

APPENDIX A

AGENCY CORRESPONDENCE
(PROVIDED IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER)

LA 70 BYPASS
 STATE PROJECT NO. H.010571.2
 FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H010571
 ROUTE LA 70
 ASSUMPTION PARISH

SOLICITATION OF VIEW MAILING LIST
 (Date mailed 11/22/13)

AGENCY NAME	CONTACT NAME/DIVISION	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
8TH COAST GUARD DISTRICT	DISTRICT COMMANDER	HALE BOGGS FEDERAL BUILDING 500 POYDRAS ST.	NEW ORLEANS	LA	70130
ASSUMPTION PAIRSH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	JOHN BOUDREAU, DIRECTOR AND FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR	PO BOX 520	NAPOLEONVILLE	LA	70390
ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY		PO BOX 520	NAPOLEONVILLE	LA	70390
ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY	PATRICK LAWLESS, WARD 1 JUROR	139 IDEAL STREET	BELLE ROSE	LA	70341
ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY	JEFF NAQUIN, WARD 2 JUROR	319 BRULE RD	LABADIEVILLE	LA	70372
ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY	IRVING COMEAUX, WARD 3 JUROR	159 POND DRIVE	MORGAN CITY	LA	70380
ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY	PATRICK JOHNSON, WARD 4 JUROR	PO BOX 587	LABADIEVILLE	LA	70372
ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY	CALVIN JAMES, WARD 6 JUROR	128 JACOBS STREET	NAPOLEONVILLE	LA	70390
ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY	BOOSTER BREAUX, WARD 8 JUROR	3631 LEE DRIVE	PIERRE PART	LA	70339
ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY	MYRON MATHERNE, WARD 9 JUROR	129 TIMOTHY STREET	PIERRE PART	LA	70339
ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY (WARD 5)	MARTIN TRICHE, PRESIDENT	4554 HIGHWAY 1	NAPOLEONVILLE	LA	70390
ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY (WARD 7)	HENRY DUPRE, VICE PRESIDENT	PO BOX 512	BELLE ROSE	LA	70341
ASSUMPTION PARISH SCHOOL BOARD		PO DRAWER B	NAPOLEONVILLE	LA	70390
ASSUMPTION PARISH SHERIFF		112 FRANKLIN ST	NAPOLEONVILLE	LA	70390
BAYOU LAFOURCHE FRESH WATER DISTRICT		1016 ST MARY ST	THIBODAUX	LA	70301
CHITIMACHA TRIBE		155 CHITIMACHA LOOP RD	CHARENTON	LA	70523
CHOCTAW NATION OF OKLAHOMA	IAN THOMPSON PHD, RPA	PO BOX 1210	DURANT	OK	74702-1210
COALITION TO RESTORE COASTAL LOUISIANA	STEVEN PEYRONNIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	6160 PERKINS RD, STE 225	BATON ROUGE	LA	70808
COUSHATTA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA		PO BOX 818	ELTON	LA	70532
DEPT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY	OFFICE OF FORESTRY	PO BOX 1628	BATON ROUGE	LA	70821
DEPT OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY	OFFICE OF SOIL/WATER CONSERVATION	PO BOX 3554	BATON ROUGE	LA	70821
DEPT OF CULTURE RECREATION & TOURISM	OFFICE OF STATE PARKS	PO BOX 44426	BATON ROUGE	LA	70804
DEPT OF CULTURE RECREATION & TOURISM, DIVISION OF ARCHAEOLOGY	PAM BREAUX, STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER	PO BOX 44247 CAPITAL ANNEX 3RD	BATON ROUGE	LA	70804
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DEPT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS	TENNEY SIBLEY, DIRECTOR	628 N. 4TH ST	BATON ROUGE	LA	70802
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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	JAMES BALLOW, SPECIAL OPERATIONS OFFICER	7667 INDEPENDENCE BLVD.	BATON ROUGE	LA	70806
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UNITED STATES SENATE	SENATOR MARY LANDRIEU	HALE BOGGS FEDERAL BUILDING 500 POYDRAS ST. RM 1005	NEW ORLEANS	LA	70130
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Sherri H. LeBas, P.E., Secretary

November 22, 2013

STATE PROJECT NO.: H.010571.2
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H010571
LA 70 BYPASS
ROUTE LA 70
ASSUMPTION PARISH

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views

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LA 70 Bypass c/o Providence
1201 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Fax: 225.766.7440
e-mail: paulgriggs@providenceeng.com
or noel.ardoin@la.gov

Please refer to State Project No. H.010571.2 in your reply.

