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Debbie Adams
15413 Woodlore Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

An alternative mode of traveling through Baton Rouge has been needed for years. Since Hurricane Katrina, the need has more than doubled. PN-1
Traffic in and around the area is a nightmare, especially during peak ~~traffic~~ rush hours.

We should discontinue the cost of these studies and begin construction of either a loop or a bridge to route traffic away from the metropolitan areas. The time for change is yesterday! OP-1

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[ ] Other _____

Comments: IF MAYOR HOLDEN WANTS A LOOP, Construct it within the City Limits of Baton Rouge

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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OP-2

AL-10

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[ ] Other

OP-2

Comments: I DO NOT WANT AN INTERSTATE LOOP IN MY BACK YARD And DO NOT WANT TO DESTROY MY CITY.

HE-1

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[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop OP-2
[ ] Other

Comments: Fix BRIDGES & ROADS AL-1

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[ ] Other

Comments:
WOULD LIKE TO SEE BRIDGES REPAIRED AND ROADS BEFORE SPENDING ON LOOP

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

AL-1

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January 23, 2012

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Federal Highway Administration-LA Division
ATTN: Carl Highsmith
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Baton Rouge, LA 70808

RE: Opinion of Baton Rouge Loop through Livingston Parish

I am the Chief Deputy and Sheriff-Elect for Livingston Parish. I am opposed to the "Baton Rouge Loop". I have followed the media coverage and public hearings of the many studies and proposals for this loop over the past several years. The project has been on again and off again on multiple occasions. I write this letter to express concerns that I have about this project and my opposition. OP-2

My biggest concern is that I do not believe that any of the studies have assessed or projected the increased demand on the Sheriff's office for the public safety issues that this project will generate. I expect that crime and traffic events will multiply in the rural areas of my Parish. My office has limited manpower and resources. PS-1

I believe that the loop will reduce the tax base for Livingston Parish. Any decline in the tax base has a direct economic impact on my office and thus the resources that this office will need for the increased demands for public safety. ED-1

I am also of the opinion that the northern loop proposal will cause displacement of a large number of citizens in my parish. This displacement of citizens will have a negative result for this parish and no projected positive impact. RB-1

Jason Ard

Chief Criminal Deputy; Sheriff-Elect

Note: Submitted by Neighbors in Action

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City, State & Zip Code Central City, La.
Phone 225) 261-4270 Email

[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
[✓] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Lopp
[ ] Other This loop is nothing but a joke. It will
Comments: not help in moving traffic in + around the city. We will not sit back and see Central split down the middle. This is nothing but someone that is trying to make a name for themselves. We are a wonderful city and do not want anybody trying to change this. Put your loop down south and leave us alone. We are not Baton Rouge we are Central Residence
[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments. Leave us along Mayor Holden.

HE-1

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
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[ ] Other To our Councilmen + Mayor
Comments: We the people of Central elected you to support Central and we expect you to do so. This loop is nothing but a joke and idea of a man trying to get even with Central. We voted you into office now stand up and do your job. We do not want this loop so put a stop to it now and forever. Vote no on loop all the way.

OP-1

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1) REVIEW ASCENSION PARISH LOOP plan. Majority of I10 through B.R. will DIVERT OFF I10 AT DONALDSONVILLE — INCLUDING HURRICANE EVACUATIONS FROM THE GULF COAST. THIS ALLEVIATES CONGESTION OF I10 & I12 INTERCHANGE CIR-2

2) THE ESTIMATED 15% OF I12 TRAFFIC USING A TOLL ROAD TO SKIRT BATON ROUGE IS NEGLIGIBLE — STILL LEAVES 85% ON I12 — NOT TO DISREGARD THE CONGESTION OF I10 & I12 STILL OCCURING. CIR-3

3) RELOCATION ASSISTANCE ?? PROPERTY APPRAISAL ? RB-2

a) RELOCATE WHERE ?

b) PROPERTY APPRAISAL — IF APPRAISED "VALUE" IS LESS THAN WHAT IS OWED ON THE MORTGAGE ARE THERE "FUNDS" AVAILABLE FOR THIS ? IF NOT THEN HOW CAN HOMEOWNERS PAY OFF A MORTGAGE ON A NON-EXISTING HOME AND ON A NEW ONE — IF THEY CAN GET A NEW LOAN ? RB-3

4) I RESENT HOW A MAYOR OF BATON ROUGE CAN "DICTATE" TO OTHER PARISHES WHAT THEY MUST DO TO SATISFY HIS DESIRES — AND HAVE THOSE PEOPLE FOLLOW HIM.

P.S. MY NEW HOME IS 4 YRS OLD — WILL BE PLOWED OVER !

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ARNOLD ACRES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Sherri LaBas, Secretary

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Federal Highway Administration

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This is to advise that the Arnold Acres Homeowners Association is opposed to the Baton Rouge loop as proposed. The association is not opposed to improved transportation systems or responsible growth. We are however opposed to the route it may take over our subdivision. If this route is taken the loop will take away our houses and/or our entrance into our subdivision. This neighborhood has been in this location for over 30 years and we are confident that a route can be utilized for this loop that will not take this subdivision nor any subdivision which will displace or create a hardship for residents.

We in this neighborhood have been here for a number of years and are against government taking our land (or thing of value). This loop route will cause numerous inconveniences including but not limited to severe air pollution to all.

Please rest assured that Arnold Acres Homeowners Association will oppose this loop route as planned.

ARNOLD ACRES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

PARISH OF ASCENSION
STATE OF LOUISIANA

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Council for the Parish of Ascension has convened and discussed the Baton Rouge Loop; and

WHEREAS, the Council for the Parish of Ascension chose to support an expressway on the Westbank of the Mississippi from I-10 in Port Allen to I-310 in Boutte to help alleviate traffic in the Baton Rouge area and boost economic development; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council for the Parish of Ascension and the Parish President declare that they are opposed to the Southern Connector of the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.

The resolution having been put to vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: OLIVER JOSEPH, KENT SCHEXNAYDRE, TRAVIS TURNER, DANIEL SATTERLEE, DEMPSEY LAMBERT, RANDY CLOUATRE, TERI CASSO, TODD LAMBERT, BRYAN MELANCON, BENNY JOHNSON

NAYS: NONE

NOT VOTING: CHAIRMAN CHRIS LOAR

ABSENT: NONE

/s/ Chris Loar
Council Chairman

/s/ Tommy Martinez
Parish President

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Parish of Ascension, in

A regular session duly convened on the 19TH day of January , 2012,

and the Resolution has not been rescinded or repealed.

/s/ Cinnamon Galtier
Secretary

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The unsigned ~~FAVOR~~/OPPOSE the proposed BR Loop:

Name Earl Atkinson

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Comments The loop will not help traffic through Central. I want money spent on solutions to our problems. ① Bridge over Amite @ Hooper ② Widen Frenchtown Rd.

Name

Address

Phone Email

Comments

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Address

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CIR-4

AL-1

NOTE: Submitted by Central City News

December 17, 2011

The objective of a loop around Baton Rouge, either to the north or to the south, is to ease the interstate traffic through Baton Rouge – either to New Orleans along I-10 or east along I-12. Whether or not this will really have the intended impact, I don't know. I leave that for the 'experts' to argue about. OP-6

What I do know is that traffic in Central will benefit very little, if any, from a northern loop. I don't believe it will significantly reduce traffic on our local roads; along Greenwell Springs Road or across Magnolia Bridge to Livingston Parish. It surely won't do anything to improve our local roads which need widening and repair. CIR-4

However, by cutting across our community, it will bring noise and unsightly elevated roadways. If routed at ground level, it could even worsen our local traffic since it will require re-routing of our local roads to yield right of way to the loop. NOI-1 HE-1

The cost for our community is high. The gain for us is small. Why would anyone in Central support this? Put me down as against it! CIR-9

If there is money to be spent on roads, spend it on a new bridge across the Amite River and extend Hooper Road to that bridge. If there's any left over, widen Frenchtown Road and do away with the open ditches. Now, those are projects that I can support. AL-1

Earl Atkinson

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[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[ ] Other

OP-2

Comments: There are so many other ways to relieve traffic --
1. widen Hooper Road... Bridge over Amite Hooper - to - Watson
2. widen Sullivan Road
3. 4 lane Greenwell Springs Road - cover ditches
4. Finish Central Thruway
5. maintain the roads we already have
6. 4 lane Flonery and Sherwood Forest ---

AL-1

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Jan 8, 2012

HNTB Corp
9100 Bluebonnet Centre Blvd
Suite 301
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Attn: Suzanne McCain: P. E.

To Whom It may Concern:

I am sending this letter to you with great concern over the studying of the feasibility of a loop around Baton Rouge, LA. The proposed northern routes all go through my area of where I live and work. We are a rural community in the Watson area, yet we are a fully developed area. I have lived here all my life as my family and my family before me. Our local church founded many years ago and the other local churches that have since been established are full of the local people. The schools and sports complexes that are major community events for our lives, are all growing and prospering based on community. I do not see where any of this loop would help us in the community. The idea of the loop is to relieve traffic in the Baton Rouge are where it is shown that only 30% of the congested traffic is due to our local commuting. The maps used for this study are so outdated that it does not even reflect the correct occupancy of the land. This needs to be updated or better yet have the personal working on this "study to come out and take a look" at the situation.

HE-1

OP-6

CIR-4

RD-1

The people have spoken and as a democratic society, I thought that our voice would be the answer and then I read and hear in the news that this loop is still under proposal. This is such a waste of taxpayers money to continue these studies when we are in hard economic times. If private investors are putting up the money, they will want to make a profit and their initial money back immediately. Because of the fees that many locals would not be able to provide by toll, who will foot the bill to the investors? If it will be all of the state, then has this action been proposed to the whole state of LA so that they can have a say in it also? I can see better usage of the taxpayers money to the study of putting in a new bridge in our area, widening of existing bridges and roadways. We as a parish have worked hard to bring in new hospitals, shopping centers, etc but the loop would take away our tax bases for the spending when the loop would bring about more travel time and place those things "out of our way". We are in the midst of new local elected officials. Have they had the opportunity to voice their opinion? It seems that your proposal puts the investors in control of land and zoning without the voice of local government. These are but a few of the many conflicting questions that I have been unsatisfied

OP-14

TOL-1

AL-1

ED-1

CIR-8

LU-1

with in your study. I am voicing my concerns and as a citizen in the affected area, wish to receive better answers. Please respond by public or letter in regards to these issues.

Regards,

Wanda

Wanda Bankston Avant
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Cc: LA DOTD
Federal Hwy Admin LA Division

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RB-3

My family community will be greatly effected if E-1 is implimented. My 2 brothers, sister, niece, myself ~~and~~ + cousins live next door to eachother. We have lived on land inherited from grandparents. We planned, worked hard all our lives and are now retired. We don't want our lives disrupted.

Consider double laning I10 + I12. — Got to be cheaper than buying all the land and homes in the corrider.

AL-1

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El corrodoor passes over our house. This is a family "compound". my wifes sister & husband, older brother & wife, younger brother & wife, and a niece/husbar with young children all live on adjoining property. we plan to grow old together and care for each other. If we all are displaced by this project, our dream will be shattered. Instead of growing old together and living next door to each other, we will be scattered. RB-3 NOI-1

If by chance our property is not used for the project, we will be so close to the Traffic noise that our quiet quality of life will be no more. HE-1

I would like to see I-10 & I-12 be a double decker road, no need for buying much more land, not interfere with somany lives. AL-1

Do you know the southern route will solve traffic problems, or are you just hoping it will help. CIR-5

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From: Derek Babcock
Chairman, Board of Directors
Citizens for Highways and Infrastructure in Livingston Parish (CHILP)

Dear Suzanne McCain: P.E.,

As Chairman of the CHILP board of directors I am writing to express the opinion of our board as it relates to the Baton Rouge Loop project. After asking numerous questions of the Loop Authority and carefully considering the impact of this loop on our community, our board has voted unanimously to **OPPOSE** the development of the Baton Rouge Loop. OP-2

Our organization, Citizens for Highways and Infrastructure in Livingston Parish, was created by citizens of the parish to secure funding for new roadway capacity and improvement projects and to promote smart infrastructure growth throughout our parish. We are sensitive to the traffic problems our citizens deal with every day and we are certainly encouraged by the prospect of a new major roadway development within our parish. When considering the Baton Rouge Loop, we feel the impact on our community and the liability that falls upon the citizens of Livingston parish does not justify the potential benefit of the project. Some of our concerns include: unanswered questions regarding land acquisition (Eminent Domain), the burden that falls upon tax payers to meet revenue gaps and guarantee investor profits, the use of toll roads, and the negative effects on current economic development projects such as Juban Crossing and the Bass Pro Retail center just to name a few. HE-1 RB-2 TOL-1 ED-1

Again, we are encouraged by the recognition of so many elected officials and investors in the infrastructure needs of our parish and specifically the need for increased highway capacity projects. We would like to offer our suggestions for projects that would better serve the citizens of Livingston Parish. These projects include the extension of Juban Rd. from Florida Blvd to Lockhart. This would provide direct interstate access to the thousands of people living north of Lockhart Rd. The extension of Hooper Rd. across the Amite River and connecting to Hwy 16 would provide another bridge across the Amite River and alleviate traffic congestion going south on Hwy 16 and on Magnolia Bridge Rd. The widening of Florida Blvd from Denham Springs to Hwy 449 in Walker, not only would this provide addition capacity and further reduce traffic congestion, but this highway is a contra-flow route during times of natural disaster. We also support the widening of Lockhart Rd. from Hwy 16 to Burgess Ave. We feel the development of these proposed projects would create an internal loop system utilizing current roads and better serving the citizens of Livingston Parish. AL-1

Kind Regards,

Derek Babcock
Chairman, CHILP Board of Directors

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[ ] Other

OP-2

Comments: Our children and Grandchildren also oppose the Baton Rouge Loop.

Lewis and Mary Bagot
12/20/11

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Brittney Baker and I am a 21 year old college student living in Watson with my family. Every day I commute to LSU for my classes because I love my home Parish. Please reconsider putting a super Highway (the northern pass of the Baton Rouge Loop) right through the middle of my beloved community. While it would be devastating to have the place I call home radically changed by an interstate paving through the middle of it, this is not the only reason for my concerns. I understand that in order for there to be progress sometimes we have to make sacrifices, but I don't feel like the sacrifices in this case outweigh the benefits. Here are just a few of my reasons: HE-1

1. I drive to Baton Rouge 5 or 6 days a week and sit in the traffic. I understand that it is a big problem, but I don't feel like this is the solution. I would first have to sit in traffic to get to the entrance of the loop, then I would have to pay to use the road, and finally with very few entrance/exits planned I would have to backtrack to get to my home. This would not save me any time or money. I would still spend an hour plus commuting to Baton Rouge daily, and I would actually be paying more (I would use the same amount of gas, plus have to pay the toll to use the road). TOL-2 CIR-1
2. Watson may be unincorporated, but this is simply by choice. We've voted not to be incorporated because we are simply a Bedroom community. That being said even though we don't have a Mayor to speak up for us, this does not mean that we are insignificant. We are a thriving community with schools bursting at the seams and new ones being built. The Map being used to make the proposed routes is from 1996 and doesn't represent a great portion of the development in our community. This should be taken into consideration before "paving" over us. RD-1
3. It concerns me that this is being pushed forward so strongly when it was hard for congress to pass funding for this project, and Governor Jindal vetoed it. This shows me that the opposition to this project is not just people like me whom will be directly affected by its location. OP-3

Thank you for your time and consideration of my thoughts.

Brittney Baker

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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for giving me and my family the opportunity to express our concerns of constructing a toll road that will presumably correct Baton Rouge's traffic congestion. Thus far we, the people of Livingston, haven't been given much opportunity to interject our concerns on something that will impact my family, community and environment adversely. In 2010 we voiced our concerns and our elected officials listened to reason and our Parish President pulled our Parish out of the Capital Region Planning Authority. Subsequently the Governor vetoed state funding of future studies of the project. The community was relieved and somewhat reassured that the peoples' voice was heard. I realize that this is an environmental review thus first I will bring up some obvious environmental concerns and then go into the potential social-economic problems that will occur if this toll road is allowed. OP-4

Livingston Parish has beautiful terrain that is conducive to the habitat for many wildlife creatures. Some of which are considered endangered by the Department of Wildlife and Fish, as shown in the attachments two species that have been sighted in the area are the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker, and the Louisiana Black Bear. Constructing a road through the area will surely reduce the habitat for these creatures and many more that inhabit the area. Another concern is that the toll road will destroy large acreage of vital wetlands, reducing wetlands not only harms wildlife but also increases drainage problems due to less storage area. Also, if the toll road is constructed it is estimated that a large amount of its traffic will be freight trucks that emit exhaust from diesel engines. The freight trucks will also carry hazardous materials with the potential for an accident endangering Livingston's residence both man and wildlife. Another environmental impact is from noise pollution. Most of the citizens of this area have moved enjoy the country and it tranquil setting. A toll road of this magnitude will ruin any aspirations of quiet living. TE-1 WE-1 AQ-1 HW-1 NOI-1 HE-1

Livingston Parish is for the most part a bedroom community to Baton Rouge, where people go to get away from the City life and just enjoy peaceful tranquility of the surrounding wildlife. Constructing a road of this enormity will destroy everything the community enjoys and is known for. The sounds of God's creatures will be drowned out by the sound of vehicles. Currently, there are infra-structure projects in Baton Rouge that are meant to help alleviate the traffic issues. One large project is widening Interstate 12 from Walker, LA to Oneil Lane, in Baton Rouge. The Louisiana DOTD has determined this method to be the most economic and environmental friendly option to reduce the traffic problems. Before anymore funding is misused on the toll road these projects should be completed and determined if they were successful in alleviating the current issues. AL-1

Thank you again for allowing us the opportunity to voice our concerns. Please remember, it is our responsibility to take care of the environment and all of God's creatures. I hope that this letter will give you further insight of what our community means to us and how the negatives of constructing a toll road vastly outweighs the positives (if there are any).

Species Profile

Environmental Conservation Online System

(http://www.fws.gov)

Red-Cockaded woodpecker (Picoides borealis)

(/docs/species_images/doc3700.jpg)

Kingdom: Animalia **Class:** Aves **Order:** Piciformes
Family: Picidae

Listing Status: Endangered

Where Listed: WHEREVER FOUND

Quick links: Federal Register (#status) Recovery (#recovery) Critical Habitat (#crithab) Conservation Plans (#conservationPlans) Petitions (#petitions) Life History (#lifeHistory) Other Resources (#other)

General Information

22 cm. Rather small black-and-white woodpecker with longish bill. Above black barred white. Below white with black spots on flanks. Black crown, nape and moustachial stripe border white cheeks and side of neck. Male has small red mark on the side of nape. Juvenile browner with variable extent of red on crown.

This species is listed wherever it is found, but

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Species Profile

Environmental Conservation Online System

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Louisiana Black bear (Ursus americanus luteolus)

Kingdom: Animalia **Class:** Mammalia **Order:** Carnivora **Family:** Ursidae

Listing Status: Threatened

Where Listed: WHEREVER FOUND

Quick links: Federal Register Action Plans Recovery Critical Habitat Conservation Plans Petitions Life History Other Resources

General Information

The Louisiana black bear is one of sixteen recognized subspecies of the American black bear U. americanus (Hall, 1981). This species was formerly widespread in North America, from northern Alaska, including Newfoundland, south to central northern Mexico (Lowrey, 1981). The Louisiana black bear is distinguished from other black bears by possessing a skull that is longer, more narrow, and flat, and by possessing proportionately large molar teeth (Nowak, 1986). Black bears are huge, bulky mammals with long black hair. Although weight varies considerably, large males may weigh more than 600 pounds.

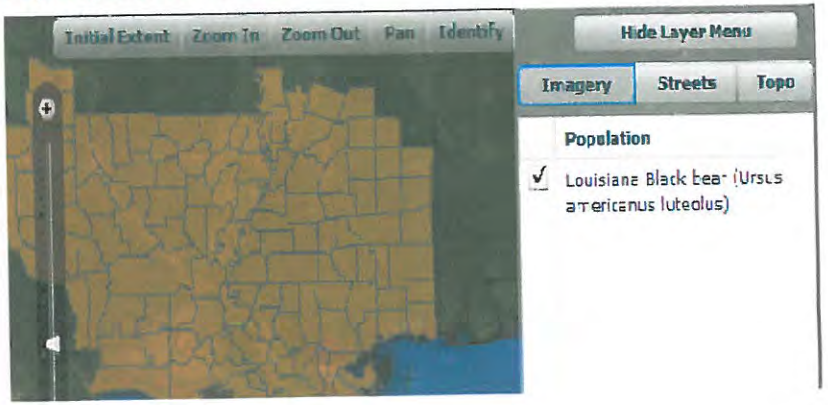
This species is listed wherever it is found, but

States/US Territories in which the Louisiana Black bear is known to or is believed to occur: Louisiana , Mississippi , Texas

US Counties in which the Louisiana Black bear is known to or is believed to occur: View All

USFWS Refuges in which the Louisiana Black bear is known to occur: ATCHAFALAYA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, BAYOU COCODRIE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, CADDO LAKE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, CAT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, CENTRAL LOUISIANA REFUGES COMPLEX ... Show All Refuges

Map of Species occurrence



January 20, 2012

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Fred Baker: PhD PE retired
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Dear Ms. McCain:

I write this letter in opposition to the proposed BR Loop and the Tier 1 EIS being considered at this time. I am a retired professional engineer with a PhD. I spent my career as a faculty member and administrator with Louisiana State University. I consider myself to be an objective person coming from a career that demanded that trait. I have lived in the Watson, LA area since the early 70's and have been active in this community. OP-2

For approximately 15 years I have served on the Gravity 2 Drainage Board and know this part of Livingston Parish very well. The terrain here is very flat, maintaining gravity drainage is difficult but critical to protecting citizen's homes, businesses and public properties. RB-1

The population has grown rapidly as people have moved here to take advantage of the schools and rural culture. There are 144 subdivisions in our gravity drainage district. The majority of these subdivisions have been built in the last ten years. Any route that a major highway could take will cross several subdivisions, or if adjacent open or wooded land is available, a high percent will likely be classified as wetland. Much of the desirable higher land has been developed for subdivisions or other valued use. The cost of mitigating wetland is extremely high and often cost in excess of $200,000 per acre after the Corp of Engineers (COE) applies its formula of equality. Of course other environmental issues are obvious as well. Working with our drainage board, LSU scientists have identified several rare species of animals and plants that inhabit these wooded wetland areas. In addition this is a watershed of the Amite River thus demanding care in maintaining good water quality. WE-1 WE-2 TE-1 WR-1

All routes (corridors) selected through Livingston Parish in the BR loop plan will result in major alterations to the gravity drainage of the area and will likely result in raising flood levels. Overland flow, in the flat terrain, mostly wetland areas, is a major part of the gravity drainage in this area and any restriction, like a highway, adds to drainage issues. In my opinion it would be much wiser and less expensive in dollars and cost to the environment to enhance existing highways in solving our traffic issues. I suggest these points be studied at length before approving the Tier 1 EIS. WR-2 AL-1

I have many other questions about the wisdom of the "loop". My investigations into the traffic patterns question the number of vehicles that have need to travel the route the "loop" offers. The data presented in the Tier 1 document varies widely as to the projected number of vehicles. It would be wise to have a more definitive analysis before going forward. CIR-4

Because of my concern that the proposed corridors will negatively impact drainage, this fragile environment and the unproven value of this bypass in solving traffic issues I object to the approval of the Tier 1 EIS. RD-2

Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts.

