

Hooper Road Extension

State Project No. H.005403

Environmental Assessment

PUBLIC MEETING SERIES
JANUARY 16 & 17, 2013



OPEN HOUSE MEETING FORMAT

- This PowerPoint presentation will play on a constant “loop” during the meeting. Feel free to watch it at any time during your visit.
- Project staff are situated at the exhibits in the meeting room. Feel free to ask them questions as you look at the exhibits.
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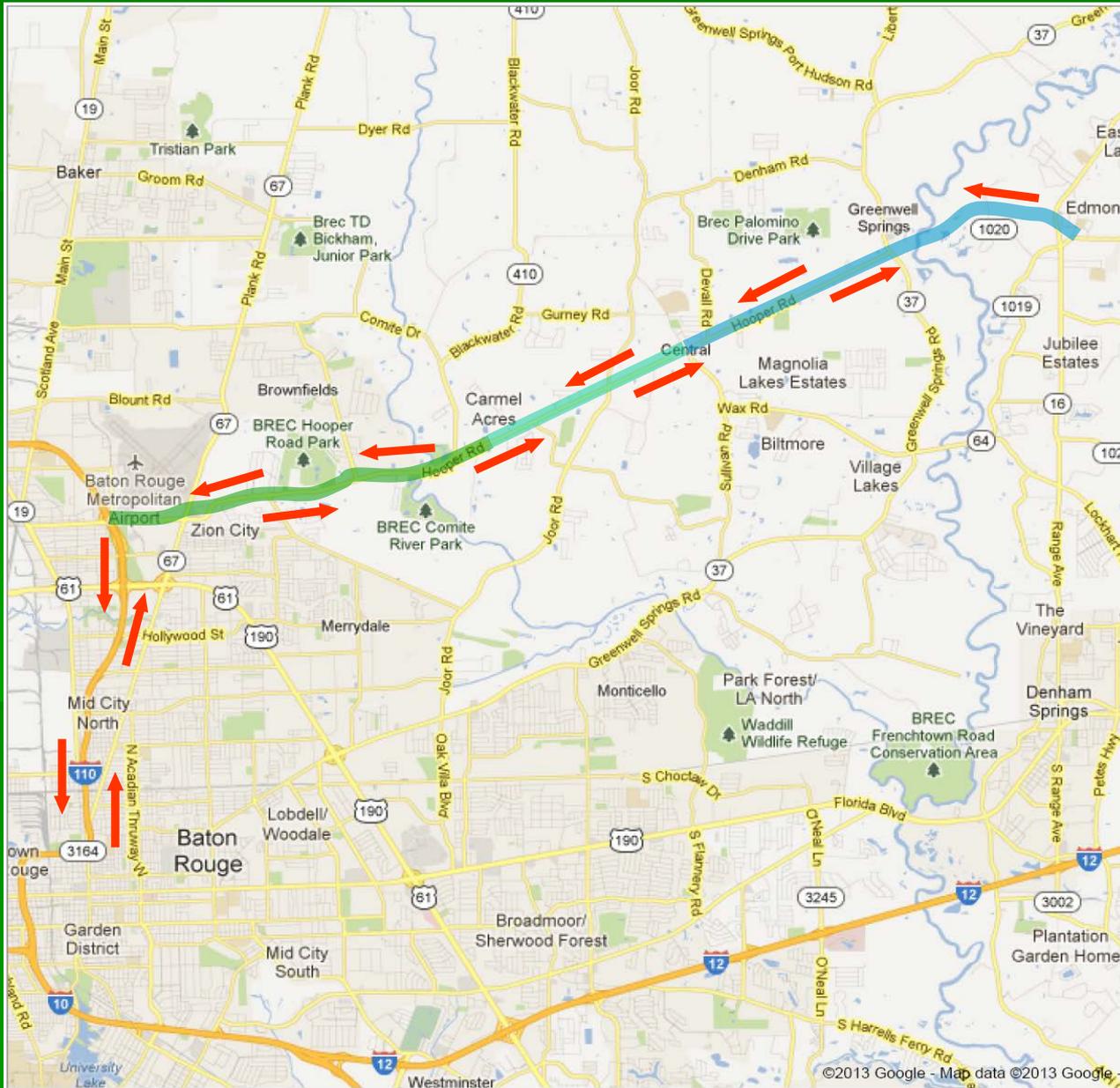
PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Purpose and Need

- Rapid growth occurring in the City of Central, LA, and Livingston Parish, LA has led to heavy traffic volumes that correspond to such growth.
- Most traffic volumes consist of commuter traffic to and from Baton Rouge. Extension of Hooper Road, along with the already planned widening of that road in East Baton Rouge Parish, will create a new four-lane artery for commuters who live in the City of Central and Livingston Parish and work in East Baton Rouge Parish.
- This new east-west connection is anticipated to relieve congestion not only on the Magnolia Bridge, but also on other east-west arteries, such as Florida Blvd (US 190) and I-12.



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Previous Work

- 2000 - Feasibility study for the Hooper Road extension (including a new bridge) – *LADOTD*
- 2010 - Master Plan which called for the extension of Hooper Road as a future transportation improvement - *City of Central*
- August, 2011 – Stage 0 Study of Hooper Road Extension (Greenwell Springs Road to LA 16) - *LADOTD.*
- May, 2012 – Stage 0 Study of Hooper Road Widening, (Sullivan Road to Greenwell Springs Road) - *LADOTD.*

Copies are available on table for in-meeting review



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Q: What is an Environmental Assessment?