Thank you for your input regarding the proposed project. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (225) 242-4502 or Mr. Paul Griggs, the consultant project manager at Providence, at (225) 766-7400.

Sincerely,

Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator

Attachments

PROJECT DESCRIPTION
STATE PROJECT NO: H010571.2
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H010571
LA 70 BYPASS
ROUTE LA 70
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The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development proposes a permanent bypass of LA 70 in the vicinity of LA 69 in Assumption Parish. The LA 70 Bypass is proposed to provide system linkage and to protect the welfare of area residents in the event that LA 70 is closed permanently. LA 70 is a state emergency evacuation route experiencing current traffic volumes of between 6,800 and 7,500 vehicles per day.

In the past year, failure of a cavern of the Napoleonville Salt Dome has caused surface instability and the formation of a sinkhole south of existing LA 70. During the summer of 2012, a large sinkhole developed south of LA 70 near Bayou Corne. In August 2012, an emergency proclamation was issued by the Governor declaring a statewide emergency as a result of the subsidence and subsurface instability. The Assumption Parish public officials expressed concern for the integrity of LA 70. DOTD is actively monitoring LA 70 in the vicinity of the sinkhole and currently has no concerns related to the integrity of LA 70. This Environmental Assessment (EA) is being conducted to determine the impacts associated with constructing a permanent bypass should the closure of LA 70 be required due to long-term subsidence related to the sinkhole or other activities.

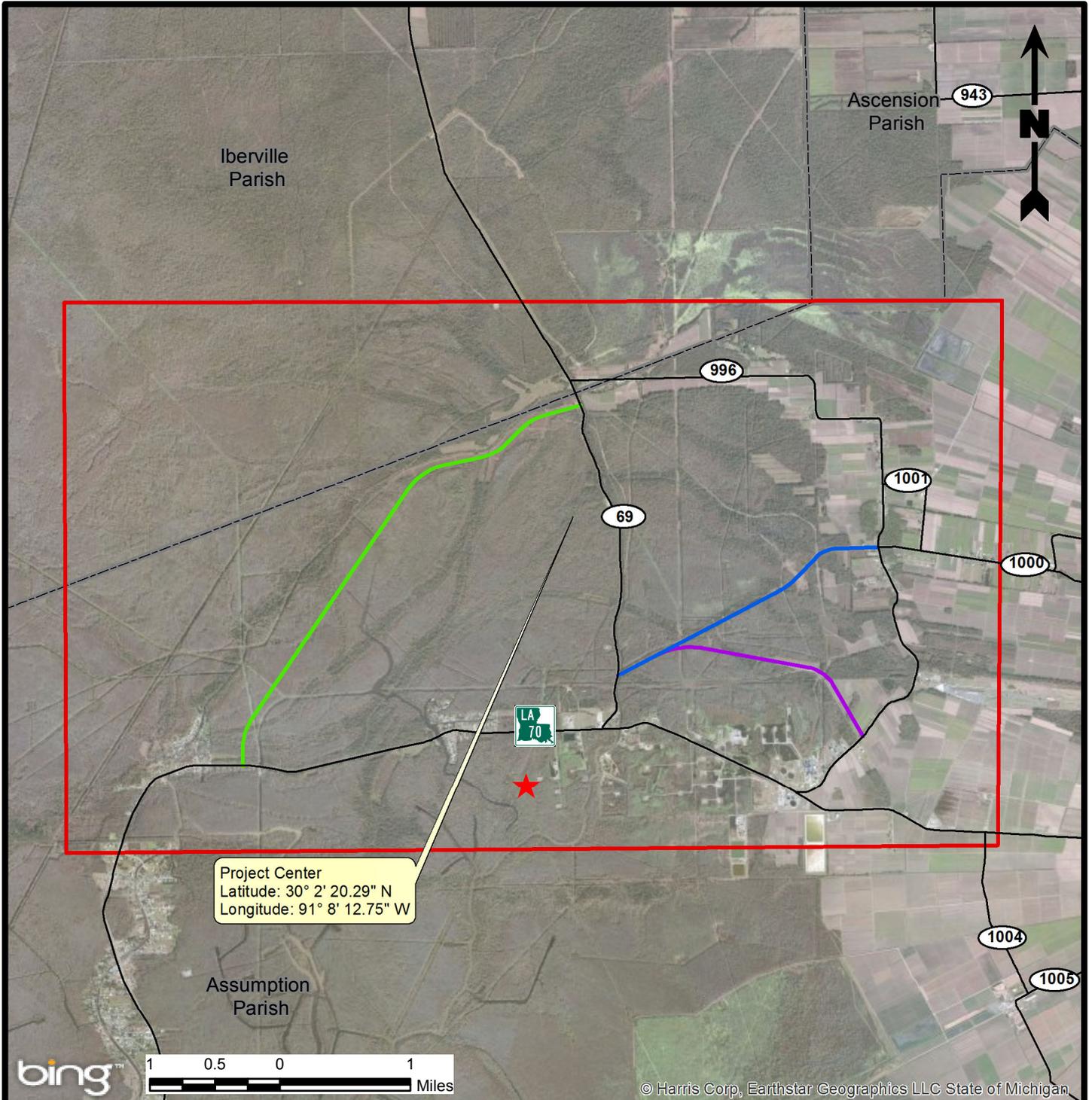
Further failure of the integrity of the Napoleonville Salt Dome could result in an immediate need to close LA 70. To accommodate this scenario, DOTD is preparing two EAs. An EA is being prepared for the LA 70 Detour Route, which is envisioned as a temporary solution. In addition to proposing the LA 70 Detour Route, the DOTD is proposing the implementation of a permanent bypass route, which is addressed by the second EA and is the purpose of this SOV.