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I am against this project for these reasons:

① There are better & cheaper options, such as; AL-1

a) Extend Hooper Road & 4 lane it all the way to I-10.

b) Improve Florida & Airline Blvd's w/overpasses to eliminate Red Lights

② Many of these privatization projects have clauses in their contracts that:

a) Guarantee certain rates of return (ROC) to the investors. TOL-1

① The consultants own #'s show that the potential Income for the loop will not come close to meeting the estimated cost.

② This will put the burden of meeting the guaranteed ROC's on the public. Requiring the sale of bonds or raised taxes. TOL-3

b) Prohibit local & state governments from building competitive roads with the loop. Any vehicles which ~~are~~ stop using the loop to take the competitive road, the local gov. will have to reimburse to loop Investors.

① This will prohibit instead of enhancing local growth.

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
[ ] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[✓] Other First priority; a by-pass from West BR. Parish to Gonzales area.

Comments: Question; when I-49 from Lafayette to New Orleans is completed, how will that effect volumn through Baton Rouge? How would widening Florida Blvd. to 6 or 8 lanes effect volumn on I-12. I-12 should be 6 lanes all the way to I-59 and 8 from downtown BR. to Walker. I-10 should be 8 lanes from downtown BR to Gonzales. I-10 should have more right of way at I-110.

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

AL-2

RD-2

AL-1

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The Baton Rouge Loop is long overdue. The traffic congestion is continually getting worse. I live in West Baton Rouge and work in East Baton Rouge. Traffic flow to cross the I-10 Mississippi Bridge everyday is restricted and convenient alternate crossings do not exist.

CIR-7

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[ ] Other

OP-2

Comments:

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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OP-1 CIR-7

I am in favor of the loop. I believe it will ease traffic congestion. And will provide alternate routes in emergency situations. EE-1

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Comments We don't need a loop — AL-1
What we need are MORE LANES

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Comments We definately need more lanes, not a loop. AL-1

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Comments agree with daughter + son in law — don't want loop, just more lanes — Example — How nice Old Hammond is where they made 4 lanes instead of 2 — Only problem — it needs to continue instead of bottle-necking back to 2 lanes — same on Interstate — More Lanes!!! AL-1

Name
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261-5022 (fax) tried faxing day & night & no answer

More Lanes is what's needed, not a loop — 4, 5, or 6 lanes (counting middle turn lanes + right + left turn lanes) on roads that are only 2 lanes with traffic jams.

Dec. 31, 2011

(2)

NO EXPENSIVE COSTLY LOOP

What B.R. + surrounding areas need are MORE LANES!!!

More lanes would be so much more feasible + less costly + would solve the problems, would solve the traffic jams.

For instance: look at the traffic sitting every afternoon for years where the MS River Bridge meets the interstate - traffic jam crawling... More lanes would solve problem.

Old Hammond Hwy. - wonderful where 2 lanes were made into 4, then... turns back into 2 lanes - traffic jam every afternoon crawling - More Lanes would solve problem -

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ED-2

A better infrastructure in this city would help commerce and allow businesses to grow and create jobs. Most other cities our size have a loop or some sort of road that helps with traffic flow. A loop would definitely make it easier for my company to do business in Baton Rouge and surrounding areas and also help other companies to do business with us.

CIR-7

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CAPITAL AREA EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY,
TO WHOM IN MAY CONCERN,

MY NAME IS MORRIS BERTHELOT, 3840 SUSAN JEAN DRIVE, ADDIS, LA. AND I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY OPINION ON THE PROPOSED BATON ROUGE LOOP.

AS YOU SEE, I AM A RESIDENT OF WEST BATON ROUGE PARRISH, AND HAVE BEEN FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS. AL-3

IT IS MY OPINION, THAT THIS LOOP, IF IT IS EVER BUILT, SHOULD NOT BE IN WEST BATON ROUGE PARRISH. IT IS MY OPINION, AND EVERYONE I HAVE SPOKEN TO, THAT WEST BATON ROUGE PARRISH, ESPECIALLY THE ADDIS AREA, HAS GROWN ENOUGH.

I HAVE HEARD FROM A MAJOR PROPONET OF THE LOOP, THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENTS REALLY ARE IN FAVOR OF THIS PROJECT.-------I DON'T BELIEVE THAT, AND HAVE SEEN NO PROOF OF THAT BEING THE CASE.

THERE ARE 2 FERRIES IN FULL OPERATION IN PLAQUEMINE AND WHITE CASTLE.------COMMON SENSE, DICTATES THAT IBERVILLE PARRISH WOULD BE THE PLACE TO ROUTE THIS LOOP, BUT "SUPPOSEDLY", STUDIES INDICATE THIS ROUTE WOULD MAKE THE LOOP "TOO BIG" AND TRAFFIC WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO USE IT.-------SOUNDS LIKE A FABRICATED EXCUSE TO ME.

NO MORE BRIDGES IN WEST BATON ROUGE PARRISH SOUTH OF I-10!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SINCERELY,

MORRIS BERTHELOT

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Resolution

Whereas, the Livingston Parish School Board finds that any prospective route for an interstate loop through Livingston Parish would be disruptive to communities and community schools; would contribute to the loss of tax base used for our schools; and would impact the transportation issues with school buses and school athletics. The Livingston Parish School Board hereby resolves to join the Parish Council, the Parish President and other elected officials in opposing any interstate loop that would be routed through Livingston Parish." HE-1 ED-1 PS-2

A motion was offered by Ms. Dickerson, seconded by Mr. Mincey to adopt the resolution and the vote on the motion was as follows: OP-2

YEAS: Ms. Kellee Dickerson, Dr. Milton Hughes, Ms. Karen Schmitt, Mr. Buddy Mincey, Jr., Mr. Jeff Cox, Mr. James Watson, Mr. Sid Kinchen, Mr. Malcolm Sibley

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Keith Martin

Bill Spear, Secretary

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RE: Opposition to the Baton Rouge Loop Tier 1 EIS

The Livingston Parish School Board hereby expresses opposition to the proposed Baton Rouge Loop Tier 1 EIS as discussed before the full School Board at its regularly scheduled meeting, January 19, 2012.

Numerous concerns were identified in open discussion during the Board meeting. We request that these specific concerns be strongly considered before reaching a Record of Decision on this project by the FHWA and other pertinent regulatory agencies.

Some of the reasons for our opposition are listed below:

- One corridor goes completely over the new Live Oak High School. The close proximity of the toll road to this school is totally unacceptable in that the school is scheduled to open for the 2012-13 school year. PS-3

- Will cause additional financial negative impacts on our already over burdened Livingston Parish School infrastructure due to increased student enrollment. PS-4

- Increased transportation costs due to: PS-2
  - A complete revamping of bus routes because the toll road will cut off traditional lines of travel causing an increase in travel time, mileage, and fuel costs.
  - Additional buses will be required.

- Buses will, out of necessity, travel the toll road and the school system will be forced to pay large tolls. PS-5

- Cafeteria food trucks will be forced to use the toll road in order to get to schools which in turn impacts the cost of food services, products and meals.

- Central office personnel travel costs will increase due to longer routes and tolls. TOL-2

- School athletic teams will have to pay to travel to competitions as well as teams visiting the home team will be forced to incur additional costs to their programs due to travel and tolls. PS-5

- School reporting and ending times will be impacted. PS-6

- Teachers and other school employees will be faced with additional travel time and costs due to tolls and fuel consumption. TOL-2

- Parents will be forced to take longer routes around the toll way or incur additional costs to sending their children to school for a free and appropriate public education. CIR-8 TOL-2

- Students who drive to school will be faced with additional safety concerns that ultimately transfer to the school system. PS-1

- Potential increases in crime against school property due to break-ins and vandalism. PS-1

Bill Spear, Secretary

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① much of the information in the Tier I study is several years old including traffic studies & cost estimates, how can a Tier I Approval be expected using outdated information RD-3

② How will the value of property and homes taken for this project be determined? BE specific RB-2

③ Provide documentation on the number of failures of this type of PPP in like areas to Baton Rouge RD-4

④ What alternatives other than a Loop, have been taken into consideration when developing this Plan. Be Specific AL-4

⑤ Why are schools & churches in Livingston Parish NOT considered in the routs outlined? PS-7

⑥ It is stated in the implentation plan that additional property can be taken near the highway for the development use of the private investors because of their RISK. This violates State Law. PLEASE EXPLAIN — Money-money-money-Political corruption. The People are against this Loop CP-1

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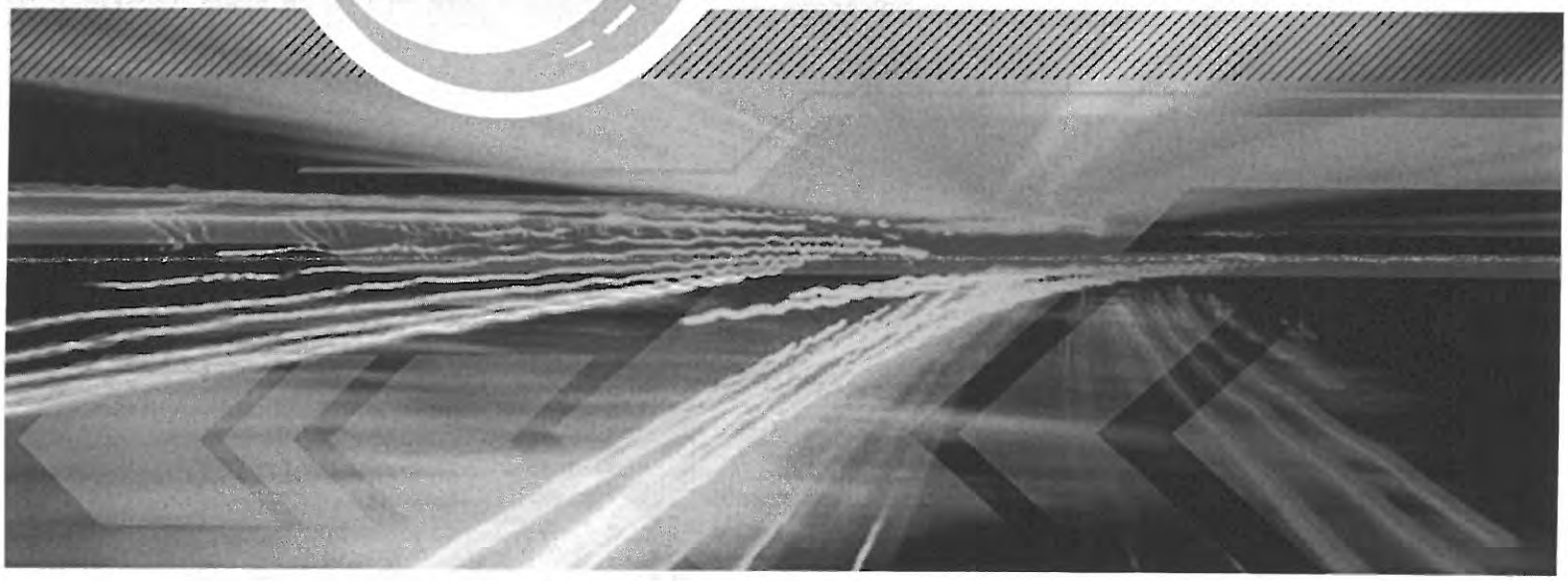

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December 6, 2011

To Whom It May Concern:

We strongly oppose the plans for the Southeast corner of the Baton Rouge Loop. OP-5

It appears the Loop Developers have selected a route which would literally destroy the property value between I-10 and Hwy 941 (Loosemore Rd & Brittany Tower Rd). RB-4

All homeowners in the Plantation Oaks, St. John and Loosemore Valley Subdivisions, plus, all other residences and small businesses outside these subdivisions would be directly affected. RB-1

We purposely chose to live here because of its quiet country atmosphere. To build a loop would destroy the tranquility and peacefulness that presently exist in this area. Traffic would increase and the infrastructure could not handle the additional capacity. HE1 CIR-9

When Houston built Beltway 8, they chose an area that was wooded and scarcely populated. Both the construction and access to Beltway 8 was a minimum disturbance to the residents of Houston. AL-5

Your proposal would put the access and construction in the most populated areas of those parishes surrounding East Baton Rouge. HE-2

It seems little consideration has been given to the needs of the people, and that your plans are being geared to the development of business alone.

We chose to live in this area for its residential qualities not for the growth of business. AL-6

If a loop is necessary, then it should be built in an area that would benefit those people who need it most. We feel it is not needed here.

Barry Blalock, Sr.

Mildred A. Blalock

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
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[ ] Other

Comments: THE PROPOSED LOOP WILL NOT BENEFIT CENTRAL IN ANY WAY. OP-6

WE ARE IN DIRE NEED OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND EXTENSION OF HOOPER ROAD ACROSS THE AMITE RIVER AL-1

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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I am opposed to the proposed loop for the Lake area — it does not benefit the people of Ascension parish in any way. If I wanted to go to Lafayette or Outlying area it would take me the same travel time with or without the loop. OP-2 OP-6

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As a lifelong resident of Lake, LA, it is very hard to think that the land that many of our former family members struggled to maintain for many generations to come could possibly become a thing of the past. It is the treasured rural area that ~~may~~ the family + residence in our area treasures; which if we chose the busy highway area which you are proposing, we would not be living here. It would not only be land you would be taking away, it is so much more. RB-3 HE-1

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OP-1

A LOOP IS LONG OVERDUE FOR BATON ROUGE, THE LOUISIANA CAPITAL CITY. TRAFFIC FLOW HAS BEEN HORRENDOUS FOR YEARS. OUR DOWNTOWN EXITS AND ON OFF RAMPS AT THE BRIDGE ARE DEATH TRAPS. SHREVEPORT AND LAKE CHARLES HAVE HAD LOOPS FOR YEARS. WHY DIDN'T B.R. MAKE THE MOVE FIRST.

PN-1

I ATTENDED A PUBLIC HEARING 5, 6, MAYBE 7 YEARS AGO. I AM TIRED OF THE TALK WITH NOT ENOUGH ACTIONS BY OUR GOVERNMENT LEADERS THAT SHOULD HAVE BROKEN GROUND ON A LOOP 10 YEARS AGO.

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January 7, 2012

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TO: Federal Highway Administration Louisiana Division
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FROM: Fran Curtis Bolen
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RE: OPPOSITION TO THE BR LOOP

Dear Ms. McCain, Ms. LaBas, and Mr. Highsmith,

I would like to go on record as a resident of Livingston Parish who is in complete opposition to the BR LOOP. I am a lifelong resident of the Watson community and am a retired Speech/Language Pathologist who served the Live Oak schools. Livingston Parish - and in particular the Watson area - is one of the fastest growing areas in the state due to excellent schools and rural atmosphere. OP-2

I have read the TIER 1 Draft, reviewed the proposed corridors, looked at the maps, and attended all of the public hearing meetings. I have grave reservations as to how this highway can benefit anyone in its path let alone achieve its stated purpose of relieving traffic on the interstate system.

As I attended the December 7, 2011, meeting, it occurred to me that the information you have included in this study and the information that you presented at Denham Springs High School is obsolete. For the amount of money that has already been spent by engineering firms on this project, can you explain to me why information has not been updated, including the maps, on a project of this magnitude? Large and small subdivisions, cemeteries, churches, schools, or businesses cannot be seen on any of the maps. There is very little open space left in Watson. Proposed north corridor locations will have a devastating impact. RD-1 RD-5 RB-1

I could not find any data to support your claim that even the public/private partnership will make this project feasible. In today's economy with people losing their homes due to no jobs and high taxes, I think that you have incorrectly assumed that the people of Livingston Parish, as well as eventually the entire state, will be happy to pick up the tab for the gap funding. We have difficulty now getting people to vote for taxes that will assist schools and good government. PS-3 TOL-1 TOL-2

The general "feel" of most people is NO MORE TAXES. How can you justify high profits to investors when we will have to make up the "gap" difference because people can't pay the tolls or will not pay the tolls? The only way to ensure investor profit will be to increase taxes. Parish and state government is operating now with severe budget cuts across all areas. This project has consumed millions of dollars already and we see very little in return.

Gas prices are rising. People are seeking routes to get to work and interstate truckers are trying to get cargo delivered. Do you see any of these people wanting to add any additional miles or fees to their route in this age of instant need gratification? My question is then, why hasn't EBR helped its own traffic situation before now. I am encouraged with Mayor Holden's recent attempts to improve traffic within the parish of East Baton Rouge but this loop will not make the impact that is purported. CIR-8 CIR-4

Until the engineers, using common sense, can define "a better way" to improve traffic congestion, please cease and desist this unseemly project. If you are so concerned about "through traffic", then build an elevated section, with tolls if you so desire, over portions of the I-10, I-12, and I-110 where there are right of ways and then restrict access and exit. And in the meantime, seriously look at the numerous other suggestions from the public that have been and are being presented to you. The people who drive the streets on a daily basis know where the "fixes" are. AL-1

LA DOTD and the Federal Highway Administration are charged with looking after roadways, bridges, and transportation issues on my behalf and freely use my tax money for projects. So, why have the engineers from these agencies not presented plans to improve traffic flow and patterns on surface streets before now? It is sickening that millions of dollars from the legislature have been spent and traffic is still congested. Widen existing roads, put in turn lanes, and improve timing of the traffic lights. A loop is not going to help the congestion on Airline Hwy, Bluebonnet, Perkins Rd, Greenwell Springs Rd, or Nicholson Dr. during lunch or rush hour. CIR-10 AL-1

Again, I respectfully request that this CAEA BR LOOP project be stopped now - totally and completely. Enough already. FN-3

Sincerely,

Fran Curtis Bolen

Fran Curtis Bolen,
Retired, Livingston Parish Schools
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OP-2

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[ ] Other

OP-7

Comments: This will encourage residents like us to move out of Central. Why would we need a representative on the Loop council if Central is 100 percent opposed to any Loop of any kind. Why not make our opposition fully known and never get in the project at all and we would not have to pull out later.

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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1. Need loop east from I-10 South of BR across River and connect to I-10 west of Port Allen AL-2
2. 4-5 lane Hwy 447 south of I-12 to Parker's groc then extend to Amite River and Connect with Hwy 42. 4-5 lane Hwy 42 to Airline AL-1
3. Connect I-10 to I-12 starting South of Gonzales and ending East of Livingston AL-7
4. Create New 4-5 lane rd from 1 mile south of Walker at 447 to 1 mile south of Livingston (or to New I10/12 by Pass) AL-1
5. Create new 4-5 lane rd from #4 Above to Hwy 190 Hwy 449 intersection w/exit at I-12
6. 4-5 lane Rd from Magnolia Bridge all the Way to Walker
7. Connect I-12 at E of Liv with loop Above Walker/Watson with New Amite R Bridge and to Hwy 19 North of Zachary

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IN MY OPINION

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 stated above would

1 - create the needed lanes to move traffic as needed for many years

2 - take less invasive path to minimise house loss and create large enough loop to really help.

3 - can be done quicker using existing ground roads as path while using vacant land for new roads

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Dear Sirs,

The Citizens of Port Vincent remain firmly against the Baton Rouge Loop.

We suggest you continue to widen the interstate, US 190, and Airline Hwy. We have seen many letters in The Advocate about a transit system and think this would help the Commuters into Baton Rouge.

Please don't sell us out to China.

Carolyn Brady
M. G. Brady
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Chelsea Mitchell
Alaine Fayard
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Troy Fayard
Destinee Morales
Jonathan E. Mitchell

AL-1

TR-1

TOL-4

THE RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSION
FOR THE PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE

January 6, 2012

Suzanne McCain, P.E.
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RE: BR Loop Tier 1 Draft EIS Comments

Dear Suzanne:

The Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) has the following comments on the Baton Rouge Loop Tier 1 Draft EIS dated October 2011:

Based on Chapter 4 – Section 4(f) Evaluation, and Chapter 6 – Future Actions, Commitments and Mitigation, the Baton Rouge Loop project has committed to not using Cohn Preserve, James Watson Park, and Cohn Arboretum in the Tier 2 EIS. However, these parks may receive traffic noise, visual, and other indirect impacts as a result of a nearby transportation corridor and thus require mitigation. Because of this, we want to emphasize BREC's continued consultation and involvement in the BR Loop project during the Tier 2 EIS process.

