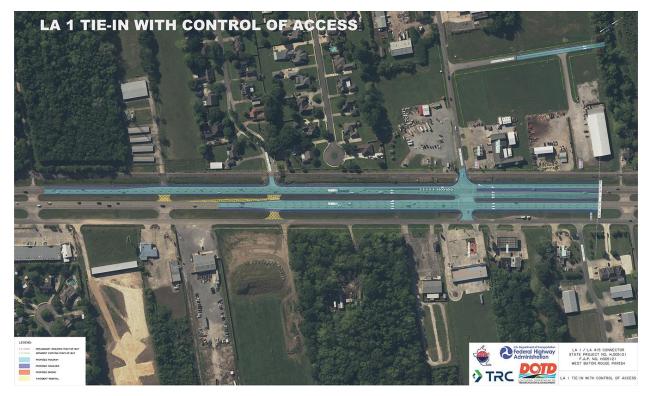
We do not anticipate an overlap between the time of construction of the LA 1/ LA 415 Connector and the time of construction of the new Mississippi River Bridge, which will be undergoing environmental review through 2024.

<u>Slide 21:</u> Thank you for your time! Please visit the other stations and interact with the project team. This presentation will begin again soon and repeat throughout the meeting.

Appendix J: Public Meeting Exhibits

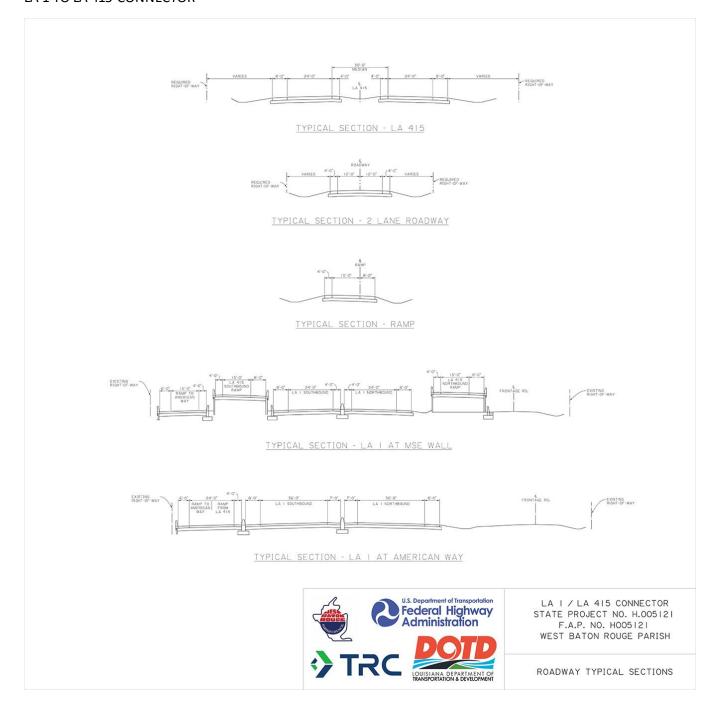


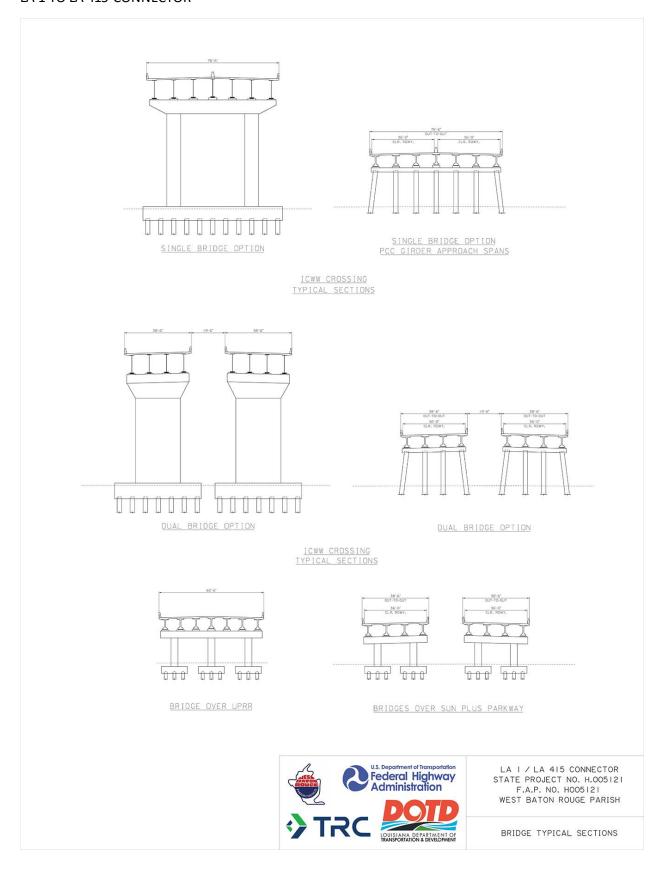












LA 1/LA 415 CONNECTOR EA/FONSI ALTERNATIVE AND CURRENT/BLUE ALTERNATIVE SUMMARY OF AFFECTS

EVALUATION FACTOR	ALTERNATIVE 4 (2007)	BLUE ALTERNATIVE (2022)
Acquired Right-of-Way (acres)	97.9	79.8
NavigableWater Crossings	1	1
Average Daily Traffic (ADT) for Connector in vehicles per day (VPD)	2030 ADT =13,868	2042 ADT = 17,316
Relocations (structure impact)		
Residence	0	0
Commercial	6	2
Other	0	0
Environmental Justice Communities	None	None
Air Quality	None	None
Noise Impacts (affected receptors)	3 Residences	3 Residences, 1 hotel pool area
Water Quality	Low	Low
Wetlands (acres)	11.6	5.7
Floodplains (acres)	6.5	0
Farmland (acres)	85.0	53.4
Protected Species	None	None
Section 4(f) Resources	None	None
Hazardous Materials/Waste Sites ¹	3	2
Cultural Resources	None	None
Aesthetic Impact	Low	Low

Table Notes:



¹ Hazardous materials/waste sites include only those in or immediately adjacent to the ROW. There are three other sites that are in proximity to the ROW with outstanding concerns that warrant their inclusion in reporting, but are not expected to impact the project.

Appendix K: Public Comments

Appendix K.1: Comment Form



Comment Form - State Project H.005121

November 16, 2022 Public Meeting

Please place your comment form in the comment boxes provided at this meeting or submit your comments to the address at the bottom of this page. Comments must be postmarked by November 25, 2022 in order to become part of the official transcript.

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Please return this form at the public meeting or by using one of the following:

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Appendix K.2: Summary Table of Comments

LA 1/ LA 415 CONNECTOR SPN H.005121 EA REEVALUATION PUBLIC COMMENTS

DATE	COMMENTOR	COMMENT	RESPONSE
11/16/2022	Brenda Washington	Make the crossover from LA 1 to the 415 stretch a curving left instead of a straight left turn, a curving ramp I would imagine would allow traffic to flow much easier.	The visuals from the meeting do show a curving ramp on the angled structure. It is difficult to see since the structure is designed to accommodate future expansion. Adjustments to this tranisition will be considered during the design phase of the project.
11/16/2022	Kevin LeBlanc	The LA 1 exchange is a 90 degree turn, needs to be sweeping, traffic will need to slow too much and will cause backups. Please redesign.	The visuals from the meeting do show a curving ramp on the angled structure. It is difficult to see since the structure is designed to accommodate future expansion. Adjustments to this tranisition will be considered during the design phase of the project.