Three Build Alternatives for the LA 70 Bypass have been developed during the feasibility study and will advance directly into the EA process. The proposed alternatives are shown on the attached figure.

Additional right-of-way may be required and residential and business relocations may occur. The EA will include analysis of possible impacts to wetlands, threatened and endangered species, cultural resources, business and residential relocations, community, environmental justice, noise, air, and contamination concerns. Other factors will include the location of flood zones, prime farmland, and threatened and endangered species critical habitats. This study will also utilize readily available GIS information and aerial photographs, as well as on-site visits. Impacts and benefits to the above-referenced resources and communities will be identified and weighed to focus on a preferred alternative.

One public meeting and one public hearing will be held for the LA 70 Bypass. There will also be an agency and local stakeholder review meeting held prior to the public meeting. It is anticipated that the EA for the LA 70 Bypass would be completed in twelve months.

In addition to your comments on the bypass project, we respectfully request your input on the project's preliminary purpose and need, screening methodology, range of alternatives, and planned coordination efforts. This information will be helpful in the development of the EA for this proposed project.



Legend

- Project Study Area
- Parish Boundary
- Bypass Alternative 1
- Bypass Alternative 2
- Bypass Alternative 3
- ★ Bayou Corne/Grand Bayou Sinkhole Area

Reference

Base map comprised of Bing Maps aerial imagery from (c) 2013 Microsoft Corporation and its data suppliers.

LA 70 Bypass
Solicitation of Views
State Project No. H.010571.2
Assumption Parish, Louisiana

Louisiana Department
of Transportation and Development



PROVIDENCE

Drawn By	ECL	11/18/13
Checked By	LMH	11/18/13
Approved By	KHO	11/18/13

Project Number 040-014	1
Drawing Number 040-014-A005	Figure



Louisiana Department of Natural
Resources
Office of Coastal Management
(OCM)

Joint Permit Application For Work Within the Louisiana Coastal Zone



U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers
(COE)
New Orleans District

[Print Application](#)

Permit Number: P20131650

Date Received: 11/25/2013

Step 1 of 15 - Applicant Information

**Applicant/Company
Name:**

LA DOTD

Applicant Type: GOVERNMENT AGENCY

Mailing Address:

PO Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Contact Information:

Noel Ardoin

Daytime:

225 242 4502 **Fax:**

Contact Email: noel.ardoin@la.gov

Step 2 of 15 - Agent Information

**Company
Name:**

Providence

Mailing Address:

1201 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

**Contact
Information:**

Paul Griggs

Daytime:

225 766 7400 **Fax:** 225 766 7440 **Contact Email:** paulgriggs@providenceeng.com

Step 3 of 15 - Permit Type

Coastal Use Permit (CUP)

Solicitation of Views (SOV)

Request for Determination
(RFD)

Step 4 of 15 - Pre-Application Activity

a. Have you participated in a Pre-Application or Geological Review Meeting for the proposed project?