The other BREC parks with potential impacts, Scotlandville Parkway Park, Hooper Road Park, and Woodstock Park, are also within the alternative corridor footprints and still considered as possibly impacted and used by the Loop project. Scotlandville Parkway is a Land and Water Conservation Fund assisted park and thus in addition to being a Section 4(f) resource, is also protected by Section 6(f)(3) of the LWCF Act. Again, because of these potentially significant impacts, BREC wishes to emphasize its continued consultation and involvement in the BR Loop project during the Tier 2 EIS process.

BREC also urges the Baton Rouge Loop Team to give serious consideration to incorporating greenways that can incorporate pedestrian and bicycle travel into the Loop right-of-way. In addition to alternative transportation connectivity between parks and other destinations, the greenways could serve as mitigation for any impacts to parks and open space. Greenways promote healthy lifestyle, recreation, alternative transportation, and economic benefits. Evidence shows that greenways serve as catalysts for new residential and business development as well as rehabilitation of economically depressed areas. Louisiana has consistently ranked as having one of the highest levels of adult obesity in the nation. Promotion of healthier and more active lifestyles through activities such as cycling, walking and

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jogging will help foster long term reduction in obesity and an overall improvement to quality of life of communities.

Respectfully submitted,

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January 5, 2012

Baton Rouge Loop Project Team
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Dear Sir:

We are opposed to the loop going through Livingston Parish. It would ruin our country atmosphere and would do nothing to improve the traffic situation. HE-1

This project would not affect Baton Rouge at all and not improve the traffic. What they need to do is widen Florida Blvd. This would make a lot more sense. CIR-4

Please don't ruin Watson and Denham Springs and the surrounding towns with this ridiculous project. AL-1

Sincerely,

David & Marie Brecheen

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I am in favor of this project. No major city in the U.S. can progress without a loop. OP-1

Unfortunately, we are 35-40 yrs. behind the curve on this. OP-8

The leaders (parish presidents) need to leave the politics out of this matter

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OP-2

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In my opinion, Baton Rouge lacks an adequate freeway system to support its population and travel demand volumes. CIR-7

I believe that a system of freeway loops is a critical component to addressing the city's capacity issues and will only help to encourage future expansion and development of the region. ED-2

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AL-9

1) Elimination of the Sunshine Bridge as an alternative Route for I-10 bypass traffic significantly increases the cost of any Southern alternative and add to the time required to construct a southern section. Using the existing bridge might even make the Southern section feasible to construct. If any section of the loop is practical, it has to focus on reducing bypass traffic. Local traffic on the primary spokes of I-10, I-110, + I-12 will not be significantly affected.

2) It is ludicrous for a city like Baton Rouge to consider an investment this large, ostensibly to reduce Highway loading inside the city, ~~[illegible]~~ while refusing to fund the existing transit system. Transit systems will reduce environmental pressures as well as reduce congestion, but it must be supported with investment funding. TR-1

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AL-5

Comments: I WOULD BE MORE INCLINED TO SUPPORT THE LOOP THAT WOULD RUN NORTH OF THE CITY OF CENTRAL.

HE-1

CUTTING THE CITY IN HALF DOES NOT SERVE ANY ONES INTEREST.
WHY MAKE A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE MOVE GOING THROUGH CENTRAL WHEN YOU CAN DISPLACE A SMALLER NUMBER OF PEOPLE BY BUILDING A LOOP NORTH OF THE CITY.

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TR-1

① Your presentations usually give a token nod to mass transit, light rail, etc., but I see no evidence of consideration of such in your studies. Without seriously looking at public transit and its effects on traffic, your data is inaccurate and misleading. Do your homework.

AL-10

② The traffic problem is primarily a Baton Rouge problem, and solving it should be confined to the BR area. Instead, potential solutions are being foisted off onto surrounding — and primarily rural — parishes, who have shown over and over that they/we are not interested in a loop. Put it in BR or forget it.

AL-11

③ As you move potential corridors further away from the BR area, usually due to public opposition, the loop makes less sense and has even less chance for success. Keep it in BR.

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[ ] Other RB-4

Comments: I OWN 2 LOTS IN COMITE HILLS WEST, THIS LOOP WOULD DEVALUE THESE 2 LOTS. OTHER UNDISIRABLE ASPECTS OF THE LOOP WOULD BE NOISE, DUST AND OTHER UNDESIRABLES ROUTED THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY.
I WOULD NOT USE THE LOOP, MOST OF MY TRAVEL IS FROM CENTRAL SOUTH, USING THE LOOP I WOULD HAVE TO GO EAST OR WEST TO GO SOUTH.

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AL-1

OP-6

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Associated Grocers, Inc. of Baton Rouge utilizes the Interstate system in and around the Baton Rouge area to deliver grocery and food products to independent retail grocers throughout Louisiana, east Texas, and southern Mississippi. Any roadway improvements which could facilitate the improved and safe flow of traffic to and from our distribution center and to and from our delivery locations would be fully supported. Traffic congestion and delays are very costly to us and to our customers.

OP-9

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[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop

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to relocate, with much difficulty, which NO don't you understand? natur

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Comments OPPOSE OP-2

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Comments Oppose OP-2

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Comments opposed OP-2

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January 8, 2012

HNTB Corporation
Attn: Suzanne McCain: P.E.
9100 Bluebonnet Centre Boulevard
Suite 301
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

RE: Baton Rouge Loop Opposition

Dear Mrs. McCain:

I am writing this letter so that my voice will be heard. I strongly OPPOSE the Baton Rouge Loop because the way of life I fought so hard to obtain for my children will be destroyed by this project. I live off of Cane Market Road (Highway 1024) in Watson with my 5 year old daughter and 14 year old son. The interactive map http://gis.ursbtr.com/interactivemap/ clearly shows the proposed loop passing over our Highway twice cutting off access to my elderly mother's house. If this route shifts it will destroy our subdivision not to mention the proposed loop wipes out my brother's neighborhood on Arnold Rd. (Highway 1025). My son attends Live Oak High School which is also in the path of the Loop. I avoid Baton Rouge like the plague, here is a prime example:
http://www.wafb.com/story/16470464/police-respond-to-shooting-near-mall
My son asked to go to the mall that very same night, I brought him to Dillards in Hammond thank GOD. This loop will bring the violence to our doorsteps. The people in our community CHOOSE the Watson way of life as a safe, friendly, and wholesome environment for our children. This project will destroy our lives as we know it and severely affect the futures of our children, PLEASE do not allow this to happen.

HE-1

RB-3

PS-3

PS-1

Sincerely,

Angela Catalanotto
35035 Napoleon Dr.
Denham Springs, LA. 70706
(225) 485-8353

Cc: LA DOTD, Federal Highway Administration Louisiana Division

MILEY LAW FIRM
3211 MONTERREY DRIVE
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70814-4072

PHIL E. MILEY
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January 12, 2012

LA DOTD
Attention: Sherri LaBas
P. O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: Baton Rouge Loop Project

Dear Ms. LaBas:

I am enclosing herewith a "true copy" of City of Central Resolution 2012-1 entitled "A Resolution Disapproving the Baton Rouge Loop Project". This Resolution was passed by the council for the City of Central at the January 10, 2012 council meeting.

With kind regards, I remain

Sincerely,

Mark D. Miley
City Clerk, City of Central

MDM/rmf
Enclosure

CITY OF CENTRAL

BY COUNCIL MEMBER MESSINA

Resolution 2012-1

A RESOLUTION DISAPPROVING THE BATON ROUGE LOOP PROJECT

WHEREAS, efforts continue to move the Baton Rouge Loop Project forward;

WHEREAS, millions of taxpayer dollars have already been expended towards the Baton Rouge Loop Project;

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Expressway Authority, which is the legal entity established to pursue the loop continues its effort to pursue the loop project despite a widespread loss of support for the 4.5 billion dollar project;

WHEREAS, public hearings are scheduled to be held, which is one of the final requirements of the project's environmental impact statement, prior to submission for approval to the Federal Highway Administration;

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Loop Project is overwhelmingly disfavored by the citizens of Central;

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Loop Project will likely transect the City of Central creating a disruption to all or part of the city's rural nature;

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Loop Project will likely increase the flow of traffic within the City of Central creating more of a burden on the City's infrastructure, particularly roadways;

WHEREAS, the Baton Rouge Loop Project will likewise create a negative impact on the City of Central's social and economic environment;

WHEREAS, the City of Central seeks a commitment to form its own study group to determine the City of Central's transportation needs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Central City Council does hereby express its disapproval of the Baton Rouge Loop Project as proposed.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

For: LoBue, Messina, Washington

Against: DeJohn, Moak

Absent: None

Adopted this 10th day of January, 2012.

Mark D. Miley, Central City Clerk
January 10, 2012

A TRUE COPY
this 12 day of January, 2012

NOTARY PUBLIC

CITY OF CENTRAL
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Kristenwood Building
14025 Greenwell Springs Road
Central, LA 70739

Tuesday, January 10, 2011 **6:00 PM**

I. Preliminary Business

(1) Call to Order –*Mayor Watts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.*

(2) Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance – *Ron Erickson*

(3) Roll Call – *Council Members – DeJohn, LoBue, Messina, Moak and Washington were present.*

(4) Approval of minutes from the December 13, 2011 council meeting.

Councilman Washington moved to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2011 council meeting and Councilman LoBue seconded the motion. Vote: 5 Yeas (DeJohn, LoBue, Messina, Moak and Washington) Motion passed.

II. Unfinished Business

None

III. New Business

1) Mayor's report and presentations.

Mayor Watts asked Ms. Sheri Morris to present her review of Act 1017 (1997) (Exhibit A).

2) Report from IBTS concerning services through November 2011 provided to the City of Central.

3) Introduction of the following item(s) (with public hearing to be held at the January 24, 2012 council meeting).

a) An Ordinance to amend and reenact Section 707 of Title 12, relative to enforcement of ordinances enacted prior to the effective date of Act 271 (2011) and of ordinances involving licensing and permits and to provide for related matters. (By Council Member Washington)

4) Public Hearing and action regarding the following instrument(s):

a) A resolution disapproving the Baton Rouge Loop Project. (By Council Member Messina)

Public Comment in favor of resolution: Ted McCulley, Ronnie Cutrer, Gene Baker, Barbara Smith, Larry Hebert, R.J. Saucier, Jr. Shelton, Mike Mannino, Woody Jenkins, Kim Fralick, Lynn Camus, Buddy Wicker, Brennan Easley, Fran Bowling

Public Comment against resolution: Jason Ellis, Joey Giles, Tim Lazaroe, Michelle Freneaux, Beth Fussell, John Green, Aaron Goolsby, Chris Dickerson, Nick Carmena, Rodney Bonvillain, Kim Ellis, Philip Ziegler, Kandi Jones, Dave Freneaux, Wade Giles, Wayne Leader, Lucky Ross, Alex Piers

Vote: 3 Yeas (LoBue, Messina and Washington), 2 Nays (DeJohn and Moak). Resolution passed.

IV. Zoning Cases

(1) Introduction of the following item(s) (with Public Hearing to be held at the January 24, 2011 council meeting):

None

(2) Discussion and action regarding the following case(s):

None

V. Other Business

(1) Public Comment – *Marvin Garrene*

* Restricted to items not on the agenda. A Public Comment Request to Speak Card must be turned in to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting in order to be considered. Public comment is limited to 10 speakers with three minutes each.

(2) Announcements - *None*

(3) Adjournment – *Mayor Watts adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.*

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[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[ ] Other

OP-2 AL-1

Comments:
There is a much better use of funding for roads that would actually SOLVE traffic issues in central.

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OP-2

AL-1

Comments: Improve Florida Blvd pass Walker. Four lane Hooper Rd. to Hwy 16 in Watson. Improve one of the major roads in south Baton Rouge to 4H Clubs Rd in Denham Springs. This will get your local trafic off the Interstate Hwy. and cost less than a loop.

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[ ] Other

OP-2

AL-1

Comments: 4 LANE HOOPER RD TO AMITE PUT BRIDGE TO WATSON

WE DON'T WANT THE LOOP IN CENTRAL

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Phone 225-261-2685 Email

[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop. OP-2
[✓] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop CIR-4 AL-1
[ ] Other

Comments: I am against the loop because it will not help the traffic. If the roads we have already were improved that would be the most good. When the state workers were all sent downtown to work is when the traffic problems started. Everyone gets off work at the same time and there's the problem. Stagger the getting off time and that will help the traffic.

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments. CIR-11

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[ ] Other

OP-2 CIR-4 TOL-2 HE-1

Comments: I strongly oppose the loop for several reasons. First, I don't see how the loop through Central will help the traffic in Baton Rouge + south Baton Rouge. Second, the truckdrivers are not going to pay a toll to go all the way around to get where they are going. Third, it will destroy the Central community. We like the country feel out here. It's the way we live and enjoy.

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments. The people say no loop. Doesn't it matter what the people want?

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Comments: No loop in Central!

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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Suzanne McCain
P.E. at HNTB Corporation
9100 Bluebonnet Centre, Suite 301
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

RB-3

Dear Ms. McCain,

I am a resident of Livingston Parish and the Lakes at Belle Terre. Should it be built as planned, my neighborhood is going to be affected negatively by the BR Loop. I'm not a politician, just a concerned private citizen. I want to state my opposition to the BR Loop. No one in my parish wants the Loop. Most of the surrounding parishes are not in favor of it. Only the city of Baton Rouge is pushing the BR Loop. I hope a thorough impact study will be done, financed by the private sector, before any plan is implemented. I have no problem with the Loop, if it is placed in uninhabited, rural areas and does not require removal of existing and established subdivisions, churches and schools. OP-2 OP-10

My reasons for opposition: AL-5

1. Livingston Parish officials and citizens have no input on the implemation of the project. This is being done almost wholly by the city of Baton Rouge. Most of the surrounding parishes have rejected the Baton Rouge Loop. Baton Rouge is using the Federal government to ramrod it through, despite heavy opposition by the public. OP-4

2. Research shows that many toll roads lose money. Public money should not be used to make good the losses, should they occur. The state, parishes or cities should not be burdened with a guaranteed profit for the investors. Trust me, the people of Louisiana are not going to support a toll road. They are only going to use free roads, even if they're crowded and congested. TOL-1

3. Damage to property values. Research the effect of property values near the Loop. I worked hard for 50 years to get my dream home. As I understand it, my subdivision will probably be taken to build the loop. I'm sure I will not be paid what my home is worth. I certainly will not be able to buy an equivalent home in the area for what I will receive if it is condemned. Replacement of my house would cost me another $100,000, which I don't have. RB-4

4. There is plenty of land north of my subdivision that is farm land and undeveloped land. Subdivisions, schools and churches should not be taken when uninhabited land is readily available. I realize this will cost the investors more money as it will make the loop longer. However, they and the city of Baton Rouge are the ones that want this loop and they are the ones who should have to take the risks involved and not cause citizens of other parishes to suffer from this ill-advised project. AL-5 CIR-3

5. 73% of the traffic on I-10 and I-12 in the Baton Rouge area is local traffic. They are not going to use the loop by-pass for two reasons: the toll cost and the longer driving distances. Louisianians will not pay to go on a toll road when more convenient free roads are available. TOL-2

6. Do a private poll in each parish to see if the Baton Rouge Loop is needed and worth the cost. Public meetings will not prove anything. The public will participate only if it is convenient for them to participate. Polling them by phone or mail would give you a better understanding of their feelings. Be sure to mention the condemnation of subdivisions, schools and churches and the guaranteed profit to the investors by the state or parishes. Most of the citizens are not aware of what is going to happen in their area. If they did, they would oppose this project. RD-6

Bottom line - the Baton Rouge Loop is just a project that might remotely help traffic congestion in Baton Rouge. Additionally, I'm sure the politicians will reap some financial benefits at the expense of the hard-working public. I'm sure Mayor Kip Holden and his cronies will be compensated substantially by the private sector, that is interested only in making money. Investors could care less about the damage to communities. If the state, parishes or cities don't guarantee a profit, the Baton Rouge Loop will not be built. The loop might help the traffic situation, but it is not worth the costs that could ensue for its citizens, if the investors are guaranteed a profit by the local governments. OP-11 TOL-1

Sadly, I'm probably wasting my time writing this letter. The Federal Government will force this project on its citizens because we are few in number and not vocal enough. The public will not write letters as is required. A phone poll would be a much better procedure. Politicians and influential investors working together for their common good (profit) have much more sway than a few concerned citizens, who are concerned about their homes and parishes. I am not alone in my feelings, but I fear there will not be enough of us to write you about our concerns.

I hope you will thoroughly research the impact of the Baton Rouge Loop and its financial feasibility. If it's going to have to be bailed out by the taxpayers, this it shouldn't be approved. I would think any concerned citizen would see its flaws and that it is not a good investment for the public. Don't shackle us with taxes to pay for this. Let the investors take the risk. And most of all, don't ruin our beautiful neighborhoods, if you you can go around them and leave them intact. TOL-1 HE-1

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Church
37658 Rue de Lac
Denham Springs, LA 70706

Baton Rouge Loop

Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston, and West Baton Rouge Parishes, Louisiana

CAEA Project No. E - 2009 - 001
S.P.No. H.005201 (700-96-0011)
F.A.P.No. STP-9609(504)

COMMENT FORM

PLEASE PRINT NAME AND ADDRESS *(Anonymous comments cannot be fully considered)*.

MATT CLARK
4162 STUMBERG LN.
BR, LA 70816

CIR-7

This is help with all of the bottleneck traffic jams on the interstate that we have today —

If you attended a public hearing, please check which one:

- ☐ December 5, 2011 – Baton Rouge
- ☐ December 6, 2011 – Gonzales
- ☐ December 6, 2011 – Plaquemine
- ☐ December 7, 2011 – Denham Springs
- ☐ December 7, 2011 – Port Allen

Name: MATTHEW J CLARK

Address: 4162 STUMBERG LANE, BR, LA 70816

Phone:

Email:

Written comments can be left in the comment box at this hearing or fold, stamp, and mail to CAEA (address on the reverse side).
In order to be included in the public record, comments must be received or post-marked no later than January 9, 2012.

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Comments OPPOSE !

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[ ] Other

OP-2

HE-1

Comments: We do not want such a thing hear. We are happy with our current situation

Note: Submitted by Central City News

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Comments
Don't want the loop -

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop OP-2 AL-1 CIR-4
[ ] Other

Comments: There is no need for this project when we have other solutions. Stop beating around the same bush and get new ideas.
The loop is shown not to be effective - why waste time + money while hurting the growth of Central? The money could be better invested somewhere else.

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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January 7, 2012

TO: HNTB Corporation
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LA DOTD
Attn: Sherri LaBas, Secretary
PO Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Federal Highway Administration Louisiana Division
Attn: Carl Highsmith
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Baton Rouge, LA 70808

FROM: John M. Curtis
11558 Springfield Rd
Denham Springs, LA 70706

RE: OPPOSITION TO THE BR LOOP

My name is John M. Curtis and I am a retired Principal of Live Oak High School (LOHS) in Watson, Louisiana and have a total of 33 years in the Livingston Parish school system. As I have reviewed information on the BR Loop, I am convinced that it will cause significant damage to the Watson community and in particular have significant negative impact on the new high school currently being built on Hwy 16 just north of Watson as well as North Live Oak Elementary, a short distance from the location of LOH. HE-1 PS-3

<u>I am 100% opposed to the BR Loop in any form or location.</u> OP-2

During my tenure as Principal, it was my responsibility to help coordinate bus routes between Live Oak High, Live Oak Elementary, North Live Oak Elementary, South Live Oak Elementary, and Live Oak Middle School. All five schools use the same busses at staggered intervals twice daily to transport hundreds and hundreds of children.

If a North corridor is selected anywhere in the vicinity of these schools, for a fact, the Livingston Parish School Transportation Department will have to add busses to be able to transport children in either direction north or south of the loop highway. As I understand your TIER 1 study, additional expense will be incurred putting in intersections along the route. In Appendix E, there is a letter, March 23, 2009, stating an EBR Council woman's opposition, to adding on/off ramps. She states, "My main concern is the number of exits and entrances along the loop. My concern is that the loops on/off ramps will encourage sprawl and haphazard development. I would like to see as few on/off ramps as possible where there are on/off ramps. I would like to see land development regulations enacted especially if the new ramps are in undeveloped or underdeveloped areas. – Allison Gibbs Cascio, EBR Council District 11." PS-2 CIR-1 LU-5

With Watson not being incorporated, it is my concern that the engineering firms and investors who ultimately select the loop corridor will be more interested in their own economic gain as opposed to how the corridor impacts citizens in its path. We do not have any industry in Watson and it is basically a "bedroom community" with good schools and churches. OP-11

Our quiet, traditional neighborhoods will be totally upset. The BR Loop bisecting the area will displace many residents in both large and small subdivisions. People have moved into Watson and the surrounding area specifically to get away from big city life and the associated problems that we hear about daily in the Baton Rouge news media. HE-1 RB-1

Additional concerns include the noise factor that the proposed highway will generate as well as what happens if there is a problem with a hazardous waste spill in the vicinity of the schools. Children cannot stay focused on tasks when distracted much less having to be in "lock-down" mode in case of an environmental catastrophe. NOI-1 HW-1

Within the study there is the statement: "Based on an evaluation of capital cost, traffic, environmental resources, and agency and public input the Project Team has not been able to reach a consensus on a single Preferred Baton Rouge Loop Corridor at this time.

Therefore, I ask you: If based on the amount of time and money that has been expended for years in the study of the loop project and the Project Team has not been able to reach a consensus on a preferred corridor, please give me specific reasons why the Project Team cannot reach a consensus. RD-7

If our School Administrators couldn't reach a decision any quicker than the engineering groups on the Loop, then the Livingston Parish School system would be in complete disarray much like the schools in EBR are now.