		The 90 degree turns at the LA 1 connection will slow/stop traffic. A radius turn would allow better flow of traffic.	The visuals from the meeting do show a curving ramp on the angled structure. It is difficult to see since the structure is designed to accommodate future expansion. Adjustments to this tranisition will be considered during the design phase of the project.
11/16/2022	Ray LeJeune	Riverside Subdivision will have issues closing the crossings. Forcing them south to make a U-turn will be a bad thing.	Residents of Riverside subdivision have the option to exit via American Way from Chatelain Drive or Oak Alley, which allows them to exit at a traffic signal and turn onto LA 1 northbound. Opting out of this option does require residents wishing to use northbound LA 1 to turn south and U-turn. Additionally, this modification is proposed to address safety concerns associated with the LA 415 ramp acceleration lane that extends through Riverside Drive.
11/16/2022	Bo Bres	I have been excited about the 415/1 Connection project but am very disappointed to see the proposed solution at the interchange of LA 1 in front of Walmart. What a strange awkward right angle solution! The connector needs smooth ramps that handle traffic onto connector ramps at speed. It is sad to see that the various constituencies can't see the benefit of working together that would create an infrastructure improvement that would benefit everyone.	The visuals from the meeting do show a curving ramp on the angled structure. It is difficult to see since the structure is designed to accommodate future expansion. Adjustments to this transition will be considered during the design phase of the project. It is noted that the interchange is south of the Walmart so that there is no traffic conflict with traffic entering and existing Walmart.
11/16/2022	Michael Vaughan	I would like to discuss the intersection on 415 near the interstate where the frontage round by Love's truck stop crosses 415.	Mr. Vaughan's comment was forwarded to LDOTD for a phone call to discuss any concerns at this location.
11/21/2022	A.E. Andy Farris, Jr.	I attended the 415 Connector meeting in Addis last week. We would like to get the 415 layout along the port rail to superimpose on our drawings please.	Mr. Farris was provided the link the meeting materials and forwarded the layout.
11/21/2022	Adam Maher	Would you mind sending a higher resolution version of the images posted to the LA 415 Connector webpage on DOTD's website. It's hard to make out the detail with the posted resolution. Specifically could you send images titled Roadway Typical Sections, Interchange with LA415-I10, EA Yellow and Blue, Entire Scope – Proposed Right of Way, Bridge Typical Sections, Interchange with LA 1-1 and Interchange with LA-2. I appreciate the assistance.	·