Water Body:

b. Latitude and Longitude

Latitude: 30 02 20.29 Longitude: -91 08 12.75

c. Section, Township, and Range

Section #: Township #: Range #:

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d. Lot, Tract, Parcel, or Subdivision Name

Lot #: Parcel #:

Tract #: Subdivision
Name:

e. Site Direction:

Step 7 of 15 - Adjacent Landowners

Step 8 of 15 - Project Specifics

a. Project Name and/or Title: LA 70 Bypass

b. Project Type: Non-Residential

c. Source of Funding:

d. What will be done for the proposed project?

- | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bridge/Road | <input type="checkbox"/> Home
Site/Driveway | <input type="checkbox"/> Pipeline/Flow Line | <input type="checkbox"/> Rip Rap/Erosion Control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulkhead/Backfill | <input type="checkbox"/> Levee Construction | <input type="checkbox"/> Plug/Abandon | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Clearance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage
Improvements | <input type="checkbox"/> Dredging | <input type="checkbox"/> Production
Barge/Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Subdivision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drill Barge/Structure | <input type="checkbox"/> Prop Washing | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetative Plantings | <input type="checkbox"/> Wharf/Pier/Boathouse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drill Site | <input type="checkbox"/> Pilings | <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Structures | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fill | <input type="checkbox"/> Marina | <input type="checkbox"/> Major
Industrial/Commercial | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | | |

e. Why is the proposed project needed?

system linkage and protect welfare of area residents in the event that LA 70 is closed permanently

Step 9 of 15 - Project Status

a. *Proposed project start date:*

Proposed project completion date:

b. *Is any of the project work in progress?*

No Yes

c. *Is any of the project work complete?*

No Yes

Step 10 of 15 - Structures, Materials, and Methods for the Proposed Project

a. *Excavations*

yd³

Acres

b. *Fill Areas*

yd³

Acres

c. *Fill Materials*

- | | | | |
|--|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete: | yd ³ | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock: | yd ³ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crushed Stone or Gravel: | yd ³ | <input type="checkbox"/> Sand: | yd ³ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excavated and placed onsite: | yd ³ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hauled in topsoil/Dirt: | yd ³ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Excavated and hauled offsite: | yd ³ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | yd ³ | | |

d. *What equipment will be used for the proposed project?*

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airboat | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulldozer/Grader | <input type="checkbox"/> Marsh Buggy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backhoe | <input type="checkbox"/> Dragline/Excavator | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Tracked or Wheeled Vehicles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barge Mounted Bucket Dredge | <input type="checkbox"/> Handjet | <input type="checkbox"/> Self Propelled Pipe Laying Barge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barge Mounted Drilling Rig | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Based Drilling Rig | <input type="checkbox"/> Tugboat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | |

Step 11 of 15 - Project Alternatives

a. *Total acres of wetlands and/or waterbottoms filled and/or excavated.*

acres

b. *What alternative locations, methods, and access routes were considered to avoid impact to wetlands and/or waterbottoms?*

c. *What efforts were made to minimize impact to wetlands and/or waterbottoms?*

d. *How are unavoidable impacts to vegetated wetlands to be mitigated?*

Step 12 of 15 - Permit Type and Owners

a. *Are you applying for a Coastal Use Permit?*

No Yes

b. *Are you the sole landowner/oyster lease holder?*

No Yes

The applicant is an owner of the property on which the proposed described activity is to occur.

The applicant has made reasonable effort to determine the identity and current address of the owner(s) of the land on which the proposed described activity is to occur, which included, a search of the public records of the parish in which the proposed activity is to occur.

The applicant hereby attests that a copy of the application has been distributed to the following landowners/oyster lease holders:

c. *Does the project involve drilling, production, and/or storage of oil and gas?*

No Yes

Step 13 of 15 - Maps and Drawing Instructions

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Step 14 of 15 - Payment

The fee for this permit is: \$0.00

Step 15 of 15 - Payment Processed

Applicant Information

Applicant Name: LA DOTD
Address: PO Box 94245
City/State/Zip: Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Application Information

Permit Type: SOV

To the best of my knowledge the proposed activity described in this permit application complies with, and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. If applicable, I also certify that the declarations in Step 12c, oil spill response, are complete and accurate.

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FEMA

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
REGION VI
MITIGATION DIVISION

NOTICE REVIEW/ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATION

We have no comments to offer. We offer the following comments:

WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THE LOCAL FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR BE CONTACTED FOR THE REVIEW AND POSSIBLE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PROJECT. IF FEDERALLY FUNDED, WE WOULD REQUEST PROJECT TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH EO11988 & EO 11990.

