



US 90: LA 306 - EARLY ST OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING



STATE PROJECT NO. H.010780
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ST. CHARLES PARISH, LOUISIANA

Edward A. Dufresne Community Center
274 Judge Edward Dufresne Parkway
Luling, Louisiana 70070
December 17, 2014
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for attending this Open House Public Meeting for the proposed US 90: LA 306 - EARLY ST. project. In this handout you will find information about the proposed project, including a preliminary project description, a typical section, and a location map. Also included is a comment form.

Project team members are stationed throughout the room to discuss the project and answer your questions. These individuals are easily identified by their name tags. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with team members. **There will be no formal presentation.**

As you enter the room, you will see four stations:

Station 1: Sign-in Table

At this station, there are sign-in sheets for General Public, Elected and Other Officials, Agency Personnel, and News Media. Please sign in on the appropriate sheet.

Station 2: Exhibits

This station will consist of a series of maps that illustrate the potential limits of construction super-imposed over aerial photographs.

Station 3: Continuous PowerPoint Presentation

This short presentation will provide an overview of the proposed US 90: LA 306 - EARLY ST. The presentation will re-start automatically after a one-minute intermission. **The continuous PowerPoint presentation and the exhibits shown tonight are available on the DOTD website at:** http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Environmental/Pages/default.aspx

Station 4: Comment Table

At this station, comments can be made verbally or in writing. A tape recorder is available at this table for verbal comments. The last page of this handout is a comment form that you may use. Comments can be turned in during this meeting or mailed to the address on the back of the form.

Additional comment forms are also available to be taken with you. **Please note that comments mailed after this meeting must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2014 to be included as part of the meeting transcript.**

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to provide input on the proposed US 90: LA 306 - EARLY ST. project. Thank you for attending this meeting and for providing input.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project is located on US 90 in the community of Paradis, Louisiana in St. Charles Parish. The proposed project begins on US 90 approximately 225 feet west of its intersection with LA 306 and proceeds east along US just east of its intersection with Early Street.

The project consists of four separate treatments. From stations 7+75 to 9+63, 16 inches of asphaltic concrete will be laid 11 feet wide to create a right turn lane from US 90 eastbound to LA 306 (Bayou Gauche Road) southbound. In addition to the right turn lane, the asphaltic concrete curb median will be removed and replaced. The roadway will be cold planed and paved with two inches of an asphaltic concrete wearing course.

Between stations 15+90 to 47+52 the existing pavement will be widened to accommodate the outward shift of the travel lanes to create a new raised grass median. The travel lanes will be 12 feet in width. The roadway will be cold planed and paved. Left turn lanes will be added within the median at stations 28+00 to 33+50 to allow for traffic on US 90 to turn onto Audubon St. and Wisner St. Also, left turn lanes will be added within the median at stations 36+00 to 41+50 to allow for traffic on US 90 to turn onto Scott St. and Kirk Dr. Subsurface drainage will be installed in the existing ditches at Scott St. and Kirk Dr. to accommodate the U-turn bump-outs.

At stations 48+84 to 53+63, the roadway will be cold planed and paved as described above. The existing median will remain.

Additional work will include asphaltic concrete patching, striping the existing roadway, and cleaning of existing ditches, catch basins and pipes. All work will be conducted within the existing right-of-way (ROW). The project is approximately 0.870 mile in length.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose and need of the project is to improve traffic flow and safety of US 90 in St. Charles Parish by providing vehicles a safe place to store when making a left turn or U-turn at the median crossovers.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT FACT SHEET

What is access management?

Access management is defined as the proper planning and design of access roadways to ensure smoother traffic flow with fewer crashes.

- This proper planning and design make roadways more *efficient and safe*.
- Access management refers to the design, implementation, and control of entry and exit points along a roadway
- Includes intersections with other roads and driveways that serve adjacent properties

Why is access management needed?

It is a fact, as roadways develop and traffic increases, many of our roadways are becoming congested and motorists are left to cope with increasing delays and crashes. In fact, poor access management not only increases traffic crashes and delay, it can also result in loss of public and private investment in the roadway system.

Aiding to the congestion issues on roadway are:

- Improperly located streets and driveways. According to the FHWA, analysis of access-related crashes has revealed that driveways and minor uncontrolled intersections can be especially dangerous locations for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Roadways with too many access points
- Spacing of traffic lights

What are the benefits of access management?