Studies have been conducted for many years and many millions of dollars have been wasted. Our legislators are funding numerous highway projects that are now underway to relieve traffic congestion. It is my desire to see these projects completed as well as see arterial routes into and beyond Baton Rouge improved, widened, and extended. For example: build a Hooper Rd Extension to Hwy 16 including another Amite River crossing; widen Magnolia Beach Rd across Hwy 16 to Eden Church Rd; widen Hwy 190 through Livingston Parish and Greenwell Springs Rd to a minimum of three lanes; finish building Hwy 16 as a four-lane thru to the St. Helena Parish line and beyond to I-55, if possible. Once these projects are completed and after all other avenues have been exhausted, La. DOTD - not CAEA, a private entity - should be charged with the task of finding additional remedies to specific traffic problem locations (ex: the engineering disaster on both sides of the new Mississippi River Bridge!). AL-1 OP-12

This BR Loop Project should be abandoned. In today's economy, this project will bring more destruction than progress. Thank you for your attention to my concerns. FN-3

Sincerely,

John M. Curtis,
Retired Principal
Live Oak High School

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NOTE: Submitted by Central City News

My opinion on the Loop??? ...not NO, but HELL NO!!!!!!!

Ronnie W. Cutrer
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* See Attached Comments *

Comments on Loop in Central City:

Once the decision to go forward with the Loop is made "MY" property will effectively become the property of "Others"... meaning that "OTHERS" will have "COMPLETE CONTROL" and make "ALL DECISIONS" pertaining to "MY" property. On that day "I" will expect FULL COMPENSATION from "THEM". For when "OTHERS" can tell "ME" what I can and cannot do with land that is purportedly "MINE", then that land is "MINE" no longer... and compensation should be wholly justified. RB-3 RB-2

The strip of land where "MY" property resides has been abused for the better part of thirty years. Ever since the days of the Tuscaloosa Trend, due to some shady reckoning and a bullshit technicality, "MY" property, along with everyone else's within this strip, has NEVER RECEIVED ANY ROYALTIES! All the while natural gas has been sucked from under our feet. And now on top of that comes "THIS"! I know their reasoning for choosing THIS PARTICULAR STRIP OF LAND for that infernal LOOP! It will obviously be CHEAPER TO BUY THE PROPERTY because there will be no royalty compensation due!

A "TOLL ROAD"? This requires some sort of "TRACKING DEVICE" upon our vehicles to monitor movement so that this "toll" can be "effectively tallied". And who's to say whether or not we'll ultimately get charged some "nominal" fee just for passing BENEATH the Loop? After all they'd "OWN" this property as well! I cannot wait to get THAT bill! And "WHO" will get this money? Will the City of Central be one of the beneficiaries? Will "WE" be able to VOTE ON ANY FUTURE TOLL INCREASES? Will we have "FULL DISCLOSURE" on how much toll has been collected? Will we be informed on "HOW AND WHERE THIS MONEY IS USED"?(If the "GAMBLING RACKETS AND LOTTO" is any guide I SERIOUSLY DOUBT IT!!!) TOL-5 TOL-6 TOL-7

Just remember... THIS WILL BE A "PERPETUAL" TOLL!!! Definition of "TOLL": a tax or charge for a privilege, esp. for permission to pass over a bridge, along a highway, etc... The "key words" here to me are "TAX" and "PRIVILEGE". And I for one don't believe China or anyone else is deserving of the "Privilege" to "Tax" me any further! And as for "my" Representatives serving here in Central... if "they" vote FOR this Loop THEY ARE NOT REPRESENTING "ME" nor anyone else in Central who is opposed to this Loop. Whoever has the ability to vote on running this Loop through Central should have complete financial disclosure enforced upon them. There should be Private Detectives looking into their finances to determine whether or not ANY kick-back has been received or ANY gain has been awarded that is associated with the Loop itself or any business associated with the construction of the loop or its financial backers. I fully understand that this is asking a bit much. The expectation of POLITICAL HONESTY and INTEGRITY is an oxymoron. And that is such a damned shame! TOL-4 TOL-12 OP-2

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Comments: A loop will not help me to get to the places I go in Baton Rouge. To help traffic situation complete Hooper Rd and extend it across Hwy 16 then it would help traffic flow. I am not in favor of paying a toll or fee to drive on a loop. Rippin what we have asked finish Hooper Rd that's been on hold for 30 years

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The unsigned [redacted]/OPPOSE the proposed BR Loop: strongly

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Name Jane G. Marcé
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Comments It will NOT solve the traffic problems that need solving. It will badly affect Central

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Dear Project Team:

People moved to Livingston Parish because of the moral values HE-1
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Sincerely yours,

Jimmy Davis

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Comments:
I think the loop would damage all neighborhoods in the Central Area with excessive noise, unsightly walls used for noise reduction.
The loop is not in the best interest for Central residents OP-6

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To the Baton Rouge Loop Project Team

- Why after many years of studies with negative results is the Parish of EBR trying to push this down the throats surrounding parishes? OP-14
- Was Kip Holden elected Parish president of West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston and Ascension Parishes?
- If you look at Kip Holden's campaign contributors you may see why this issue is still being pushed.
- DOTD has studied the traffic needs of this area. Is the Loop as designed following the plan developed by DOTD? PN-9
- Please justify the traffic numbers projected to use the Loop. CIR-19
- The plan presented shows different traffic projections in different portions of the plan please explain.
- The Governor vetoed money for future study why is this still going forward. OP-3
- Why was this proposal not submitted through the MPO? OP-12
- If DOTD studies show that 73% of the traffic on I-10 and I-12 in the metro area is local traffic why is the money not being spent to address local infrastructure? CIR-3
- Please provide money estimates of the real costs to taxpayers associated with "gap" funding. TOL-1
- Why are schools and churches in Livingston Parish not considered in the routes outlined? PS-7
- Please provide research on the effect on communities impacted by highways of this type. HE-8
- Please address the effect on surrounding property values near the Loop. RB-4
- It is stated in the Implementation Plan that additional property can be taken near the highway for the developmental use of the private investors because of their risk. This violates State law. Please explain. CP-1
- The Loop funding is projected to be a partnership with private investors with the taxpayers covering a 12% profit to the investors. Justify. TOL-1

- Several states have used PPP for projects. Studies indicate that several projects have been failures. The States are having regrets at using this funding method. Justify its use here. RD-4

- Any project looking toward the future should be considering the needs of future expansion of the I-12 corridor from Covington through Baton Rouge. Please address this point. AL-1

- Most private investor will want an immediate profit; a project of this type should look more at the long term needs. The routes should guide future development. Please address needs 10, 20 and 30 years in the future. TOL-13

- Explain specifically how the routes of the Loop would be "locked down". (Preserved) CP-1 CIR-8

- Why would anybody want to drive several miles further and pay a toll in order to get to the bottlenecks of the 2 Baton Rouge bridges? CIR-4

- Who in Livingston Parish had an input into the routes selected? The public meetings did not even consider suggestion from the public. Explain and be specific. OP-4

- Who pays for the needed changes in local infrastructure? Roads, drainage, utilities, added cost to drivers, added cost to the school system for bus transportation, etc? PS-4

- Charts in the Implementation Plan show the cost to the taxpayers to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually, which is in addition to tolls. In the present proposal you say the money will come from a State fund that has no money. Be specific where the "gap" funds will come from. TOL-1

- Do elected leaders in the affected parishes support this project? NEI-3 RD-2

- You say that people support this project. The question you asked was: "If the Loop solved our traffic problems would you support the Loop?" The Loop will not solve the traffic issues. Do the proper studies to prove your assumption. CIR-4

- Who are the investors and prospective investors? TOL-10

- Who are the new appointees to the Capital Region Planning Authority from Livingston, Iberville and Ascension parishes? RD-12 TOL-11

- Did the planners sit down with the elected leadership of Livingston parish as they put this together? OP-14

- Will DOTD have a control of the moneys that might come down from DC for this project, and if so who at DOTD? FN-6

- Has the Governor given his support to this plan? OP-3

- What happens if the citizens of a parish vote to not participate in the Loop? TOL-7

- The plan supposedly addresses the environment, yet in several locations the final routes have not been determined. How can a Tier 1 approval be issued? C/N-2

- Livingston and Ascension Parishes have high percent wetlands. Laws associated with mitigation of wetlands require that the land used to mitigate be located in the same hydrologic area. Where can this much land be found in this limited area? WE-3

- John Carpenter aid to Kip Holden said in a Senate committee hearing that the investor would decide on the route for the Loop. Justify. AL-31

- Summarize the previous findings resulting from studies on a Baton Rouge Loop. NEI-2

- What happens if nobody uses the Loop? Who pays? TOL-9

- Tolls are said to be based on $.15 per mile but it is also said that the investors are encouraged to seek the maximum rate justifiable. What will be the toll rate? Confirm. TOL-14

- Provide studies considering what will happen to crime rates in Livingston and Ascension Parishes as a result of this so called Loop. Who pays for added cost of law enforcement if the rates go up? PS-1 PS-4

- An environmental study must address the effect on local communities. Provide specific studies on all the communities in the effected parishes. Tier I approval should not be given until these are done. HE-1

- Who are the new appointees to the Capitol Region Planning Authority from Livingston, Iberville and Ascension parishes? What was their input into the plan? RD-12

- The quality of life for landowners/homeowners whose property is not located in the roadway right of way will be greatly diminished due to close proximity to the roadway and the attendant noise pollution. What provisions have been made to compensate these people for the diminished value of their property and quality of life? RB-4 NOI-1 HE-1

- What is the maximum proposed toll rate that is projected to be charged during the life of the road, and is it realistic and viable? TOL-14

- What are the provisions for handling the additional traffic load expected on the surface streets in proximity to the interchanges? Who is responsible for this infrastructure? CIR-9 PS-4

- Much of the information in the Tier 1 study is several years old including traffic counts and cost estimates. How can a Tier 1 approval be expected using outdated information? RD-2 RD-3

- Your plan calls for land use and zoning regulations in the chosen corridor(s) to prohibit the use of, and development of this land. What happens if the local authorities refuse to comply with your request to lock in this land? LU-2

- What are the restrictions on building new multilane or upgrading existing roadways to 4 lanes in proximity of the Loop right of way? TOL-3
- How will the tolls be collected? TOL-5
- What is the status of the proposed new river crossing south of the old Hwy.190 Bridge? AL-25
- How will the value of property and homes taken for this project be determined? Be specific. RB-2
- If the project turn out to be a complete failure, who will be ultimately responsible for paying for it? TOL-15
- What were the criteria, and the result of any studies on the impact of this road on the school system infrastructure? PS-2
- Provide documentation on the number of failures of this type of PPP in like areas to Baton Rouge, RD-4
- When most of this plan was drawn the current widening of I-10 and I-12 was not on the horizon. What impact/effects will this project have on the traffic on these roadways in Baton Rouge? Be specific. AL-1
- Will the current widening of I-10 and I-12 have an impact on the projected traffic that will use the Loop? Explain.
- What alternatives other than a Loop, have been taken into consideration when developing this plan. Be specific. AL-4
- Property values have declined in the past few years. What provisions will be made to people who owe more on their homes or land when they are forced to sell by eminent domain. Will they be forced into bankruptcy? RB-2

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Comments: I do not want Central to have the loop because it will change the whole way of life we have lived for ourselves & our families. I believe it is a wasteful and inefficient project. This money can be spent more wisely and achieve the same purpose. Find another way!!!

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January 19, 2012

Capitol Area Expressway Authority
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Re: Baton Rouge Loop EIS Tier 1

To Whom It May Concern,

The enclosed comments are an examination of the proposed Baton Rouge Interstate Loop project in light of a number of global trends.

While the trends are global and the proposed project is local, these trends (climate, energy, fiscal impacts, and ecological services) will impact both the project and the parishes the Loop would cross. At the same time, the Loop would be one of the largest and most expensive projects in the area's history, and its environmental impacts would be pervasive.

The projected local impacts of a number of these same global trends were discussed in a letter that I and several colleagues submitted to the FUTUREBR planning process, which is included as an appendix.

Global Warming: The first trend is that of climate change. The impacts of global warming on Louisiana's natural systems and hydrology are projected to be significant. Higher temperatures and a more extreme hydrological cycle will also have impacts on natural systems and on infrastructure like roads and highways. Among the reports looking at state and regional impacts of global warming are *Confronting Climate Change in the Gulf Coast Region* (2003) by the Union of Concerned Scientists and the Ecological Society of America,[i] and the National Climate Assessment, *Global Climate Change Impacts in the U.S.* (2009).[ii] BIO-1

The issue of greenhouse gas emissions is a central one for transportation policy. A recent study by NASA (2010) found that emissions from motor vehicles were the greatest contributor to atmospheric warming caused by these gases.[iii] They also have a major impact on local air quality, along with other emission sources such as industrial plants. There are a number of efforts underway at the federal level to reduce vehicle emissions, such as the proposal to extend greenhouse gas and fuel efficiency standards to cars and trucks for model years 2017 to 2025.[iv] AQ-1

Energy and Fuel Costs: This trend is likely to impact U.S. driving within the near term, almost certainly during the construction phase of the proposed Loop. The "peaking" of global oil production is often misconstrued as "running out" of oil. What it signifies instead is the point at which the maximum rate of global oil extraction is reached, which results in the peak of production, followed by a decline in production and an ongoing rise in prices.[v] Indeed, high prices are already significantly impacting the cost of driving and will become even more severe in the next decade or two.

Since the U.S. and world economies are organized on the assumption of ongoing increases in both demand and production of energy, the economic impacts a peak in global oil are expected to be systemic. The timing and sequence of this trend is uncertain, but it is clear that failure to plan on the national level will likely exacerbate its economic impact, as a recent GAO report - *Uncertainty about Future Oil Supply Makes It Important To Develop a Strategy for Addressing a Peak and Decline in Oil Production* (2007) - concluded.vi

A likely result of this trend is that Americans will be driving far less a decade from now. This trend would impact both the Future Year Traffic Estimates of the proposed Loop (Chapter 2, Section 2.7.5), and consequently the recoverable amount of Toll Revenue (Section 2.8) that would be used to help pay for the project. Rising energy costs are already a key factor in the increased cost of construction and maintenance for projects like the Loop as well as the cost of driving itself. The estimated cost of the entire project has increased since the 2008 Implementation Plan, where the total ranged from $3.6 to $4.5 billion, to the current estimate of between $4.5 and $4.9 billion in the Tier 1 EIS (Executive Summary, p. ES-7). CIR-12

Fiscal Constraints: The traditional means of financing the proposed Loop – federal highway funds – are no longer an option, due to shortfalls in the federal trust fund and the overall federal budget situation. State funding for the project is also a lost option. A 2009 report by the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana – *Moving Highway Funding to Stable Ground* – notes that the state has a $14 billion highway budget backlog (not including the Baton Rouge Loop), and that the Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) is insolvent with a number of major projects not completed.vii The report cites a Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) estimate that meeting this challenge would require an additional $650 million in annual funding.

The PAR report notes that of the $16 billion worth of "mega-projects" listed in the State Transportation Plan, DOTD has undertaken parts of several which were listed as Priority A or B, but that 3 potential proposed Loops (around Baton Rouge, Lafayette, and Monroe) listed in Priorities C&D "would not be funded by the state even under the best case scenario." The Northern Bypass section of the Baton Rouge Loop was listed as a Priority B project, but given the fiscal situation described in the report, it also seems unlikely that state funding would support it, given other pressing priorities, such as coastal restoration, education and health care, etc. FN-1

The PAR report mentions a national trend of moving state roads to local control and responsibility, and cites the 2003 State Transportation Plan, which suggested transferring up to 5000 miles of current state roads to local control, thereby shifting their costs to local governments, who could in turn be liable for over $100 million in maintenance costs. This possibility, along with other potential results of the existing state shortfall, would seem to be

relevant for transportation planning in East Baton Rouge Parish, and to provide an important context for assessing the costs and benefits of the proposed Loop.

Impacts on Mass Transit: Most traffic congestion on the Interstate system within Baton Rouge is locally generated. A good mass transit system could significantly reduce congestion. TR-1
Construction of the Loop will use enormous amounts of funds that could be used for mass transit. Given ongoing fiscal constraints, it is clear that construction of the Loop would make it TR-2
much more difficult to secure funding for mass transit.

Ecological Impacts: The convergence of these trends highlights the importance of ecological or ecosystem services for the local economy. The natural processes carried out by a productive landscape and healthy watershed provide a range of economic benefits, including flood control, water filtration, air cleansing, and carbon sequestration. For example, a recent report by Batker et al in 2010 reported that the value of ecosystem services for the Louisiana coastal zone exceeds $40 billion dollars annually. Local agriculture can be included among ecosystem services, especially if carried out in a way that benefits water quality. These services will all become even BIO-2
more important in light of the trends outlined above. It is reasonable to expect that all will be seriously impacted should the Loop project be built.

East Baton Rouge Parish, along with the other parishes in the Loop project area, is already undergoing a serious decline in ecosystem services due to expanded growth and lack of planning. Loss of natural habitats and local farmland are increasing. The lost amenities go beyond a diminished quality of life to include health effects and the costs of addressing the biological impairment of parish waterbodies caused by pollution. The FUTUREBR Plan has the stated goal of addressing these problems, but it lacks a complete implementation strategy and the needed funding to carry it out.

Sincerely,

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APPENDIX

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August 12, 2010

To EBR Planning Revision Team,

We are writing as long-time residents of Baton Rouge to offer the following comments and suggestions for the revision of the Parish Master Plan. A consideration often overlooked in local and regional planning is the need to include the impacts of larger global trends. Such trends, of course, can directly affect the economy, environment, and quality of life for local residents.

Climate change and energy costs are two of the global trends whose effects and implications should be included in local and state-level planning. An additional trend is that of growing fiscal constraints on public spending at the local, state, and federal levels.

There is an extensive literature on climate change – global warming - and its potential to affect the economy and environment at the national, regional, and local levels. Many states and localities across the U.S. have initiated climate change policy efforts. The state of Louisiana has not engaged on this issue in a serious way, despite having serious vulnerabilities for its coast, economy, and quality of life. The city of New Orleans is the first municipal area in Louisiana to adopt its own climate policies, and issued a *Carbon Footprint Report* in July 2009.1 Baton Rouge can benefit from studying the example of New Orleans, as well as the other major U.S. cities who have undertaken climate action plans and greenhouse gas inventories. These include several major cities in the south: Atlanta, Chattanooga, and Nashville.2

The issue of energy scarcity, related to the trend called "peak oil", is even less widely understood. The "peaking" of global oil production has been explained as the point that is "normally passed when approximately half the total has been taken, termed the midpoint of depletion."3 This trend has serious implications for the U.S. economy, which is predicated on cheap, accessible, and limitless oil and gasoline. The price spikes of oil and gasoline in 2008 provide a useful example of the impacts that this long-term trend has for American cities and states, and recent reports by the Government Accountability Office and the Department of Defense have raised concerns about the lack of planning for peak oil by the U.S.4 Portland and San Francisco both formed Peak Oil Task Forces that have issued planning reports for their cities.5

While Baton Rouge and the metropolitan area have been spared many of the worst impacts of the current recession, the budget shortfalls currently faced by many cities and counties across the nation reinforce the likelihood of fiscal constraints in the area of public investments in the future.6

There are several areas of focus where awareness of these trends should help inform local planning in the Baton Rouge metropolitan area.

Infrastructure and Landscape Planning: Planning infrastructure and land use policies for a warmer climate and constrained energy use can provide a number of important economic and environmental benefits. The impacts of the "urban heat island" effect have been recognized for some time.7 Encouraging the utilization of shade for parking lots, walkways, and public spaces, will provide a greater level of comfort in our current climate as well as in a warming future. These measures can also help reduce energy use for cooling cars and buildings. Louisiana has taken some progressive steps in the areas of tax credits for residential solar power, and programs that encourage energy efficiency.8 The inclusion of environmental design features – lighter-colored roofs, solar panels, etc. – in local commercial, governmental, and residential buildings can also help control energy costs and emissions.

The value of trees for shade is another long-recognized benefit of urban landscape planning. The benefits of urban forests, wetlands, and other natural areas within the city are also widely recognized on the national level, though they have always not been reflected in planning policies in Baton Rouge. Wildlife habitat, air and water quality, and scenic values are just some of those benefits. Future planning should include specific measures for greater protection of such areas, such as acquisition of land, cooperative agreements with landowners, and instituting local ordinances on land use.

Transportation: Baton Rouge has suffered from traffic congestion for some time, and this problem has dominated local transportation planning. But the trend of peak oil, which portends higher gasoline and fuel costs, should inform planning for changed transportation systems in the future. The proposed interstate Loop, which would circle East Baton Rouge and surrounding parishes, represents a step in the opposite direction. The costs of such a project (currently estimated at around $5 billion) will rise due to increased energy costs for construction and maintenance, all at a time when the amount of driving done by Americans may well be decreasing.

A key step in planning for the energy price trend is the expansion of public transit systems. It is encouraging that the current planning effort underway for revision of the Parish Master Plan is giving serious attention to transit options. The same rising energy costs that affect traditional road projects will also impact the costs of public transit systems. Some attractive options, such as

light rail systems, may become less affordable if not implemented in the near term. Other options, such as expanded bus systems, can be implemented on a shorter time scale as the necessity arises. Taxpayers need to understand that such public investments will be taking place in a more constrained fiscal environment, and their energy costs will be a larger part of their overall price tag.

Local Food Production: Predicted trends in energy cost will also impact food production, which currently depends on long-distance transport produce and other material by truck and plane. A growing number of localities are recognizing the value of local food production. The success of the Red Stick Farmers' Market in Baton Rouge reflects strong public support for this approach, and it is important for local planning to do so as well. Support for community and neighborhood gardens, which can be done on relatively small properties, should be included in planning.

The importance of remaining farmland within East Baton Rouge and neighboring parishes should also be recognized, and programs put in place to support its protection. Some of the last extensive tracts of local farmland in the metro area lie along the River Road, which face increasing development pressure, with no planning for protection, despite the fact that this area is recognized as a resource of national importance.