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DATE: November 29, 2013



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In response to the subject letter dated November 22, 2013 from the Environmental Engineer Administrator, the Assumption Parish School System is in favor of the detour route and a bypass for LA 70 for the safety of all students and employees.

Sincerely,



Earl T. Martinez
Superintendent
Assumption Parish School System

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The Assumption Parish School Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability in any of its programs, activities, admission, or employment practices as required by Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, and Title II.



BOBBY JINDAL
GOVERNOR

State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE & FISHERIES

ROBERT J. BARHAM
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December 4, 2013

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Louisiana Department of Natural Resources
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Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4487

RE: *Application Number: P20131650*
Applicant: Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development
Notice Date: November 27, 2013

Dear Mr. Morgan:

The professional staff of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has reviewed the notice referenced above. The following recommendations have been provided by the appropriate biologist(s):

Ecological Studies:

LDWF will provide comments during the official public notice period. LDWF looks forward to reviewing project design details and the proposed construction methodologies as well as participating in any scheduled interagency meetings and site visits. It is the intent of LDWF to avoid and/or minimize, to the greatest extent practicable, project impacts to wetlands and other fish and wildlife resources.

Louisiana Natural Heritage Program:

No impacts to rare, threatened or endangered species or critical habitats are anticipated from the proposed project. No state or federal parks, wildlife refuges, wildlife management areas or scenic rivers are known at the specified site or within ¼ mile of the proposed project.

The Louisiana Natural Heritage Program (LNHP) reports summarize the existing information known at the time of the request regarding the location in question. LNHP reports should not be considered final statements on the biological elements or areas being considered, nor should they be substituted for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. If at any time LNHP tracked species are encountered within the project area, please contact our biologist at 225-765-2643.

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries appreciates the opportunity to review and provide recommendations to you regarding this proposed activity. Please do not hesitate to contact LDWF Permits Coordinator Dave Butler at 225-763-3595 should you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Kyle F. Balkum
Biologist Program Manager

cd/cm

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SECRETARY

State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT

12/04/2013

PROVIDENCE
1201 MAIN STREET
BATON ROUGE, LA 70802
Attn: Paul Griggs

**RE: P20131650, Solicitation of Views
LA DOTD**

Description: Proposed permanent bypass for LA 70 in the vicinity of LA 69 (State Project No. H010571 / Federal Aid Project No. H010571).

Location: Project Center - Lat. 30° 02' 20.29"N, Long. 91° 08' 12.75"W

Assumption Parish, LA

Dear Paul Griggs:

We have received your Solicitation of Views for the above referenced project, which has been found to be inside the Louisiana Coastal Zone. In order for us to properly review and evaluate this project, we require that a complete Coastal Use Permit Application packet (Joint Application Form, locality maps, project illustration plats with plan and cross section views, etc.) along with the appropriate application fee be submitted to our office. Using your complete application, we can provide you with an official determination, and begin the processing of any Coastal Use Permit that may be required for your project. You may obtain a free application packet by calling our office at (225) 342-7591 or (800)-267-4019, or by visiting our website at <http://www.dnr.state.la.us/crm/coastmgt/cup/cup.asp>.

We recommend that, during your planning process, you make every effort to minimize impacts to vegetated wetlands. As our legislative mandate puts great emphasis on avoiding damages to these habitats, in many cases the negotiations involved in reducing such disturbances and developing the required mitigation to offset the lost habitat values delay permit approval longer than any other factor. Additionally, the following sensitive features may require additional processing time by the appropriate resource agencies: The area where the project is located is all part of the aboriginal homelands of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. As such, large villages, burial sites, and sacred sites were in place in that entire area. Please contact Kimberly S. Walden (Cultural Director) or Melanie Aymond (Research Coordinator) at (337) 923-9923 or (337) 923-4395. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. and on Friday between 7:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M. Also, the project area is within the vicinity of a Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Louisiana Natural Heritage Program feature. Please contact Dave Butler at 225-763-3595 for additional information.

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Should you desire additional consultation with our office prior to submitting a formal application, we recommend that you call and schedule a pre-application meeting with our Permit Section staff. Such a preliminary meeting may be helpful, especially if a permit application that is as complete as possible is presented for evaluation at the pre-application meeting.