A: Study in which several tasks are performed:



ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

- Define/Describe purpose and need for project
- Describe the area to be affected (study area)
- Develop feasible alternative measures to be taken to address purpose and need (at least two: one is always the No-Build Alternative)
- Build alternatives are evaluated, and those that do not adequately address the purpose and need or which are not feasible are eliminated from further consideration
- Describe and compare the impacts to the study area resulting from the alternatives: the Build Alternatives and the No Build Alternative
- Select a Preferred Alternative, and summarize its impacts
- Document all work, including Public Participation



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Hooper Road EA:

- **Alternatives Analysis – Develop three (3) “Build” Alternatives from the alignments and intersection alternatives developed to date.**
- **Refinement of Engineering - Fine-tune the three alternatives’ geometry and design features, and prepare cost estimates for construction.**
- **Impact Analysis - Examine what may be impacted if we were to build each alternative, as well as if we were to do nothing (examine impacts to both natural environment and human environment).**
- **Public Participation – Hold public meeting and public hearing series to obtain public’s input on project and share findings.**



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Hooper Road EA:

- **Mitigation Measures – Examine ways to mitigate any negative impacts from construction of alternatives (noise walls, wetlands mitigation, etc.)**
- **Report Preparation - Document all work, including Public Participation.**
- **Environmental Clearance – If impacts are not significant or are able to be successfully mitigated, obtain a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), which enables the project to move on to design and construction.**

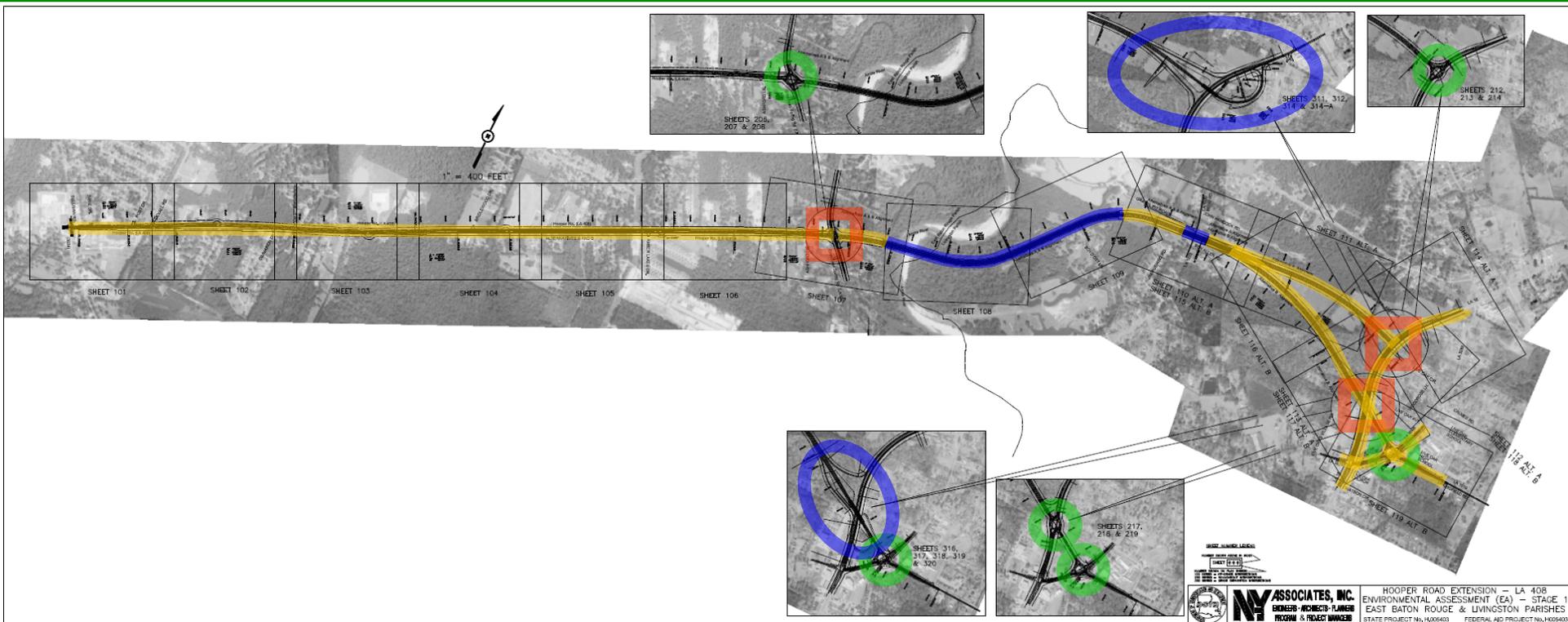


ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

- All alternatives share a common alignment between Sullivan Road and Bend Road.
- There are two (2) options for connection on the eastern end: one which terminates at LA 16 (Alternative A), and one which continues past LA 16 and links with LA 1019 (Alternative B).
- At certain intersection locations, there are intersection options, including: traditional signalized intersections, roundabouts, and free-flow grade-separated interchanges.
- These are best described graphically:



ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT



These layouts can be examined in depth at the exhibit display tables



**THANK YOU
FOR ATTENDING!**

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