Water Quantity and Quality: Climate and energy trends will have some of their most serious impacts on water supplies and use. While Baton Rouge is located on the Mississippi River, our city is fortunate in having a high-quality aquifer to utilize for drinking water. The same source is also tapped for many uses – washing cars, watering lawns, flushing toilets and conveying municipal wastewater – which do not require high quality water. Encouraging the adoption of advanced design cisterns and rain barrels for such uses can help conserve this high quality drinking water source.

Like many expanding urban areas, Baton Rouge faces growing challenges and costs for municipal drainage. A key factor in these rising costs is the spread of impermeable surfaces (asphalt, concrete) and loss of natural drainage systems such as forests, fields, and swamps. At the same time, all of the waterbodies in the parish are impaired by pollution from both point sources (end of pipe) and non-point sources (urban runoff). The Department of Public Works contracted for a comprehensive report (*Mitigating Nonpoint Source Pollution in Urban Watersheds with Spatial Modeling, Best Management Practices for Wetlands and Community Outreach*, Kemp et al, 2007) on the parish's wetlands and how to incorporate their protection in planning policies, and language in the Horizon Plan and Unified Development Code recognizes their importance for sustainable growth, but it is not clear that such considerations are usually reflected in actual decision-making.

An additional measure that would reduce the costs of drainage infrastructure is the use of permeable surfaces for parking lots, with natural swales and wetlands connected to waterways.

Each of these areas of focus involves multiple and intersecting considerations that affect the costs of public investments. Planning for these trends (often termed "adaptation") also provides valuable mitigation effects as well – reducing energy use and the greenhouse gas emissions that are fueling the process of global warming.

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A Loop goes around something. If this is a Loop for B.R. it needs to go around BR. Two new Bridges across the Miss. River and pass between Baker + Zachary on the South between addis + Plaquimine. This is a loop. not using the old Miss. River Bridge. This is just another interstate going thru B.R., Make it a loop around B.R. Go thru open country not cities.

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January 4, 2012

HNTB Corporation
Attn: Suzanne McCain: P.E.
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Dear Madam:

I attended the meeting at Denham Springs High School on December 7, 2011. I expected to receive information on the proposed B.R. Loop. It was a very polished presentation of very general information. Everything presented was available in the local newspaper. After asking a number of questions that no one had answers to, we left with more questions and concerns. I have always felt that a loop was needed, but now, knowing how many studies have been conducted, I have great concern about their findings. I have even greater concerns after talking to a group of people that have met with consultations and engineers working with the "project".

My concerns include the following:

1. The map used in the presentations was VERY outdated in regards to Livingston Parish. Specifically subdivisions, churches and cemeteries were not shown. We were told none of the above would be disturbed, but the "proposed routes" on your maps show a very different story. Several people directly involve in pre planning admitted they were not familiar with area and had never tried to become familiar. RD-1

2. The 12% guaranteed return on investments to anyone let alone foreign companies or a government is ridiculous in this period of economic troubles. This guarantee is backed up with the promise that tax payers will foot any deficit. TOL-4 TOL-1

3. It has been noted that investors have been guaranteed certain considerations with regards to development of commercial properties along the proposed routes ED-3

4. I noticed that several routes that were proposed in Ascension Parish have been taken off the board, yet all routes in northern Livingston Parish are still under consideration. The Routes in the Watson community show a total disregard for property owners, churches and schools. I was told that one recreation area has been promised it would not be disturbed. (?) AL-8 AL-13

5. In reviewing the proposal I could not find anything that stated the percentage of state residents that would be required to be hired by what ever company receives the bids. By this I do not mean consultants, public relations firms or engineering consultants, but local construction workers and other local supply companies. If tax payers are being forced to cover any lack of revenues, these funds must be used to bolster the local economy. This is pretty standard in many large state contracts. ED-4

6. I understand only two parishes (E.B.R. and W.B.R.) leaders are supporting this LOOP. Parish presidents and leaders from the other three affected parishes have taken stands opposing the LOOP. NEI-1

January 4, 2012

I hope these concerns can be addressed. These concerns are personal and until they are adequately addressed I will totally opposed to any Loop in the Watson area.

Sincerely,

Henry N. Denham

Henry N. Denham, Ed.D.
Retired Educator

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
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[ ] Other

OP-2

Comments:

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

Comments Must ARRIVE by Jan. 5, 2012

Note: Submitted By Central City News

Suzanne McCain

From: Beth Altazan-Dixon <Beth.Dixon@LA.GOV>
Sent: Friday, February 03, 2012 10:14 AM
To: Suzanne McCain
Subject: DEQ SOV 700-96-0011/3110 Baton Rouge Loop Tier 1 Draft EIS

January 27, 2012

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RE: Baton Rouge Loop Tier 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)-DEQ SOV 700-96-0011/3110
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F.A.P. No. STP-9609(504)
Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston & West Baton Rouge Parishes, Louisiana

Dear Ms. McCain:

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Business and Community Outreach Division has received your request for comments on the above referenced project. Sites were identified as having potential impacts such as active RCRA sites, oil and gas sites, LUST sites, inactive solid waste sites, etc. Depending on final alignment and footprint width of the proposed construction, a focused soils and groundwater assessment is likely needed. LDEQ assumes that this would occur in Tier 2 analysis when one or two alignment proposals are decided. The main portion of the site issues are at the Hwy. 190 corridor over the Mississippi River, on the east side. There are several active and closed sites or units that could have a potential impact on any bridge construction.

Additionally, the Assessment Division of the Office of Environmental Compliance has reviewed the information provided in your letter of October 28, 2011, regarding the referenced project in Ascension, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston and West Baton Rouge Parishes. Please be advised that these parishes were designated by EPA as ozone-attainment parishes with maintenance plans under the 8-hour standard. Since this federally funded action is proposed for construction in these ozone-attainment with maintenance plan parishes, this highway project is subject to the State's transportation conformity regulations as promulgated under LAC 33:III.Chapter 14, Subchapter B.

If this project is deemed regionally significant it must be included in a conforming metropolitan transportation plan, i.e., included in a comprehensive regional emissions analysis which demonstrates conformity to the State Implementation Plan for control of ozone.

Should you have any questions regarding state rules and regulations pertaining to transportation conformity, please contact me at (225) 219-3719. Thank you for affording us the opportunity to comment on this transportation project.

Sincerely,

Yasoob Zia
Environmental Scientist Manager

Assessment Division

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This proposed project has had numerous "studies" conducted regarding same over the last 30 plus years. NO MORE STUDIES; Just Do It!!! Much time has already been wasted & the costs for the project has probably more than tripled over those years.

A possible more efficient & cost saving approach may be to consider "inter-connecting & improving existing roads" to equate a "semi-loop" (of sorts). While such an approach may not be the Best solution it would provide an Improvement on what we presently have existing.

AL-7

30 plus years have passed & we remain exactly the same as when "discussion" first started.

Sincerely,

Lynn E Dugas

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The Ascension Parish School Board owns 700 Ac of section 16 property donated to us by the state. We have a transportation garage, maintenance, warehouse, office buildings that reside on this 16 section. Attached is an aerial that shows the proposed corridor edge running in the middle of these buildings.

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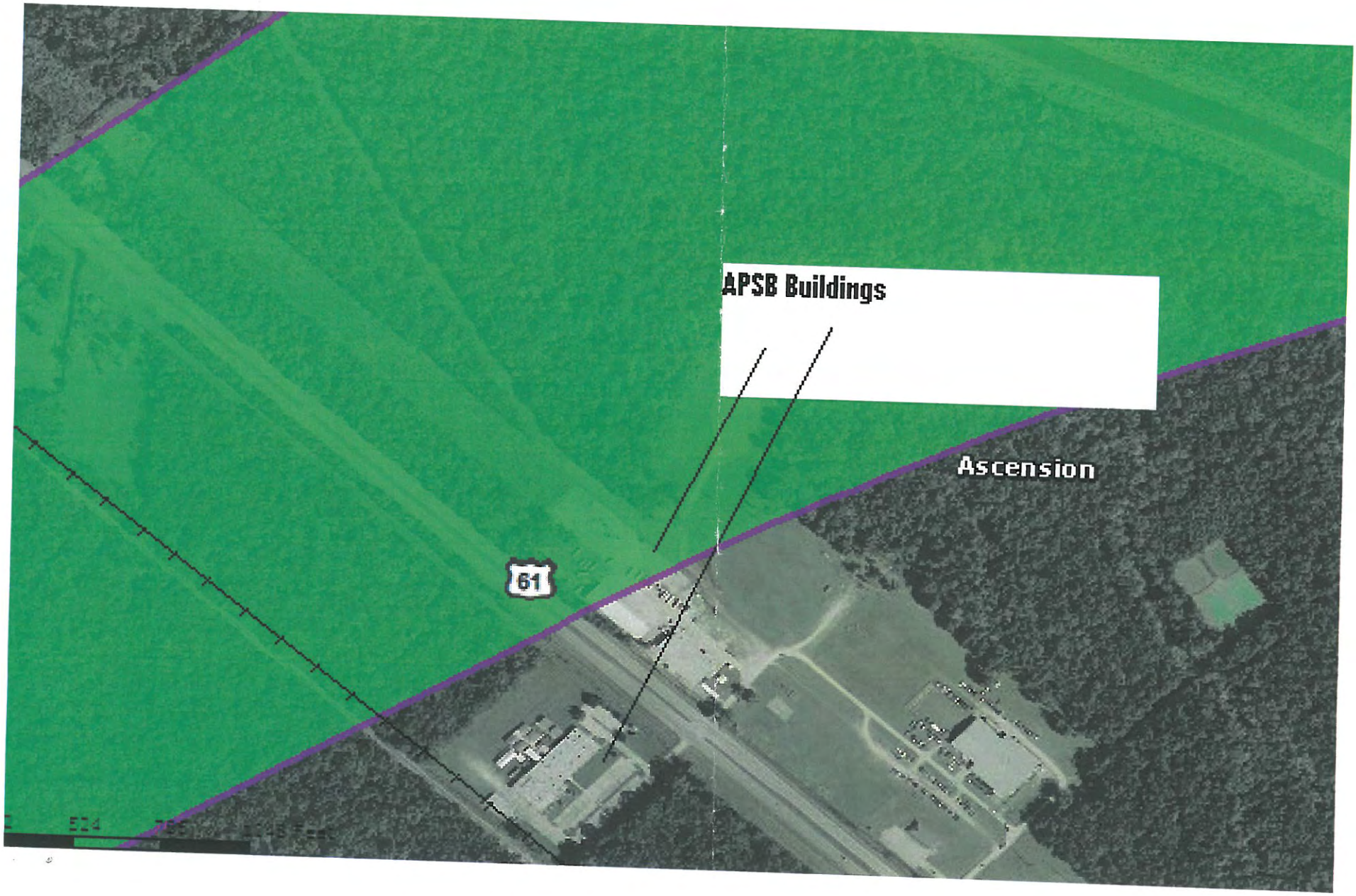
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January 18, 2012

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Louisiana Division
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To Whom it May Concern:

Our names are Barbara and Troy Duplessis, 7720 Ridgewood Drive, Denham Springs, LA. 70706. We are writing to express our concern/opposition to the BR Loop as proposed. We have lived in EBR parish and Livingston Parish all of our lives. We are both senior citizens and have heard and seen money wasted on this "discussion" about a Loop around Baton Rouge for most of our adult lives.

We do not support the BR Loop Project for the following reasons:

1. As proposed, we do not believe the Loop Project will alleviate traffic congestion on the I-10/I-12 Corridor. Most of the traffic congestion is caused by local traffic (73% local vs. 27% thru traffic) per DOTD studies. CIR-3

2. The proposed routes have a significant impact on environmental/social community based schools, churches, and subdivisions. Some of the proposed routes are shown on outdated maps and therefore, do not show the real impacts. RD-1

3. The EIS Study has not adequately addressed the environmental impacts to our existing forest, wetlands and farmlands. Our current "green zones" in the proposed routes should be protected. C/N-1

4. Adequate study has not been done on water drainage and potential flooding impacts to a three parish area that is already prone to flooding (EBR, Ascension, & Livingston). WR-2

5. During our travels, we have observed that Trucking Firms will not pay tolls for their trucks to bypass a city. This is true in many cities/states that have existing toll roads. Why would anyone think that a Baton Rouge Toll Road would be any different? TOL-2

We do however, realize that traffic in the Baton Rouge/Livingston Parishes needs help. For the amount of money proposed for this Loop or segment of the Loop (Northern Bypass) local infrastructure could be improved where traffic congestions currently exist. Considerations should be given to: AL-1

1. Another bridge (or two) across the Amite River between EBR/Livingston that would provide more routes for local traffic and remove theses vehicles from I-12. Hooper Road could be four lanes and extended north of I-12 into Livingston with a new bridge. George O'neal could be extended south of I-12 with a new bridge to Four H Club Road.

2. Continue the four lanes of US 190 from Denham Springs to Walker and possibly six lanes on US-190 from Airline Highway to the Amite River.

3.. Adding another lane from the congested exit at the Mississippi River Bridge in Baton Rouge to the I-10/I-12 split.

4. Utilizing the existing "fourth lane" on I-12 for traffic from the I-10/I-12 split to O'Neal Lane instead of the seldom used "safety lane". Most cities do not have "safety lanes" on their Interstate Systems, ie: New Orleans, Shreveport, Birmingham, AL, etc. Then for an additional small sum currently being spent on the three lanes of I-12 from Denham Springs to Walker, it could be four lanes in each direction for much less money than the Northern Bypass.

5. Continue to improve local infrastructure in Baton Rouge to continue to remove local traffic off of the I-10/I-12 Corridor.

Let's not let economic prosperity for a few, destroy the communities of many. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of all of the issues involved in this Project. HE-2

Troy Duplessis

Barbara Duplessis

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Comments: Building this Loop will have no effect on work Hr. Traffic on I10 or I12 in Baton Rouge. By now Mayor Holden and others know what Road work we need to do to relieve traffic. I do not travel on roads that I have to pay tolls on. - Anywhere -. A Loop will ruin our way of living in Central.

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

Comments Must ARRIVE by Jan. 5, 2010

Baton Rouge Loop

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I am opposed to the Loop in Ascension Parish. It will run through property that has been in my family for 117 years.

RB-3

I vote NO LOOP!

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January 6, 2012

Capital Area Expressway Authority
9100 Bluebonnet Centre, Suite 301
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Re: Capital Area Expressway Authority
Baton Rouge Loop

To Whom It May Concern:

As the Senator for District 13, I have witnessed much unrest and uncertainty appertaining to the controversial Baton Rouge Loop. In 2010 Regular Session of the State Legislature, a request in the Capital Outlay Construction bill (HB-2) for additional funding to continue studying the Loop was introduced in the House chamber and subsequently defeated in Senate committee and in the Senate chamber, later added back into HB-2 through last-minute tactics via conference committee action and, finally, vetoed by Governor Bobby Jindal due to division and lack of consensus among the local Baton Rouge area legislative delegation. OP-3

In addition to intricacy with the Baton Rouge Loop, I formally request to halt all monies to further study the Loop Implementation Plan for several reasons:

- This study is the ***third*** study for a Loop around Baton Rouge and nearly $6 million has already been spent on this third study by the Capital Area Expressway Authority, yet, to this date, no definitive route has been established. Certain routes that are refused from deletion will destroy neighborhoods and divide the City of Central and the community of Watson. HE-1
- Plans for the South Loop have been abandoned due to significant opposition, indicating there is no longer a "Loop" in which to study. OP-19
- There has been too much misinformation surrounding the costs, routes, and state-funded participation from the Authority, which has caused three of the five Parish Presidents (members) to resign from the Authority. OP-18
- The "two-man (parish)" Authority has now embraced only the North Loop, which, as mentioned above, without the South Loop indicates there is no longer a "Loop" in which TOL-11

to study. Additionally, DOTD communications director, Jodi Conachen, has stated that "under state law, the Authority cannot undertake construction in areas that do not participate in the Authority." Thus, by virtue of Livingston Parish President Mike Grimmer's resignation form the Authority, the North Loop, or shall we now say North "by-pass," must only affect East and West Baton Rouge parishes...such an affect is much too costly and ineffective.

- Newly-elected Livingston Parish President Layton Ricks has also publicly denounced his support of the South and North Loop through Livingston Parish. OP-13
- With a sprawling population of 800,000 people, Baton Rouge Metropolitan Area has waited too late to embrace building a Loop around Baton Rouge. Doing so today would cause thousands of people to actually ***lose*** their homes, their neighborhoods, their schools, their churches, and these quality of life issues that are so near and dear to their hearts. Consequently, immense opposition against both the South and North Loops has advanced to an organized manner in which thousands of concerned citizens have signed a formal petition against the Loop. RB-1 PS-3 HE-1
- Finally, DOTD is currently upgrading and improving our existing infrastructure and examining alternative routes, such as the LA 408 (Hooper Road) extension, to mitigate the traffic congestion besieged by our local commuters. AL-1

Because there exists no clear direction from the legislature regarding funding for additional studies for the Baton Rouge Loop project and fierce opposition from concerned citizen groups against the South and North Loop routes, I respectfully and formally acknowledge my opposition to funding additional studies for the Loop project. Continued funding of a ***third*** study within a metropolitan area of 800,000 people, is truly wasteful spending of taxpayers' monies. FN-3

I thank you for your attention and serious consideration to this very important matter that would adversely impact thousands of concerned citizens.

Sincerely,

Dale Erdey

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State Senator, District 13

NO TO THE BATON ROUGE LOOP

DATE: 12/17/11

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To All Mentioned above,

I am writing to tell all of you that my wife (Glenda Evans) and I (John Evans) are **AGAINST THE BR LOOP**. OP-2
We are both from Louisiana (Baton Rouge and Larose) and have seen this state grow like any other state in the country has. Our residence now is in Watson where the land that we live on goes back to before the Civil War in my wife's father side of the family. We will **NEVER** use the BR LOOP. It is a waste of money, materials and time and we **don't want to have to pick up the bill (taxes) when something goes wrong with this project.** How much under the table money is OP-6 being passed to the Mayor of Baton Rouge with his team and the Engineering Firm? The talk of a BR Loop issue has been going on for years and keeps getting knock down. If Baton Rouge wants a loop then it should have been done a long time ago before the growth. I do construction/project management work for a living and I know what happens to TOL-1 projects when they fall apart (the rise in cost and deals under the table). There are other ways of making the traffic flow through Baton Rouge a lot better. For example look at the progress of the bridge being erected across the Amite River (between Greenwell Springs and Denham Springs (LA64). Extending Hooper Road and adding a bridge across the Amite River to Watson. By updating existing roads to the new bridge in St. Francisville, on both sides of the Mississippi River (to OP-13 I-12 and 190 / I-10 west & east sides of the Mississippi River) which would relieve a lot of the traffic going through Baton Rouge. Back in May 1993 we moved to the Seattle, WA. area (Redmond) due to work and have seen how that area has AL-1 grown and that area just updated the road infrastructure (NO LOOP) that was already existing and the traffic flow was just like any other part of the country's metropolitan area. In May 1995 we moved to Baytown, TX. due to work again. We lived in the Houston, TX. metropolitan area for ten (10) years before moving back to Watson, Louisiana in 2004. The ten (10) years that we lived in Texas we **NEVER** used the Belt Way 8 Loop are any of the toll roads. The Belt Way 8 Loop and any of the toll roads were congested (backed up) with traffic everyday just like the rest of the country's metropolitan areas. I have been all over the United States' metropolitan areas for business and traffic gets congested (backed up) just like CIR-4 Baton Rouge and have infrastructure road construction, there is no difference.

Also, See attached List of Concerns associated with the proposed Baton Rouge Loop. Please answer the questions on each item and return to John & Glenda Evans P.O. Box 751 Watson, LA. 70786

John & Glenda Evans

List of Concerns associated with the proposed Baton Rouge Loop:

- Why after many years of studies with negative results is the Parish of EBR trying to push this down the throats surrounding parishes?
- Was Kip Holden elected Parish president of West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston and Ascension Parishes?
- If you look at Kip Holden's campaign contributors you may see why this issue is still being pushed.
- DOTD has studied the traffic needs of this area. Is the Loop as designed following the plan developed by DOTD?
- Please justify the traffic numbers projected to use the Loop.
- The plan presented shows different traffic projections in different portions of the plan please explain.
- The Governor vetoed money for future study why is this still going forward.
- Why was this proposal not submitted through the MPO?
- If DOTD studies show that 73% of the traffic on I-10 and I-12 in the metro area is local traffic why is the money not being spent to address local infrastructure?
- Please provide money estimates of the real costs to taxpayers associated with "gap" funding.
- Why are schools and churches in Livingston Parish not considered in the routes outlined?
- Please provide research on the effect on communities impacted by highways of this type.
- Please address the effect on surrounding property values near the Loop.
- It is stated in the Implementation Plan that additional property can be taken near the highway for the developmental use of the private investors because of their risk. This violates State law. Please explain.
- The Loop funding is projected to be a partnership with private investors with the taxpayers covering a 12% profit to the investors. Justify.
- Several states have used PPP for projects. Studies indicate that several projects have been failures. The States are having regrets at using this funding method. Justify its use here.
- Any project looking toward the future should be considering the needs of future expansion of the I-12 corridor from Covington through Baton Rouge. Please address this point.
- Most private investor will want an immediate profit; a project of this type should look more at the long term needs. The routes should guide future development. Please address needs 10, 20 and 30 years in the future.
- Explain specifically how the routes of the Loop would be "locked down". (Preserved)
- Why would anybody want to drive several miles further and pay a toll in order to get to the bottlenecks of the 2 Baton Rouge bridges?
- Who in Livingston Parish had an input into the routes selected? The public meetings did not even consider suggestion from the public. Explain and be specific.
- Who pays for the needed changes in local infrastructure? Roads, drainage, utilities, added cost to drivers, added cost to the school system for bus transportation, etc.?
- Charts in the Implementation Plan show the cost to the taxpayers to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually, which is in addition to tolls. In the present proposal you say the money will come from a State fund that has no money. Be specific where the "gap" funds will come from.
- Do elected leaders in the affected parishes support this project?
- You say that people support this project. The question you asked was: "If the Loop solved our traffic problems would you support the Loop?" The Loop will not solve the traffic issues. Do the proper studies to prove your assumption.
- Who are the investors and prospective investors?
- Who are the new appointees to the Capital Region Planning Authority from Livingston, Iberville and Ascension parishes?
- Did the planners sit down with the elected leadership of Livingston parish as they put this together?
- Will DOTD have a control of the moneys that might come down from DC for this project, and if so who at DOTD?
- Has the Governor given his support to this plan?
- What happens if the citizens of a parish vote to not participate in the Loop?