If you have any questions, would like to request an application packet or would like to schedule a pre-application meeting, please contact Stephanie Zumo at (225) 342-7591 or stephanie.zumo@la.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl L. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Karl L. Morgan
Administrator

Karl L. Morgan/sz

Attachments

P20131650, Solicitation of Views
LA DOTD
12/04/2013
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Final Plats:

1) [P20131650](#) [Final Plats](#) [11/25/2013](#)

cc: Jessica Diez, OCM w/plats
Rod Pierce, CMD/FI w/plats
LA DOTD w/plats



Environmental Section
 PO Box 94245 | Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245
 Phone: 225-242-4502

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November 22, 2013



STATE PROJECT NO.: H.010571.2
 FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H010571
 LA 70 BYPASS
 ROUTE LA 70
 ASSUMPTION PARISH

SITE MAY CONTAIN WETLANDS
Contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
for a jurisdictional determination.

District: New Orleans, LA

Telephone No.: 504-862-2274

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views

Early in the planning stages of a transportation facility, views from federal, state and local agencies, organizations, and individuals are solicited. The special expertise of these groups can assist the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) with the early identification of potentially economic, social, or environmental effects associated with project development. Your assistance in this effort is appreciated.

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We request that you review the attached information and provide us with your views and comments within 30 days. All comments should be addressed to:

Mr. Paul Griggs
 LA 70 Bypass c/o Providence
 1201 Main Street
 Baton Rouge, LA 70802
 Fax: 225.766.7440
 e-mail: paulgriggs@providenceeng.com
 or noel.ardoin@la.gov

Please refer to State Project No. H.010571.2 in your reply.

Thank you for your input regarding the proposed project. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (225) 242-4502 or Mr. Paul Griggs, the consultant project manager at Providence, at (225) 766-7400.

Sincerely,


 Noel Ardoin
 Environmental Engineer Administrator

This project has been reviewed for effects to Federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act). The project, as proposed, () Will have no effect on those resources () Is not likely to adversely affect those resources. This finding fulfills the requirements under Section 7(a)(2) of the Act.

Attachments


 Julie Noullet
 Acting Supervisor
 Louisiana Field Office
 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 Date: Dec 4 2013

December 09, 2013

Mr. Paul Griggs
LA 70 Bypass c/o Providence
1201 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

RE: Project No. H.010571.2 ROUTE LA 70

Dear Mr. Griggs:

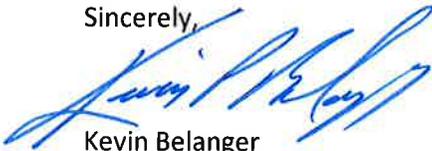
The Houma Thibodaux MPO (HTMPO) thanks you for your request for views and comments with regards to the permanent LA 70 Bypass Route project. While this project is not within the urbanized area served by the HTMPO, we are well aware of the situation caused by the collapse of the Napoleonville salt dome as it falls within one of our planning commission's parishes. As such we have monitored the situation and worked closely with the parish.

We support your efforts with regards to providing alternative routes for LA 70 which currently serves as the state emergency route and is endangered by expansion of the sinkhole. Upon review of the permanent bypass documentation supplied to date, we do not feel that this project would add undue burden to the existing transportation system.

We are interested in participating in the public meeting and public hearing, as well as the agency and local stakeholder review. Please send us times, dates and locations as they become available via email, leo@scpd.org or cassie@scpd.org. We would be glad to provide more input on the project's preliminary purpose and need, screening methodology, range of alternatives, and planned coordination efforts if you would provide us with drafts of those documents.

Please feel free to contact us if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,



Kevin Belanger

CEO, South Central Planning and Development Commission

ASSUMPTION PARISH POLICE JURY



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December 12, 2013

Mr. Paul Griggs
LA 70 Bypass c/o Providence
1201 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: Solicitation of Views
State Project No.: H.010571.2
Federal Aid Project No.: H010571
LA 70 BYPASS
ROUTE LA 70
Assumption Parish, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Griggs:

Please allow this letter to serve as an official response from the Assumption Parish Police Jury regarding the captioned matter as discussed at the Police Jury meeting on December 11, 2013. Enclosed you will find a map that outlines a route selected by the Assumption Parish Police Jury that would be most suitable and cost effective for all parties involved. Please note the highlighted area. It proposes a loop that would by-pass the entire salt dome and tie back into Hwy 70. We ask that you give this option serious consideration.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me for assistance.