Some of the benefits associated with access management are:

- Increases roadway capacity
- Reduces crashes
- Shortens travel time for motorists

What are some techniques used in access management?

There are several common techniques used that help with access management. These include:

- For driveways:
 - Closure, consolidation, or relocation are some things that may be considered
 - There is also, restricted-movement designs, such as right-in/right-out only

- For intersections:
 - Restricted-movement and alternative designs such as J-turns, median U-turns and quadrant roadways
 - Raised medians that prevent cross-roadway movements and focus turns and/or U-turns to key intersections
 - Adding auxiliary turn lanes such as exclusive left or right and two-way left

- Constructing parallel, lower speed one-way or two-way frontage roads

- Using roundabouts or mini roundabouts

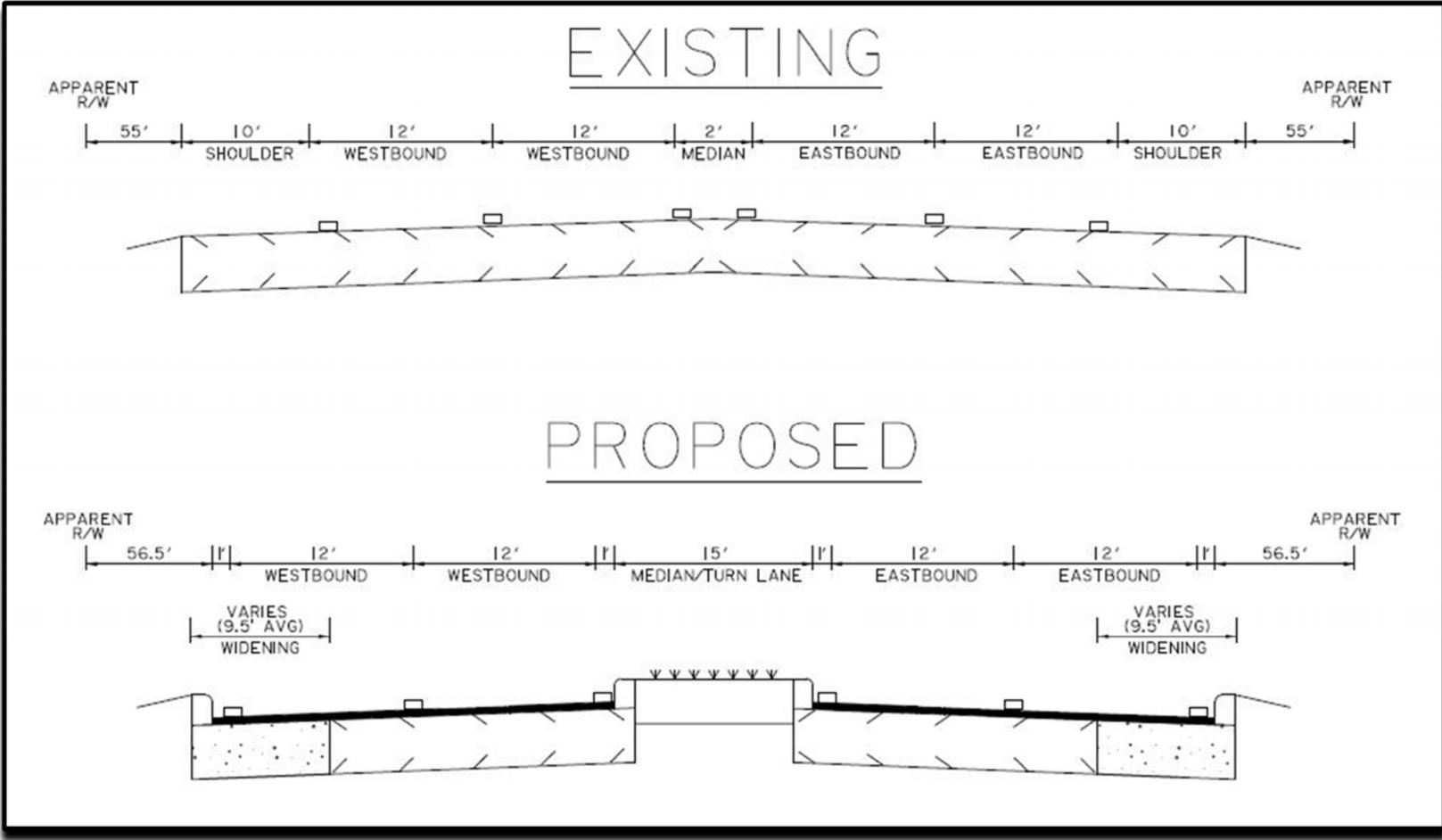
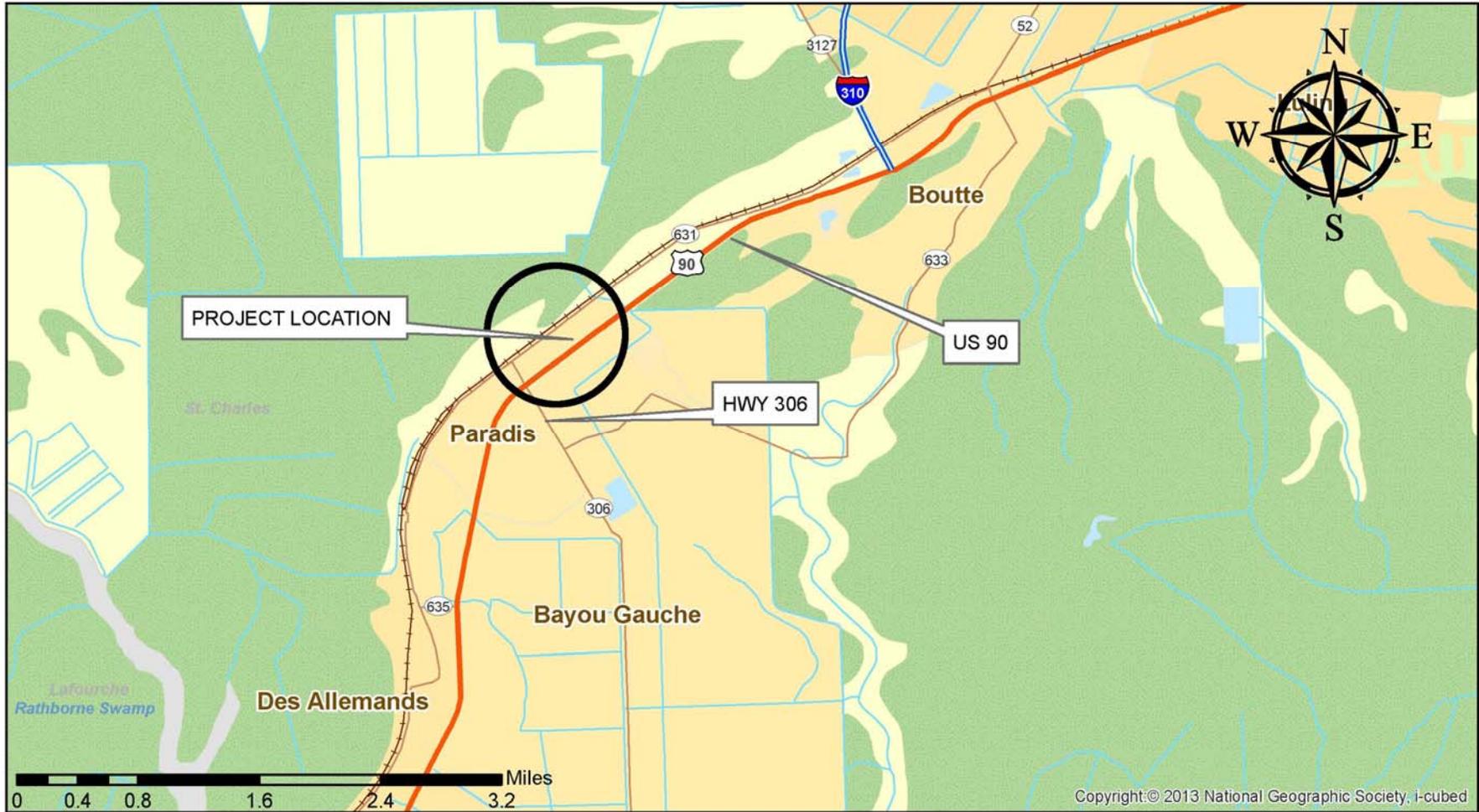


Figure 1: Highway 90 Typical Section



LOCATION MAP

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NAME: US 90: LA 306 - EARLY ST.
ROUTE: US 90
PARISH: ST. CHARLES



Figure 2: Project Vicinity Map.

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