- The plan supposedly addresses the environment, yet in several locations the final routes have not been determined. How can a Tier 1 approval be issued?
- Livingston and Ascension Parishes have high percent wetlands. Laws associated with mitigation of wetlands require that the land used to mitigate be located in the same hydrologic area. Where can this much land be found in this limited area?
- John Carpenter aid to Kip Holden said in a Senate committee hearing that the investor would decide on the route for the Loop. Justify.
- Summarize the previous findings resulting from studies on a Baton Rouge Loop.
- What happens if nobody uses the Loop? Who pays?
- Tolls are said to be based on $.15 per mile but it is also said that the investors are encouraged to seek the maximum rate justifiable. What will be the toll rate? Confirm.
- Provide studies considering what will happen to crime rates in Livingston and Ascension Parishes as a result of this so called Loop. Who pays for added cost of law enforcement if the rates go up?
- An environmental study must address the effect on local communities. Provide specific studies on all the communities in the effected parishes. Tier I approval should not be given until these are done.
- Who are the new appointees to the Capitol Region Planning Authority from Livingston, Iberville and Ascension parishes? What was their input into the plan?
- The quality of life for landowners/homeowners whose property is not located in the roadway right of way will be greatly diminished due to close proximity to the roadway and the attendant noise pollution. What provisions have been made to compensate these people for the diminished value of their property and quality of life?
- What is the maximum proposed toll rate that is projected to be charged during the life of the road, and is it realistic and viable?
- What are the provisions for handling the additional traffic load expected on the surface streets in proximity to the interchanges? Who is responsible for this infrastructure?
- Much of the information in the Tier 1 study is several years old including traffic counts and cost estimates. How can a Tier 1 approval be expected using outdated information?
- Your plan calls for land use and zoning regulations in the chosen corridor(s) to prohibit the use of, and development of this land. What happens if the local authorities refuse to comply with your request to lock in this land?
- What are the restrictions on building new multilane or upgrading existing roadways to 4 lanes in proximity of the Loop right of way?
- How will the tolls be collected?
- What is the status of the proposed new river crossing south of the old Hwy.190 Bridge?
- How will the value of property and homes taken for this project be determined? Be specific.
- If the project turn out to be a complete failure, who will be ultimately responsible for paying for it?
- What were the criteria, and the result of any studies on the impact of this road on the school system infrastructure?
- Provide documentation on the number of failures of this type of PPP in like areas to Baton Rouge,
- When most of this plan was drawn the current widening of I-10 and I-12 was not on the horizon. What impact/effects will this project have on the traffic on these roadways in Baton Rouge? Be specific.
- Will the current widening of I-10 and I-12 have an impact on the projected traffic that will use the Loop? Explain.
- What alternatives other than a Loop, have been taken into consideration when developing this plan. Be specific.
- Property values have declined in the past few years. What provisions will be made to people who owe more on their homes or land when they forced to sell by eminent domain. Will they be forced into bankruptcy?
- The proposed new bridge (south of the old 190 bridge) goes through the middle of UOP. Has this chemical company agreed to sell to LOOP?
- The land all around UOP is contaminated from the old Kaiser Aluminum days. Has the EIS/BR Loop Design Team determined the cost of remediating this property and how will this environmental clean-up be paid for?

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AL-1

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THE "BATON ROUGE" LOOP IS A WASTE OF CONCRETE! THERE ARE MORE LESS-COSTLY AND MORE EFFICIENT WAYS OF ALLEVIATING THE TRAFFIC PROBLEMS, WIDEN OTHER ROADWAYS (FLA BLVD, I-12, BUILD A BRIDGE AT HOOPER...) WE LIVED IN HOUSTON FOR 10 YEARS... THE "GRAND PARKWAY" WAS A TOTAL FAILURE AND HAS BEEN ABANDONED. THIS IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO "KIP HOLDEN'S LOOP", TOTAL WASTE, A VERY EXPENSIVE WASTE!

I LIVE IN THE N-11 CORRIDOR, WE DON'T NEED OR WANT THIS LOOP!!

RB-3

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
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OP-2 OP-6

Comments:
will not use it

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RAY FIERO - P.O. BOX 45312 - B.R. 70815

WR-3

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH MAP MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT TO MAKE NOTES ON MAP - FIX THIS NEXT TIME! AL-14
AMITE RIVER CHANNEL MIS-MARKED IN ONE PLACE. TOL-8
DUPLICATION OF WORK NEAR E8 W/PROPOSED PARISH ROAD.
ENTIRE NORTH BYPASS IS ECONOMICALLY UNFEASIBLE. RD-5
WHERE ARE FEEDER ROADS CONNECTING TO S-3?
EXISTING MAJOR LOCAL ROADS SHOULD BE MARKED.
TOWNS SHOULD BE MARKED. AL-15
S-12 IS A LONG WAY AROUND CHINA
WHO'S GONNA PAY FOR THIS + HOW MANY YEARS?
INTERSTATE TRUCKERS LIKE STRAIGHT LINES. FN-2
WOMEN'S PRISON SHOULD BE MARKED.
WHY IS T. MARTINEZ SO AGAINST THIS? RD-5

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We need a loop to lessen travel time for commuters. Our current highway system is designed for the 1950's. Yet, there are more cars on the roads in Baton Rouge than ever before. PN-2

Additionally, a loop could significally reduce car accidents and fatalities. This potentially could lower insurance rates; as its well known our state has the highest rates in the Union. PN-3

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PN-2

Infrastructure in Baton Rouge compared to other cities is very antiquated. A loop would ease traffic congestion.

CIR-7

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ED-5

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The BR Loop is a necessity... a tool by which our region can remain competitive and economically viable. We need to consider all assets and additions that can further enhance our quality of life. It is imperative that we not just plan for the future, but we must take substantive steps to execute those plans. I highly encourage leaders to support the BR Loop, and together we can continue to grow as a region. Thank you!

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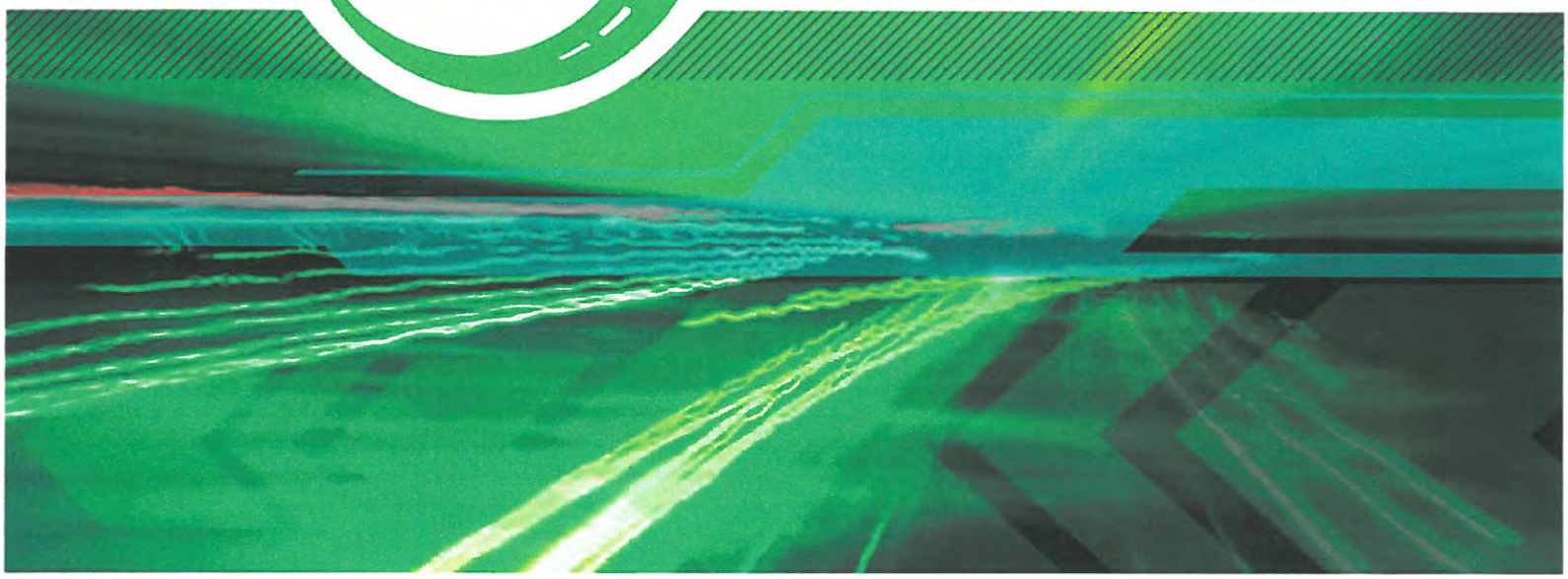

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We have a small construction company in Baton Rouge and I live in Prairieville. It has become totally unpredictable to travel anywhere on the interstates. The loop should have been built 20 years ago.

Scott J Folse
President
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Bobby Font,
Mayor, City of Walker
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Walker, LA 70785

Dear Ms. McCain:

As Mayor of the City of Walker, I am stating for the record that I am opposed to the BR Loop Tier 1 EIS. OP-2

The purpose of the Loop, as stated in the BR Loop EIS document, is to reduce traffic congestion and delays on I-10, I-12, expand roadway capacity, address future travel demand, enhance regional roadway and transportation connectivity, and improve safe movement of people and goods within the five parish project area. I see this as a worthy goal but, as it relates to the Walker community, I question whether this can be accomplished.

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According to the maps, both the northern route and the southern portion of the Loop will impact Walker. The northern portion of the Loop is said to connect I-12 east of Walker to I-10 west of Baton Rouge. The southern portion coming from the direction of Port Vincent will be passing through a large portion of wetland area. This is an ambitious plan but, again, I do not see it being accomplished in proximity to the City of Walker as it is proposed. WE-1

The City of Walker is one of the fastest growing communities in Louisiana and is known for its small town charm with all of the conveniences of a much larger city. Although we have an abundance of commercial business including new medical facilities aiding our economy, we particularly enjoy our churches, our excellent local public schools, low crime rates, great parks and playgrounds as well as recreational programs for all ages. Many of Walker's citizens have moved here to escape larger metropolitan areas and the problems associated with those areas. Numerous large and small subdivisions surround the heart of the city and are filled with young families. Many commercial businesses are located north and south of I-12 as well as along HWY 190 and HWY 447. U.S. HWY 190 and I-12 provides major access in and out of our community. Four out of five citizens commute to work outside of Livingston Parish. HE-1

As I have reviewed the Tier 1 study, there are many concerns that I see negatively impacting the City of Walker. Here are just a few.

It appears that the public has been left out of the planning of this massive project and yet they are the very one's who are being asked to shoulder the weight of its cost through loss of property and additional taxes if and when the tolls do not produce expected income for the investors. As I have watched news coverage and read many articles about the Loop, it has amazed me that so many people have offered so many excellent suggestions to improve local infrastructure and these suggestions have fallen on deaf ears. Please explain why the public as well as elected leadership in the areas affected by the corridors have not been engaged in this project from the start. OP-4 RB-1 TOL-1 AL-1

Since many of our citizen's work outside of the Parish, why would anyone want to drive many miles out of the way and pay a toll only to become bottlenecked at the two Mississippi River bridges and be limited to generally one-way and two-way streets going through the middle of Baton Rouge? Currently Walker citizens are about 20 minutes from Hammond or TOL-2 CIR-8

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Baton Rouge. The goal is the shortest distance to and from work. I would prefer to see the existing projects that are underway now be completed. DOTD should then reassess traffic patterns and find alternate surface streets that can improve congested areas. AL-1

Walker already has a considerable amount of traffic on local streets. What are the provisions for handling the additional traffic load expected on the surface streets in proximity to the interchanges? Who is responsible for this infrastructure and how will we be able to adequately police the added traffic demands with our current manpower? PS-4 CIR-9

Another concern is that your plan calls for land use and zoning regulations in the chosen corridors to prohibit the use of and development of this land. What happens if the local authorities refuse to comply with your request to lock in this land or if we have planning already in place to use land in the chosen corridor? LU-2

And finally, as the corridors slash north and south of I-12, who will pay for the needed changes in our local infrastructure. Our city budget will be severely impacted as we try to keep up with the demands caused by changes in roads, drainage and utilities caused by traffic no longer stopping and shopping in our area. I base this observation on your stated purpose for the BR Loop in the first paragraph. PS-4

"The preliminary capital cost estimate in millions of 2009 dollars for the proposed Baton Rouge Loop is between$ 4,049M and $4,877M." Here we are in 2012. The cost of everything from building materials to food to fuel is increasing daily. Millions of taxpayer dollars have been poured into the study of this Loop. Neither a consensus of opinion nor a workable solution has been reached. I urge you to end this project and discontinue any and all funding in your Record of Decision. I will not support the BR Loop project as long as the Mayor of Baton Rouge and the project engineers continue to ignore the voices of the people and the elected leaders of Livingston Parish as well as the surrounding parishes who have historically opposed this project. FN-3 OP-14

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I SUPPORT THE LOOP. FOR TRAFFIC PURPOSE AND CENTRAL CITY GROWTH.

ED-6

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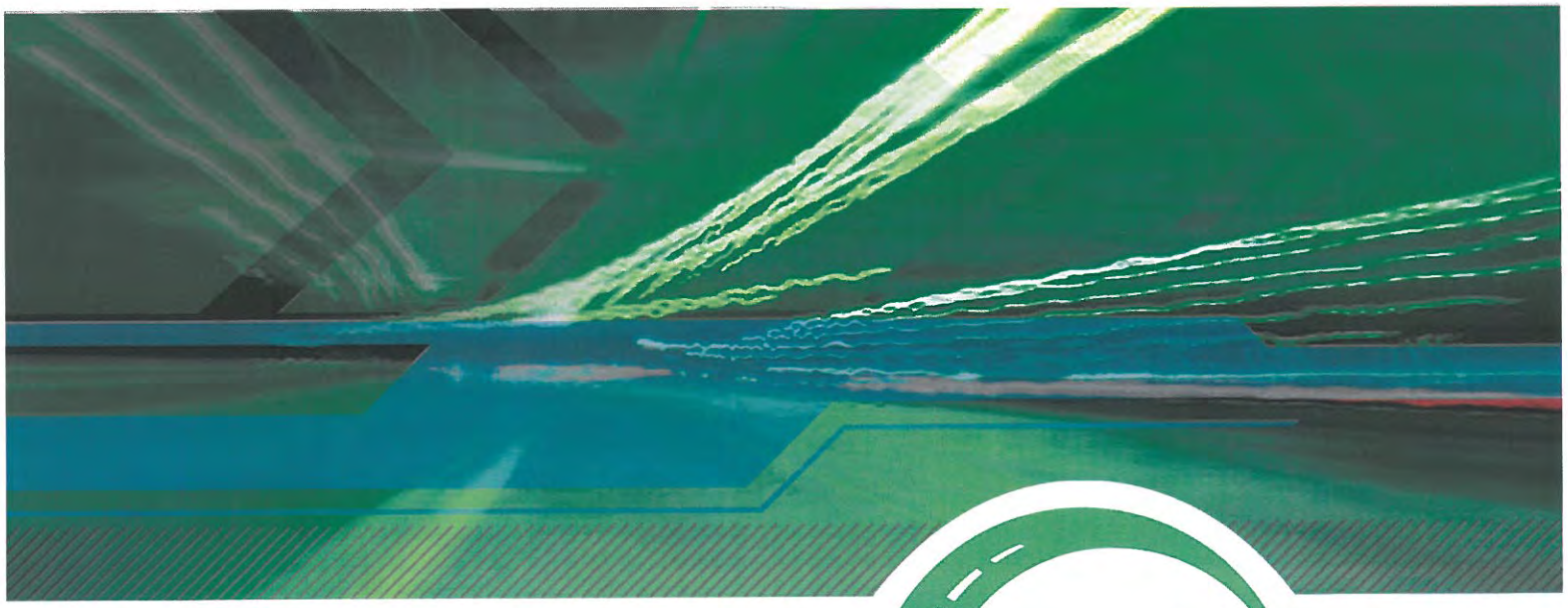

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I hope in 20 years you aren't asking my Children about the importance of a loop around Baton Rouge. My fear is you will because the already 20 years past due loop will then be 40 years behind Schedule.

Please build the loop ASAP or watch Baton Rouge collapse in a traffic mess that is beyond repair.

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OP-2

Kim & John Fralick
10403 Joor Rd
Central, LA 70818

Adamantly opposed to the BR Loop.
Have signed a petition that was
submitted through CCN

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RB-3

CORRIDOR SEC. N-3 Runs across the North West section of my subdivision - Hampton Village Estates on Joor Rd in Central.

RB-4

I am concerned about what an interstate freeway next to my neighborhood will do to our property values. We are a new upscale subdivision of 171 lots and 55+ are still on the market being sold. As more lots are sold & more homes are built my neighborhood becomes more desirable & property & home values increase.

NOI-1

I am concerned with the increased Noise, the increased traffic, the increase in commercial traffic of 18 wheelers & such.

CIR-9

I am mostly concerned that my voice will not be heard. I need to know exactly what this does to my property value & my way of life.

HE-1

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No loop - extend Hooper Road to Watson

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
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Comments: We need the roads fixed in B.R. + Central + widened before we need a loop. We value our country living + cherish our community + friends & value our children too much to see the problems of the Interstate Hwy. system come into the heart of Central. We don't believe it would justify anything worthwhile by doing this.

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am John Gee of 8350 Ashley Drive, Denham Springs, Louisiana.

Yes, I am opposed to the loop that is proposed to go through the northern portion of Livingston Parish. OP-2

First of all, I hear that it will drop off on the west end in North Baton Rouge. If that is the case, an 18 wheeler going west pays the toll to drive on this highway. They will end up in North Baton Rouge. Is I 110 able to carry this type of traffic? CIR-9

Second, I understand that the investors are being guaranteed a 12% return on their investments. If this is not met, does this mean the people of Louisiana will have to make up the difference? TOL-1

Third, I have heard that intersections will be reserved for the investors to develop. ED-3
This will leave out the local people as for as the development of properties. LU-1

One proposal is said to go across the corner of Amite Baptist Church property with no regard for the fact that it involves church and cemetery that has been there since before the Civil War. PS-3

I understand that land will be bought by Imminent Domain then given to a third party. This is SO wrong about EVERYTHING I understand as an American. RB-2

If this project does go through I propose that NO LESS than 85% of the total workforce be from Louisiana and that 50% of that workforce be from East Baton Rouge Parish and Livingston Parish, all workers be United States citizens and all of the investors be from the United States. ED-7 TOL-4

The Mayor-President of East Baton Rouge Parish should post this information on a website designed for this purpose on a weekly basis.

Truthfully, Mr. Holden should keep this project in his parish. AL-10

Truthfully, Mr. Holden should look into solving the Murder problem, the Drug problem, the Aids problem, AND the Flooding problems within his own parish rather than push his ideas onto those persons that DO NOT WANT IT!

Mr. Holden, I worked a very long time to have a quiet, comfortable home. I lived in East Baton Rouge Parish for 27 years and left it for a better life here. I do not want the people, the noise, or anything else connected to this project! HE-1

Mr. Mayor, please don't make this your legacy at our expense!

Sincerely,

John H. Gee

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THE NORTHERN ROUTE IS PREFERRED (N-9) IN CENTRAL. THIS WILL BRING THE MOST BENEFIT TO CENTRAL IN TERMS OF RELIEF OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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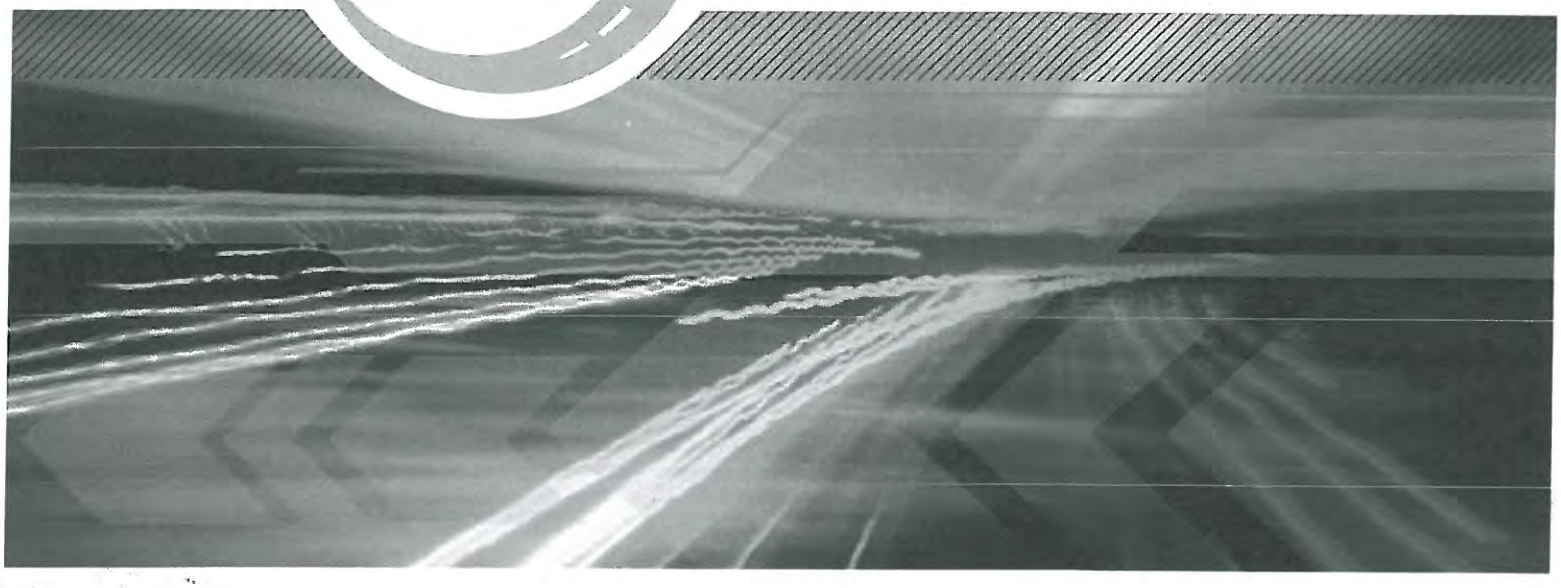

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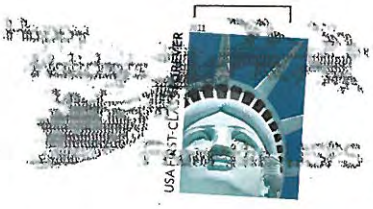

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- PREFERRED ROUTES ARE ND OR NE FOR NORTH UNIT CORRIDOR.
- PLEAS PROVIDE A SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO THE PUBLIC.