Sincerely,

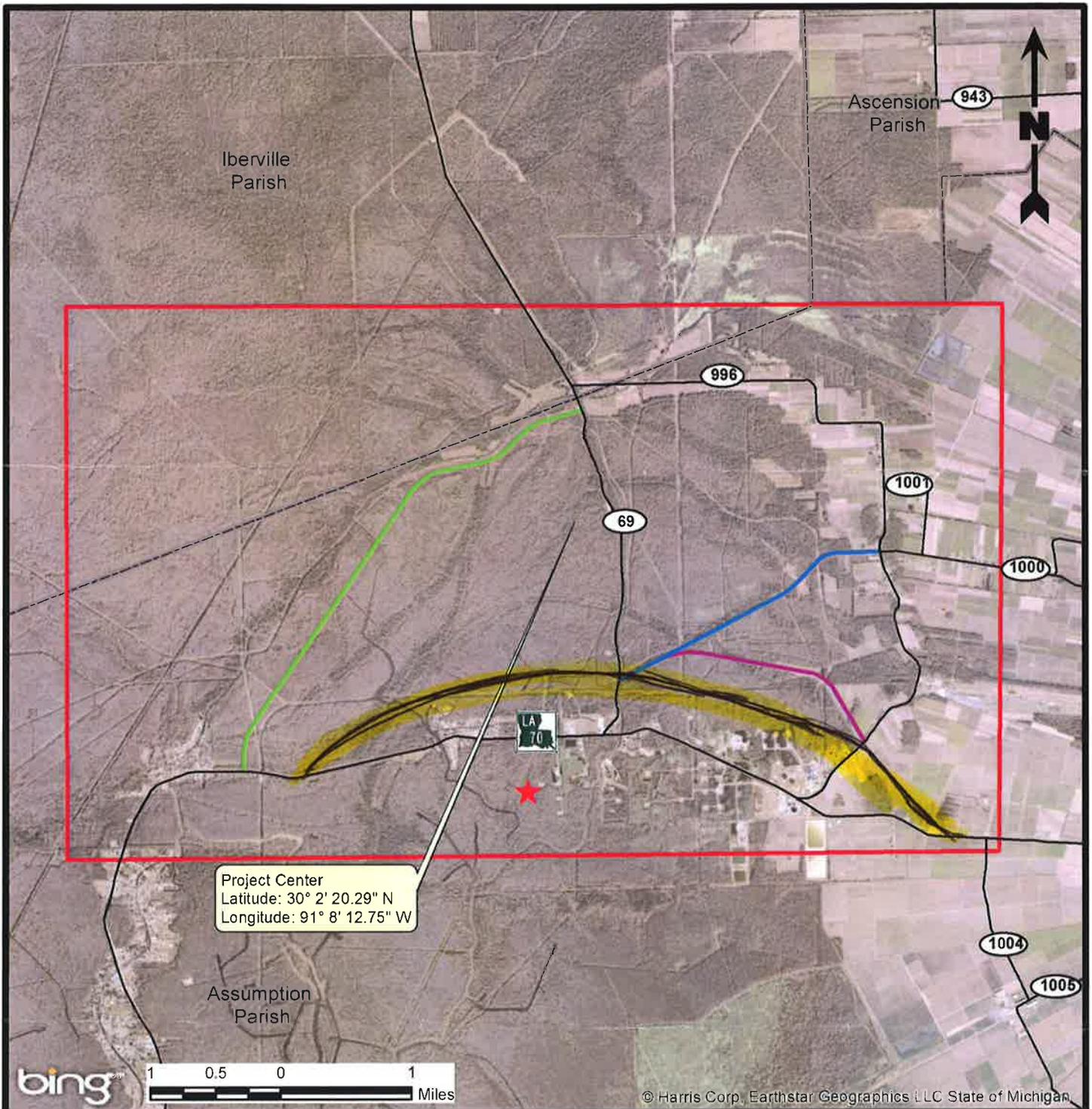
Kim M. Torres
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure

cc: Juror Henry Dupre

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Legend

- Project Study Area
- Parish Boundary
- Bypass Alternative 1
- Bypass Alternative 2
- Bypass Alternative 3
- ★ Bayou Corne/Grand Bayou Sinkhole Area

Reference

Base map comprised of Bing Maps aerial imagery from (c) 2013 Microsoft Corporation and its data suppliers.