RD-8

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OP-2 AL-1 HE-1

Comments: THERE ARE MORE COST EFFECTIVE WAYS OF ROUTING TRAFFIC WITHOUT DISRUPTING CENTRAL AND OTHER CITIES.

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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OP-2 AL-1 HE-1

Comments: MAYOR HOLDEN is SURELY PUNISHING OUR COMMUNITY for us voting against his big expansion plan in Baton Rouge. The loop would destroy what we have worked for & continue to work for. We showed our allegiance to our city by voting for our new school system highest tax base in LA.
The new Bridge at Hooper road & Amite River makes so much more sense.

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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Concerning the Northern Loop!

Have you been to Livingston Parish to see the growth? RD-1 RB-1

You need a Current Map. You'll see that with the proposed Loop. You'll be taking out Subdivisions Churches, Schools, and Cemetery. PS-3

The cost alone to buy out these properties will be cost prohibitive. RB-5

Come to Livingston Parish and See!

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RB-3

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We are satisfied with the current route of the loop. Our concerns are how we will be affected if the route changes in the future.

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[ ] Other

OP-2 CIR-9 AL-9

Comments: We have enough Traffic problems out here in Central Now with out having to go Around the World To get to the grocery Store or go Shopping.
What About the New bridge in St. Franvisville, Come off I55 w/a Road Accross it for a North Loope

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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The proposed loop will not provide significant relief for local traffic congestion, which is about 80% of the problem on I-10 and I-12. The proposed project (est 4.3 billion) is too expensive and portions FN-4
would run through wetlands (St. Amant area) that can easily be avoided by proposing a smaller loop that WE-1
is closer to populated areas in Baton Rouge. AL-11
The "No Build" Alternative with plans to add capacity to existing roadways would provide greater benefits reduce congestion and reduce the environmental AL-1
impact (wetlands) than the proposed project.
If a loop is needed it should be more compact.
~~and~~ We do not need both a north and south loop. AL-17
If someone is travelling on I-12 they will choose the shortest loop segment (north) so why build both!

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RE: Opinion of Baton Rouge Loop through Livingston Parish

I am the Chief Deputy and Sheriff-Elect for Livingston Parish. I am opposed to the "Baton Rouge Loop". I have followed the media coverage and public hearings of the many studies and proposals for this loop over the past several years. The project has been on again and off again on multiple occasions. I write this letter to express concerns that I have about this project and my opposition.

My biggest concern is that I do not believe that any of the studies have assessed or projected the increased demand on the Sheriff's office for the public safety issues that this project will generate. I expect that crime and traffic events will multiply in the rural areas of my Parish. My office has limited manpower and resources.

I believe that the loop will reduce the tax base for Livingston Parish. Any decline in the tax base has a direct economic impact on my office and thus the resources that this office will need for the increased demands for public safety.

I am also of the opinion that the northern loop proposal will cause displacement of a large number of citizens in my parish. This displacement of citizens will have a negative result for this parish and no projected positive impact.

Jason Ard

Chief Criminal Deputy; Sheriff-Elect

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[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
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Comments: a Loop through Central would ruin the city of central.

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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HE-1

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We are against the loop going through our country side on Hwy. 431.

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OP-2

Comments:

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CIR-4

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As I have seen the drawing for the loop, I thought a loop was to help ease traffic + help the flow of traffic with less congestion. Upon viewing the loop - I don't see any help in these areas.
Therefore the loop is of no value - ditch it.

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AL-1

A few road extensions in the right location will solve our Traffic problems for a lot less money.

TOL-2

We do not want a toll road that may have to be paid for by us in the long run.

HE-1

We don't want a disruption of local roads + community.

Our parish has spoken loud + clear against this loop by leaders + people.

When you go against the people + voters of a community, it is against the laws of our Country - A free democracy

Do not push this against the will of our parish.

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AL-1

We do not believe a loop will be necessary once the work on I-12, Florida Blvd. and Magnolia Bridge Rd is Complete. You are going to ruin our community just to pacify a few HE-1 people. What other alternatives, other than a toll loop, have been considered? Who has examined and determined these alternatives to be failures? We live here and we know that our problems AL-4 can be eased by a few extention roads/and or bridges. AL-1

OP-2 We do not want a loop! If we are the ones paying for it, then we should get a vote. What about the crime rate that goes PS-1 along with this loop? Who pays for that? We are happy with our community, if your not then change yours, not ours! Kip Holden is not our parish president. He is AL-10 trying to fix HIS parish my messing up ours. The Governor vetoed money for future study - this should tell you something.

OP-3

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Re: CAEA Project No. E-2009-001
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Capital Area Expressway/Baton Rouge Loop

Dear Ms. McCain:

I am writing this letter in response the request for public comments on the proposed Capital Area Expressway project. In short, I am opposed to the project as currently proposed for a number of reasons. OP-2

Primarily, my object is that this project is being undertaken without public oversight and without the support of the citizens and elected officials in the affected areas. As originally proposed, the Loop was a cooperative project between the five (5) parishes where the proposed loop would be located. However, as the project has progressed, three of the five Parish Presidents have refused to continue to support the Loop and have resigned their position as directors of the Expressway Authority. The legislative delegations in four of the five parishes are unanimously opposed to the current project. Further, the State of Louisiana has refused to appropriate additional funds for this project. Apparently the only people still in favor the Loop are the Mayor-President of East Baton Rouge Parish and the engineers and consultants who stand to continue to make money off it. OP-14

Now the proponents of the Loop are turning to the Federal Highway Administration for further funding. This seems to be an end run around the citizens who are affected. Why should additional monies be wasted on this project, especially when the input of the citizens is being ignored.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Harrison

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Dear Ms. McCain:

I am writing this letter in response the request for public comments on the proposed Capital Area Expressway project. In short, I am opposed to the project as currently proposed for a number of reasons.

My principal opposition results from the disruption it would have on established communities and neighborhoods in the path of the proposed corridors. For instance, Watson, Louisiana is a well-established, vibrant rapidly growing community in Livingston Parish. While unincorporated, it is estimated that Watson has a population in excess of 20,000, which makes it more populous than cities such as Natchitoches, Ruston, Opelousas and Zachary. The proposed corridors will split this community in half and disrupt not only the neighborhoods and community assets, but will also inhibit the commercial development which is a healthy part of the community. HE-1 ED-1

The proposals put forth by the Loop proponents indicate that the proposed corridors will not affect or cut off established neighborhoods, schools, cemeteries or public areas. This is false. Apparently the maps being utilized by the Loop proponents are outdated and do not reflect the recent development and growth in the Watson area. PS-3

For instance, with regard to the allegation that the Loop will not cut off established neighborhoods, a cursory review of the interactive map on the BRLoop.com website reveals that the proposed corridors affects all or part of the following subdivisions or neighborhoods, with their respective homes: RD-1

- Hunstock Hills West (34)
- Hunstock Hills (84)
- Hunstock Hills, Second Filing (20)
- Wildwood (20+/-)
- Acadianna Place (126)
- Beechwood (92)

- Fountainbleau (139)
- Easterly Lakes (333)
- Lake At Belle Terre (112)
- Belle Terre at Live Oak (33)
- Cheray Place (108)

These are not all of the neighborhoods affected, but as you can see, the proposed Loop will easily affect over 1100 homes in the Watson area alone. RB-1

Furthermore, the proposed corridor which crosses the Amite River near the intersection of Hwy 1019 and Amite Church Road include both the Old Amite Church Cemetery and the current Amite Baptist Church Cemetery. The corridor is proposed in such a way that the actual roadway can avoid one or the other of the cemeteries, but not both. The Old Amite Church Cemetery is a historical landmark and has been in use since at least 1841. The current cemetery serves a large church with over 2000 members. How do the Loop proponents propose to deal with our dead? PS-3

In addition, the Loop proposal states that the proposed corridors will not impact any existing schools. This is also false. Voters in the Watson area have previously approved new taxes to build a new Live Oak High School. This $22.3 million project includes a 200,000 square foot campus for 1600 students, gymnasiums, music buildings, vo-tech shops and athletic facilities. The project is currently 85% complete and scheduled to be finished in April, 2012. Despite the misrepresentations of the Loop proponents, this new school sits directly in the middle of the corridor identified as N-10, just north of Kripple K drive and south of Bush Road on Hwy 16. How do the Loop proponents propose to replace our school? PS-3

The Loop proposal also states that no public facilities are impacted by the proposed route. This is false. The proposed northernmost proposed corridor also cuts directly across the Live Oak Ballpark, operated by Livingston Parish Recreation District No. 2. This park has been in existence for over 30 years. It recently underwent a $2.3 million expansion and renovation. This was the first phase of a proposed $5.5 million expansion which is set for 3 stages. What do the Loop proponents propose we do with our sports and recreation programs? PS-3

Finally, I have serious concerns about the overall utility of the expressway in general. The Loop project was drafted before recent and significant infrastructure work was begun to relieve traffic in the Baton Rouge area. These include: AL-1

- I-12 widening from O'neal Lane to Walker;
- I-10 widening from the 10/12 split to Highland Road;
- Four laning and improvement of LA 64 at Magnolia Beach;
- Four laning Hwy 16 from Hwy 1025 to Watson;

- The completion of the Central Throughway.

In addition, studies undertaken by the Expressway Authority itself have indicated that the Loop will have no appreciable impact on Interstate traffic in Baton Rouge. This is because, as DOTD has determined on several occasions, the primary traffic problems in the Baton Rouge area are a result of inadequate surface roads. How does the Capitol Area Expressway solve those problems? Wouldn't the money proposed to be spent on The Loop be better spent to improve surface streets? CIR-3

In short, The Loop project will have too many negative effects on the surrounding areas, without solving the problems for which it is purported to the solution. It leaves too many unanswered questions for the citizens and communities upon which it is being forced.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Harrison, Jr.
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cc: Mr. Carl Highsmith
Federal Highway Admin.

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A loop is about moving traffic. How can a loop fold into two (2) lanes of I-12? Traffic would back up at the point of entrance in Livingston Parish. Four (4) lanes in each direction are needed to Hammond, I-55 and then to Slidell I-59 and I-10. AL-1

What would be the cost and who would pay for it, if not enough tolls were collected? TOL-1

The West Bank Expressway in Gretna was designed by a locally owned company. We have used it regularly in recent years without problems. Also, elevated expressways work well in other cities. How about an elevated expressway from the I-10 Bridge through Baton Rouge? The environmental impact for a loop would be much greater than expanding present roads and adding an expressway AL-1 BIO-2

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Dear Sir. Ms,

I am writing this letter to express a few of my concerns about some of the studies and supporting data used in the preparation of the Tier 1 application for the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.

1). Were any Livingston Parish elected officials, private citizens, or committees permitted to have input concerning the Loop route? Please provide names of who attended and where this information this was received. I know they were briefed on the project from time to time, but did anyone have an active part in route selection? OP-4

2) The most recent map that was used for the land cover was in 2005 as stated in the references. I could not find a map later than 2004, and most were earlier, that were used to show the 1-4000' corridors. The earlier maps are of no longer any use. A lot changed after Katrina as you stated in the study. The routes as shown go through entire subdivisions and a school. A new study should be done to take these changes into effect. RD-1 RB-1

3.) Some of the materials used in the Cultural Resources section are dated from 1970's, 1980's and 1990's. Up to date information is needed. RD-9

4.) How would land owners be compensated if their land is included in the 1-4000' preservation corridors? It could be years before the final route is determined. What happens if local governments refuse codified restrictions and zoning? RB-2 LU-1

5.) Your studies show that traffic congestion is on the 1-10, 1-12 is due mostly to local traffic. The projection is for tolls to pay 29-64% of cost. Who would pay the additional cost; the state, parish or local government? The state fund you mention has little or no money to pay for this project. This entire project appears to be uneconomical. Please explain. TOL-9

6) Explain were other PPP has been used and if they were successful. One has been tried in Texas and failed to get support and it is apparently being brought up again. RD-5

7.) The Loop would impact local roads and travel within the parish. How would one be able to go from one side of the Loop without spending time and money on the Loop? Who would pay for the infrastructure to cross the Loop? School busing transportation would be adversely affected. CIR-14

PS-2

8.) The costs need to be updated for 2011 figures.

9.) Attached is copy of correspondence sent to the Capital Area Expressway Authority. RD-10

10) What alternative roads were considered? In the 1950"s Mr. Earl Allen, President of the Livingston Parish Police Jury, met with officials in Baton Rouge and proposed a bridge over the Amite river connecting Hooper Road to what was then Airline Highway(Now 1-110) to highway 16 north of Watson. For some reason this was never done. It would be more feasible even today. Another alternative would be to four lane Highway 190, (Florida Blvd) all the way to Hammond. AL-4 AL-1

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Hay

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RD-11

How accurate is the data being used?
How current is the data being used?
Would not the money be more effective
used for development of high speed rail? TR-1
The expansion of I12 will eliminate
much of the current problem. AL-1

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Why not expand existing I-10 from Marigoin, thru Baton Rouge including the bridge to 4 lanes. AL-1

Driving from California to Florida along I-10. Baton Rouge is the ONLY metropolis that is only 2 lanes. Even Lake Charles has more, Lafayette has more.

Save money and time - expand I-10.

We are all hard working people, who are law abiding. We like our peace and tranquility. Our ancestors have worked hard on our land. Leave it alone. HE-1

Why not double deck I-10, with the top going thru Baton Rouge no exits.

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I strongly believe in the need for a Baton Rouge loop. Our communities cannot expect to survive, let alone thrive, PN-1
If we don't correct the enormous traffic congestion problem that is what we know now. I travel throughout the country and it is not hard to see ED-5
that the communities with the brightest futures are the ones who have dealt properly with their infrastructure issues.

BRING ON THE LOOP!

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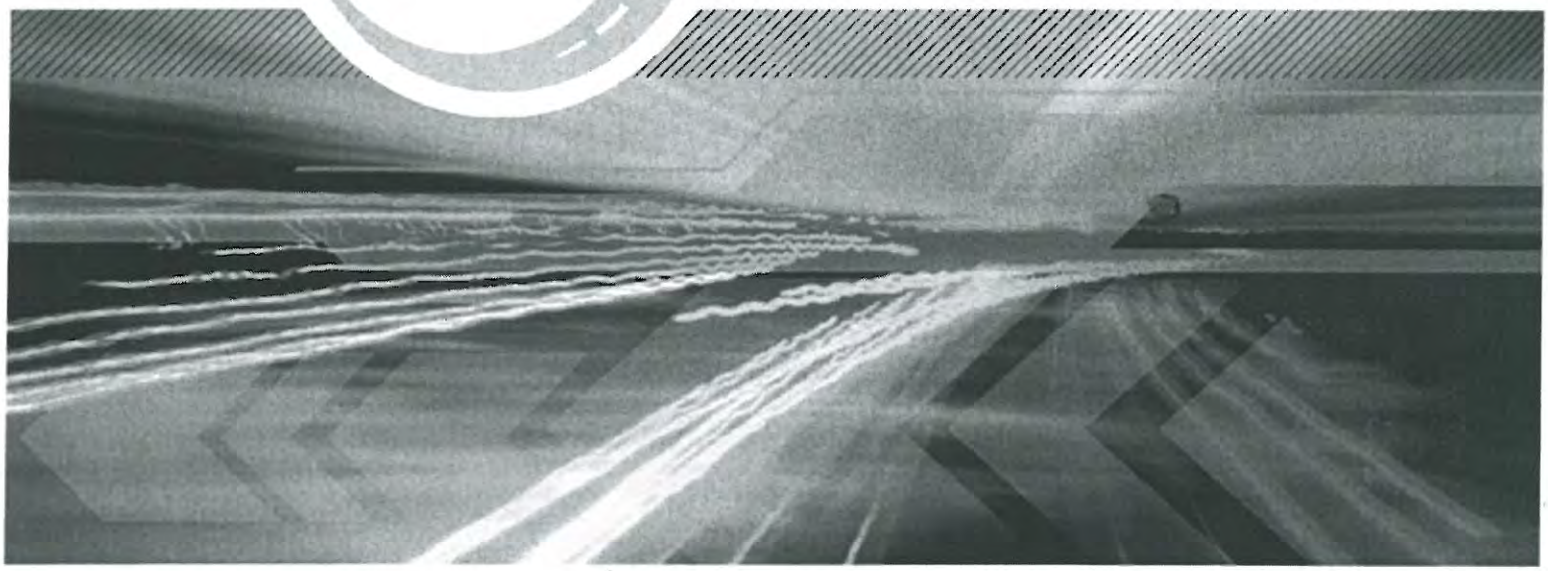

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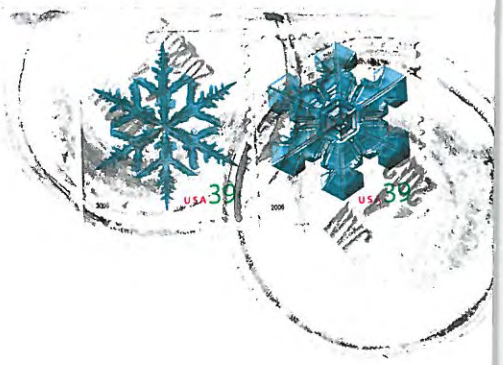

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1. DESTROYING AMITE CHURH IS INHUMAN. ITS BEEN STANDING FOR 200 YRS OR MORE. PS-3
2. DESTROYING THE GRAVEYARD IS ALSO INHUMAN, REMOVING PEOPLE ~~FROM ING~~ FROM THEIR FINAL RESTING PLACE. PS-3
3. DESTROYING LIVINGTON PARISH IS WRONG. HE-1

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RB-3

Please eliminate the following potential routes from the corridor - S7, S8, and S9. This would have an impact upon our subdivisions in this area. Thank you.

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OP-5

I am against a loop in Ascension Parish

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OP-5

NO LOOP IN Ascension Parish
I am against the loop especially the E5 + E6 sections

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OP-5

I am against the loop in Ascension Parish, especially the section E5 which would be over land that has been in my family for a very long time.

RB-3

NO LOOP!

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OP-5

I am opposed to the Baton Rouge Loop in

RB-3

Ascension Parish. It directly effects my family property which was homestead by my great grandfather and includes other families in the same situation. We have been fortunate enough to live in a rural area and want to keep it that way.

HE-1

This loop will NOT ~~help~~ benefit Ascension Parish at all. It will destroy our property & do nothing for OUR traffic situation

OP-6

CIR-4

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Phone _____ Email _____

[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[ ] Other _____

OP-15

Comments: I do Not Favor the proposed Northern Loop
Nita Herron

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[ ] Other

OP-2 NOI-1

Comments: This will be over the tops of our Homes. Too Much traffic & Noise. please Do Not Do this.

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

Comments Must ARRIVE by Jan. 5, 2012

MEMO TO: 12/31/2011

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: OP-2

I WOULD LIKE TO CAST MY VOTE **AGAINST THE B R LOOP.** MONEY WOULD BE BETTER SPENT AND TRAFFIC WOULD BEST BE ROUTED VIA ANOTHER BRIDGE CROSSING THE AMITE RIVER.

AL-1

ALLEN HILL
13581 TRIPLE B ROAD
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Allen Hill

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

OP-2

PLEASE COUNT MY VOTE **AGAINST THE LOOP** PROPOSAL.
THE RESEARCH PRESENTED HAS NOT CONVINCED ME THAT THE CIR-4
LOOP WILL REDUCE THE TRAFFIC THROUGH BATON ROUGE NOR
DO ANYTHING BUT DAMAGE THE COMMUNITIES IT WILL PENETRATE.
JUST SAY **NO TO THE LOOP!**

HE-1

Janie Hill

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I am totally against the loop. Let our city finish the current road construction/expansion + after 2 years or more, then do another study. All the money going into these studies could be better spent on ~~current~~ road expansions + improvements. Tell Kip Holden No or ~~the~~ to put the loop in his own back yard! AL-10
Build new bridges + expand existing roads.
The only people who use loops are travelers going from one town or state to another. OP-16
Stop wasting our money on these proposals.

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My letter is in regards the proposal for a loop, tolls + additional studies on both, in Livingston Parish.

I have lived here 10 years now because I wanted to live outside of Baton Rouge where strong community values exist. I grew up in BR but purchased my home in Livingston parish (Watson). I live in Crostwood Subdivision + hope to eventually retire here.

I commute daily to my office in BR so I am very familar with traffic issues + problems.

My parish has been working on expanding + improving its Roads and creating additional Routes to BR.

Now this nasty business of the loop has reared its ugly head - once again - and ~~work~~ expansion of ours Roads comes to a halt.

I do not believe a loop + toll, around BR + through my parish will reduce local traffic problems. If my roads remain as they are, how can the loop benefit ME? CIR-4 OP-6

Stop the loop studies + give my

parish time to expand + improve our highways. then after a few years, have a study to see if traffic congestion is better. Stop wasting money on these studies + put it to use on our highways. AL-1 RD-1

The maps used in your current studies are 15 years old. I doubt my house, much less, my subdivision, are on them. 15 year ago, when the aerial photo's were taken, neither existed.

As for who would use the loop- I know from experience, most travelers avoid them due to the additional miles, time + $ DOLLARS added to a trip. As a member of the organization, Louisiana Hiking Club, I travel from State Park to PARK + state to state. During trips, if a loop is ever used, we do so to avoid the cities within + around it. I fail to see how any parish will benefit if people travel the loop to avoid the parish. TOL-2 ED-1 OP-6

Watson will literally be divided in two + my property value will diminish considerably. After all, who wants to live close to an interstate? HE-1 RB-4

Do you? My community, schools (one under construction now), churches, property values, business (Walmart under construction), our very values, will all suffer. HE-1

Please stop spending money for Loop studies. Our country is bankrupt so how can Louisiana afford the cost? FN-3 Gov. Jindal vetoed state funding for additional studies. Honor that veto. OP-3

Let Livingston parish work on existing roads + new routes to surrounding cities. I know my parish can make it work. AL-1

I vote No to spending more money on Loop studies. No to the loop + toll.

Will you?

Sincerely
Susan Hill
Crestwood Subdivision
Livingston Parish

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PN-1

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It's too bad that a city the size of Baton Rouge does not have a integrated traffic system that includes a loop.

Forgive us because we know not what we do.

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RD-1

MY BIGGEST CONCERNS:

1. YOU ARE USING OUTDATED MAPS (ARIEL) THAT DO NOT ACCURATELY SHOW WHAT IS REALLY IN THE PROJECTED PATH OF THIS PROJECTED LOOP. RD-5
2. YOU HAVE NOT DRIVEN THROUGH THE WATSON AREA TO SEE THE GROWTH OF THE LAST 7 YEARS. RB1
3. YOU DO NOT SHOW CHURCHES AND CEMETARIES ON MAPS.
4. YOUR MOST FAVORED ROUTE THROUGH WATSON GOES THROUGH A LARGE SPORTS COMPLEX, BRAND NEW HIGH SCHOOL THAT HAS NOT EVEN OPENED YET AND A NEW LIBRARY. THESE FACILITIES, IF LEFT INTACT, WOULD BE CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF WATSON ACCESS. CIR-14
5. WE DO NOT HAVE A TRAFFIC PROBLEMS IN NORTH LIVINGSTON PARISH. AFTER YOU GET THROUGH THE S CURVES ON I 12 AND SINGLE BRIDGE OVER THE AMITE RIVER @ HWY 64 TRAFFIC FLOW IS GOOD. BOTH OF THESE PROBLEMS WILL BE CORRECTED VERY SOON. EBR HAS THE PROBLEMS --- DON'T MAKE MORE FOR US. OP-6 AL-10

THANK YOU,
Charlie Hoge

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The Loop will not improve the traffic congestion significantly in the BR area. CIR-4
Roadwork planned already and currently underway will do much more. AL-1
Why is the voice of the people most affected by this ~~plot~~ being overlooked, OP-14
in favor of political prestige and profit for foreign investors? TOL-1
This is still an American Republic and we the people of Livingston parish do not need or want this monstrosity.
I am 53 years old and my husband is 67, we worked long and hard to have our 80 year old home, which cannot be moved or RB-3
replaced, if your LOOP plows through it.
Also why don't you use CURRENT Maps? RD-1
(yours are [redacted] years old!)

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CIR-4

To Whom It May Concern:

Today, Tuesday December 13, 2011, is a prime example of what is truly needed, and it is not a loop. With the closure of I-12 East and West bound lanes due to an overturned Semi w/ Pipes, traffic was diverted to US Hwy 190. Instead of Heading North, I went South, basicly your Southern Loop Route. Upon my turn on US Hwy 42, it was then that I realized, THERE ARE NO roads back into Baton Rouge til you get to Jefferson Hwy. It took me 2 Hours to get to work, while my Mother spent 4. The IDEA that a loop will Allow truckers to go around is absurd, EVERY-ONE KNOWS THE SHORTEST DISTANCE IS A STRAIGHT LINE. A Simple Solution to Increase the flow of traffic into the Baton Rouge area and back out in the afternoon is as followed: ① Make all trucker use the right lane on Interstate w/ two lanes & middle w/ three lanes & ENFORCE IT. ② Two New Bridges need to be built.....

AL-18

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AL-1

that are actually useful. That bridge across the Mississippi in St Francisville is USELESS to the people in Need of better access. A Bridge across the Amite River From Harrels Ferry/George Oncal to 4H Club Road and a bridge across the Mississippi in the St Gabriel Area. These both Have multiple accesible diverging traffic flow.

It's Pretty simple, pull up a Map on the CPU or Smart PhoNE. Look at the Void b/t Hwy 42 & I-12 & the distance between I-10 bridge & the Sunshine & the amount of Flow the 2 bridges would create, and The idea from the Whiskey Bay High Rise to keep trucks in a single lane will prevent Accidents as well as keep trucks from riding side by side Holding up traffic.

Easy & Simple to do & Easy to Do Now. To build two bridges compared to a loop is way faster, and on a side note, don't use the contractors ON the I-10 project. They are Slow.

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[ ] Other

Comments: See attached letter

[X] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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NO LOOP IN CENTRAL

We believe the construction of the Baton Rouge Loop across Central would forever change the Central community for the worse. The loop will divide Central and bring all the problems of the Interstate highway system into the heart of Central. People will be forced to move their homes and businesses from land that they thought they owned, but will be forced to realize they do not and at the choice of the government it will be taken away and they are left with no choice but to relocate, with much difficulty, which would not be necessary. HE-1 RB-1 RB-2

A loop will not solve the congestion on the I-10 corridor during the local rush hour commuter traffic. Commuter traffic will not be significantly impacted by rerouting bypass traffic. It can be solved with much less expense. The underlying agenda behind the loop project seems to be common greed by landowners in times of economic difficulty and the greed of construction companies, engineering firms and lawmakers. CIR-4 OP-11 OP-3

The public has rejected the loop project, but that doesn't seem to matter. The governor has cut funds, but that doesn't seem to matter. Three parish presidents from Livingston, Ascension, and Iberville have pulled their parishes out of the project, but that doesn't seem to matter. We don't want the Baton Rouge LOOP in Central. What part of No don't you understand? OP-14

Michael & Carol Hopper
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OP-1

I strongly support building the Loop project. I realize that some folks will be displaced, AND that's unfortunate, but it's essential for the future of the Baton Rouge AREA for this project to move forward.

ED-5

Barry Hugghins
WBR Council District # 8 - elect

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OP-2

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
[X] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[ ] Other
Comments: I do NOT think this is best for our community.

[illegible] attaching a letter with my comments.

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The Baton Rouge Loop is vital to the growth of not only Baton Rouge but the surronding communities also. I-10 & I-12 are so congested and have had a tremedous increase in traffic accidents including extermly to many fatalies since the population increased after Katrina. The loop will obviously relieve traffic on I-10 & I-12 ~~and~~ which will in turn make traveling these Hwy's safer PN-3

CIR-7

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HNTB Corporation
Suzanne McCain P.E.
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January 4, 2012

To whom it may concern;

We would like to express our concerns for the proposed northern loop for the Baton Rouge area. From the maps posted on the website *www.brloop.com* there are three possible paths suggested through the Watson area. RD-1

RD-5

These maps on the website are no longer current. In fact, they do not show the new neighborhoods, schools (North Live Oak Elementary and the new high school opening next year), churches, and library (Watson Branch) which have been built in the last ten years. Surely you have access to current maps. HE-1

We are residents of the Watson area. Watson is not an incorporated municipality but has a population as large as the city of Monroe, Louisiana. Residents move here to avoid the big-city problems of Baton Rouge. It will be difficult to find many people here who will not fight to keep their current quality of life in this community. AL-1

OP-13

The time for a loop to be a viable solution is long past. Instead, there are existing roads which can be improved and widened to relieve traffic. The citizens of this area have common sense suggestions which are not seriously considered.

OP-4

We are being asked to submit to outside interests who want to pave a large route through Watson with little consideration of the negative impact to this vibrant community. We also know we will have the extra burden of paying for the needed changes for local drainage and utilities if this loop is built. AL-13

PS-4

Please use updated maps in studies of the loop proposal. Actually visit the community of Watson and see the number of neighborhoods, churches, and schools which will be affected. And finally, listen to the local citizens who have reasonable solutions for this rapidly growing area. RD-1

OP-4

Sincerely,

Terry D Jackson

Tammy B Jackson

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AL-1

Instead of a LOOP, why not:

Add lanes along the side of the Interstate

Where there is no room, elevate above the present Interstate

Extend a South/North existing road from the Greenwell Springs Rd to Walker

Demand that 18 wheelers and heavy equipment vehicles travel in the right lane AL-19

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop. OP-2 HE-1
[✓] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[ ] Other

Comments: We moved to this area to avoid big city traffic and criminal activity. We like the fresh air and country atmosphere. We now need traffic relief, but we do not think the loop, as proposed, will be beneficial to us. We think it will ruin our environment. We ardently oppose the loop through Central.

OP-6 CIR-4

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments.

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Please do not allow this loop in ascension parish. OP-5
I am not in favor and it would not serve OP-6
this area. It would just take property from people
and only benefit Baton Rouge and areas along I-12 + I-10 ~~that~~ RB-1
CIR-5

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Thank

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HNTB Corporation
Attn: Suzanne McCain: P.E.
9100 Bluebonnet Centre Boulevard
Suite 301
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

We suggest that you also send a copy of your written concerns to the DOTD at:

LA DOTD
Attn: Sherri LaBas, Secretary
PO Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

and, to the Federal Highway Administration at:

Federal Highway Administration Louisiana Division
Attn: Carl Highsmith
5304 Flanders Drive
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List of Concerns associated with the proposed Baton Rouge Loop:

- Why after many years of studies with negative results is the Parish of EBR trying to push this down the throats surrounding parishes?
- Was Kip Holden elected Parish president of West Baton Rouge, Iberville, Livingston and Ascension Parishes?
- If you look at Kip Holden's campaign contributors you may see why this issue is still being pushed.
- DOTD has studied the traffic needs of this area. Is the Loop as designed following the plan developed by DOTD?
- Please justify the traffic numbers projected to use the Loop.
- The plan presented shows different traffic projections in different portions of the plan please explain.
- The Governor vetoed money for future study why is this still going forward.
- Why was this proposal not submitted through the MPO?
- If DOTD studies show that 73% of the traffic on I-10 and I-12 in the metro area is local traffic why is the money not being spent to address local infrastructure?
- Please provide money estimates of the real costs to taxpayers associated with "gap" funding.
- Why are schools and churches in Livingston Parish not considered in the routes outlined?
- Please provide research on the effect on communities impacted by highways of this type.
- Please address the effect on surrounding property values near the Loop.
- It is stated in the Implementation Plan that additional property can be taken near the highway for the developmental use of the private investors because of their risk. This violates State law. Please explain.
- The Loop funding is projected to be a partnership with private investors with the taxpayers covering a 12% profit to the investors. Justify.
- Several states have used PPP for projects. Studies indicate that several projects have been failures. The States are having regrets at using this funding method. Justify its use here.
- Any project looking toward the future should be considering the needs of future expansion of the I-12 corridor from Covington through Baton Rouge Please address this point.
- Most private investor will want an immediate profit; a project of this type should look more at the long term needs. The routes should guide future development. Please address needs 10, 20 and 30 years in the future.
- Explain specifically how the routes of the Loop would be "locked down". (Preserved)
- Why would anybody want to drive several miles further and pay a toll in order to get to the bottlenecks of the 2 Baton Rouge bridges?
- Who in Livingston Parish had an input into the routes selected? The public meetings did not even consider suggestion from the public. Explain and be specific.
- Who pays for the needed changes in local infrastructure? Roads, drainage, utilities, added cost to drivers, added cost to the school system for bus transportation, etc.?
- Charts in the Implementation Plan show the cost to the taxpayers to be in the hundreds of millions of dollars annually, which is in addition to tolls. In the present proposal you say the money will come from a State fund that has no money. Be specific where the "gap" funds will come from.
- Do elected leaders in the affected parishes support this project?
- You say that people support this project. The question you asked was: "If the Loop solved our traffic problems would you support the Loop?" The Loop will not solve the traffic issues. Do the proper studies to prove your assumption.
- Who are the investors and prospective investors?
- Who are the new appointees to the Capital Region Planning Authority from Livingston, Iberville and Ascension parishes?
- Did the planners sit down with the elected leadership of Livingston parish as they put this together?
- Will DOTD have a control of the moneys that might come down from DC for this project, and if so who at DOTD?
- Has the Governor given his support to this plan?
- What happens if the citizens of a parish vote to not participate in the Loop?

- The plan supposedly addresses the environment, yet in several locations the final routes have not been determined. How can a Tier 1 approval be issued?
- Livingston and Ascension Parishes have high percent wetlands. Laws associated with mitigation of wetlands require that the land used to mitigate be located in the same hydrologic area. Where can this much land be found in this limited area?
- John Carpenter aid to Kip Holden said in a Senate committee hearing that the investor would decide on the route for the Loop. Justify.
- Summarize the previous findings resulting from studies on a Baton Rouge Loop.
- What happens if nobody uses the Loop? Who pays?
- Tolls are said to be based on $.15 per mile but it is also said that the investors are encouraged to seek the maximum rate justifiable. What will be the toll rate? Confirm.
- Provide studies considering what will happen to crime rates in Livingston and Ascension Parishes as a result of this so called Loop. Who pays for added cost of law enforcement if the rates go up?
- An environmental study must address the effect on local communities. Provide specific studies on all the communities in the effected parishes. Tier I approval should not be given until these are done.
- Who are the new appointees to the Capitol Region Planning Authority from Livingston, Iberville and Ascension parishes? What was their input into the plan?
- The quality of life for landowners/homeowners whose property is not located in the roadway right of way will be greatly diminished due to close proximity to the roadway and the attendant noise pollution. What provisions have been made to compensate these people for the diminished value of their property and quality of life?
- What is the maximum proposed toll rate that is projected to be charged during the life of the road, and is it realistic and viable?
- What are the provisions for handling the additional traffic load expected on the surface streets in proximity to the interchanges? Who is responsible for this infrastructure?
- Much of the information in the Tier 1 study is several years old including traffic counts and cost estimates. How can a Tier 1 approval be expected using outdated information?
- Your plan calls for land use and zoning regulations in the chosen corridor(s) to prohibit the use of, and development of this land. What happens if the local authorities refuse to comply with your request to lock in this land?
- What are the restrictions on building new multilane or upgrading existing roadways to 4 lanes in proximity of the Loop right of way?
- How will the tolls be collected?
- What is the status of the proposed new river crossing south of the old Hwy.190 Bridge?
- How will the value of property and homes taken for this project be determined? Be specific.
- If the project turn out to be a complete failure, who will be ultimately responsible for paying for it?
- What were the criteria, and the result of any studies on the impact of this road on the school system infrastructure?
- Provide documentation on the number of failures of this type of PPP in like areas to Baton Rouge,
- When most of this plan was drawn the current widening of I-10 and I-12 was not on the horizon. What impact/effects will this project have on the traffic on these roadways in Baton Rouge? Be specific.
- Will the current widening of I-10 and I-12 have an impact on the projected traffic that will use the Loop? Explain.
- What alternatives other than a Loop, have been taken into consideration when developing this plan. Be specific.
- Property values have declined in the past few years. What provisions will be made to people who owe more on their homes or land when they forced to sell by eminent domain. Will they be forced into bankruptcy?
- The proposed new bridge (south of the old 190 bridge) goes through the middle of UOP. Has this chemical company agreed to sell to LOOP?
- The land all around UOP is contaminated from the old Kaiser Aluminum days. Has the EIS/BR Loop Design Team determined the cost of remediating this property and how will this environmental clean-up be paid for?

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In 2010 the residents of Livingston rejected the proposed loop as it was presented. Now we are looking at the same project again.

This type of project was attempted in Texas called the Trans Texas Corridor and wasted 6 years and many millions of dollars. Why should we use a failed method?

These types of projects leave the taxpayers on the hook for all of the cost of building and maintaining the loop.

TOL-1

I am against the proposal and do not want to see it attempted OP-2

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No Loop!!!!

The Loop has been talked about Since the '60's - ..No Way then, No Way now. But wait, we have a mayor, who thinks he own Baton Rouge, and he wants to be Known as the one who got the Loop done RB-1 TOL-4

If one person Loses their home because of the loop, that is one home too many. no one Should Lose their home for a useless endeavor. If we get financing from China, that would mean, China will own another chunk of America. I really don't want China owning a piece of our Central. I hate that China owns so much of America as it does. It's just another Chance for China to further it's hold on America.

Think back to the Comite Conversion Canal. People who owned property lost their homes. The Conversion Canal has been at a Stand Still for I don't Know how long. Never finished. Shameful! It is not easy to relocate in these days.

And what is this: people Saying "I'll take N8 - we should be Saying - no Loop! no Loop! no Loop! no Loop! no Loop! no Loop! no Loop! OP-2

No Loop
no where
forget Loop

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Why won't Baton Rouge loop die?

As a retired engineer, I have been instructed my entire life that to solve any problem you must first identify the root cause of the problem. This very elementary logic seems to have been lost during the never-ending loop sales pitch. The congestion on the I-10 corridor during the morning and afternoon rush hour is caused by local commuter traffic. This is the root cause of the problem. For those not convinced of this, travel on the I-10 corridor on any Saturday or Sunday or holiday during rush hour and see if there is a problem. A loop will not solve the traffic problem because commuter traffic will not be significantly impacted by rerouting bypass traffic (if the travelers are even willing to pay a toll and use it). The traffic problem will only be solved by addressing the commuter traffic on the I-10 corridor.

Local taxpayers will never know for sure the underlying agenda behind the loop project; maybe greed by landowners, incompetence, ego, stupidity, arrogance, those in favor of urban sprawl, who knows. Politicians no longer seem to be able to make the rational decisions for public good. There always seems to be a hidden agenda, and the public has good reason for their distrust. The public has rejected the loop project but that doesn't seem to matter. The governor has cut funds but that doesn't seem to matter.

I am reminded of the $250 million Memphis Pyramid built by the city and county of Memphis. Built in 1991 and a spectacular 20,000-seat monument to politicians, it was used only 13 years and abandoned and left to the weeds. Worries about floods and earthquakes led to discussions of demolition until it was finally leased to Bass Pro Shops aided by $30 million of additional public funds. A congressman had even suggested it be used as a mid-America branch of Smithsonian. Just another example of politicians making very bad decisions and wasting taxpayer money with no accountability to taxpayers. It is incumbent upon taxpayers in and around Baton Rouge to stop politicians from making another very bad decision like the loop and force them to do their job and address and solve the real problem.

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Baton Rouge loop will help no one

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Baton Rouge loop benefits no one. I am bewildered why any government leader would claim a BR loop would benefit economic development. Mayor Kip Holden has shoved this idea down the throats of many without any regard to detrimental effects to residents in the outlying parishes.

Livingston and Ascension parishes have declared repeatedly the loop would be a devastation to their parishes.

The parish presidents have studied this project and gone to their local people; the answer remains the same "no loop." Living in Watson, the loop will destroy my home, my children's schools, the businesses that are local in our community and churches.

I want to know where does this prove strong economic development. Furthermore, a toll will prove to be a bust, no one is going to forfeit their hard earned money to pay a toll going east to west or south to north, they will opt to go around the loop to save money. This is nothing more than Mayor Holden's attempt to bully other officials into submission. He needs to be more concerned about his own community.

I believe his successor will know that a BR loop isn't the answer to eliminating traffic in Baton Rouge; they will research the present roadways to improve what is currently in place. Please say, "no loop." People's lives are at stake.

KIMBERLY HIGDON
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Do small projects before BR loop

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Before we get to the loop, we need to try some smaller projects. How about finishing O'Neal Lane to Sullivan Road. The bridges are in, but no road. Then do something about I-10 east of the Mississippi River bridge, the only place in the country where I-10 is one lane. Lets try and finish these two smaller projects first before starting something that probably no living person will ever see finished.

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January 5, 2012

HNTB Corporation
Attn: Suzanne McCain, PE
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Re: Capitol Area Expressway/Baton Rouge Loop

Dear Ms. McCain:

I would like to submit a comment on the proposed Baton Rouge Loop project. I am opposed to the Loop and here are some of the reasons why. OP-2

First, why is the Loop project being forced on the citizens of the surrounding parishes when it is only supported by the Mayor-President of East Baton Rouge, Kip Holden? Second, DOTD has studied the traffic needs of the Metro area. The Loop does not appear to adhere to plans developed by DOTD. Why? Also, DOTD studies have shown that almost 75% of the traffic on I-10 and I-12 is local traffic. Why isn't money being spent to improve the local infrastructure and relieve the traffic load on the interstates? OP-14 OP-12 CIR-3

In addition, the Loop will require substantial changes and upgrades to local roads, drainage, utilities and other items. If the Loop is built, who will pay for these required changes to local infrastructure? PS-4

I would appreciate your timely response. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Calvin L. Jones

Cc: Sherri LaBas, DOTD
Carl Highsmith, Federal Highway Admin.

Please Record My Comments on Proposed BR Loop

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[ ] I FAVOR the proposed Baton Rouge Loop.
[ ] I OPPOSE the proposed Baton Rouge Loop
[✓] Other Take Juban Exchange to Hooper Rd Bridge (Build New Bridge)

Comments: Across Amite River upgrade Hooper put service Roads on Both sides of 4 Lane Take to I 110 Easy, Common Sense, Loop

Also could put over passes @ Sullivan Joor + other streets + not cut central into.

[ ] I am attaching a letter with my comments. my Comments Above

Comments Must ARRIVE by Jan. 5, 2012

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