LA 70 Bypass
 Solicitation of Views
 State Project No. H.010571.2
 Assumption Parish, Louisiana

**Louisiana Department
 of Transportation and Development**



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Checked By	LMH	11/18/13
Approved By	KHO	11/18/13

Project Number 040-014	1
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 6
1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200
DALLAS TX 75202-2733

December 12, 2013

Ms. Noel A. Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
LA DOTD
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

We have received your November 22, 2013, letter requesting our evaluation of the potential environmental impacts which might result from changes to a previously approved project:

**Construct Bypass of LA 70
in the Vicinity of LA 69
STP No. H.010571.2
FAP No. H010571
Assumption Parish, Louisiana**

In administering the sole source aquifer (SSA) program under Section 1424 of the Safe Drinking Water Act our Office performs evaluations of projects with federal financial assistance which are located over a designated sole source aquifer.

Based on the information provided, we have concluded that the project does not lie within the boundaries of a designated sole source aquifer and is thus not eligible for review under the SSA program.

If you did not include the parish, project description, project location or the federal funding agency, please do so in future Sole Source Aquifer correspondence.

If you have any questions on this letter or the sole source aquifer program please contact me at (214) 665-7133.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Bechdol".

Michael Bechdol, Coordinator
Sole Source Aquifer Program
Ground Water/UIC Section

cc: Paul Griggs, Providence Engineering
Jesse Means, LDEQ

United States Department of Agriculture



Natural Resources Conservation Service
3737 Government Street
Alexandria, LA 71302

(318) 473-7751
Fax: (318) 473-7626

December 12, 2013

Paul Griggs
LA 70 Bypass c/o Providence
1201 Main Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

RE: State Project No. H.010571.2 – LA 70 Bypass – Assumption Parish, LA

Dear Mr. Griggs:

I have reviewed the above referenced project for potential requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) and potential impact to Natural Resources Conservation Service projects in the immediate vicinity.

Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a federal agency or with assistance from a federal agency. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.

The early planning stage project map and narrative submitted with your request indicates that the proposed construction areas will potentially impact the following prime or unique farmland soils:

CmA – Cancienne silty clay loam	RV = 100
CnA – Cancienne silt loam	RV = 100
SkA – Schriever clay	RV = 85
TbA – Thibaut clay	RV = 85

Our preliminary evaluation of the 3 alternative routes indicates that alternative 1 would affect the highest acreage of prime farmland. In order for us to adequately assess the prime farmlands effects, we would need more detailed descriptions of proposed right-of-way widths. With the additional information, we can complete the required NRCS-CPA-106 Farmland Conversion Impact Rating for Corridor Type Projects form. Furthermore, we do not predict impacts to NRCS work in the vicinity.

For specific information about the soils found in the project area, please visit our Web Soil Survey at the following location: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

For more information on FPPA requirements or the process to receive a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating (Form AD-1006 or CPA-106) please visit the following location:
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/landuse/fppa/>

Please direct all future correspondence to me at the address shown above.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin D. Norton".

Kevin D. Norton
State Conservationist

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OFFICE OF CONSERVATION

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COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

December 19, 2013

TO: Mr. Paul Griggs
Providence Engineering
1201 Main Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

RE: Solicitation of Views
LA 70 Detour Route  ate Project No. H010571.2
Assumption Parish

Dear Mr. Griggs:

As you are aware, the Office of Conservation has been involved in the response to the emergency associated with the sinkhole located immediately to the south of your proposed project. This emergency response includes the construction and operation of vent wells, flares, flow-lines and other equipment. Because of the fluid nature of this response, new information is becoming available daily. For that reason, this response only specifically identifies existing facilities and operations near the proposed project area.

In addition to information associated with the emergency response, please be advised that the Office of Conservation collects and maintains many types of information regarding oil and gas exploration, production, distribution, and other data relative to the petroleum industry as well as related and non-related injection well information, surface mining and ground water information and other natural resource related data. Most information concerning oil, gas and injection wells for any given area of the state, including the subject area of your letter can be obtained through records search via the SONRIS data access application available at:

<http://www.dnr.louisiana.gov>

A review of our computer records for the referenced project area indicates that there are numerous oil, gas, pressure relief, and/or injection wells located in the vicinity of the project area. If you can provide this office with a GIS shape file of the project detour route, we will be happy to plot those features on a map for you to identify those within the proposed detour route, and those within the immediate vicinity. If you have any questions

about what type of shape file is necessary contact David Elfert at david.elfert@la.gov, or (225) 342 – 5501.

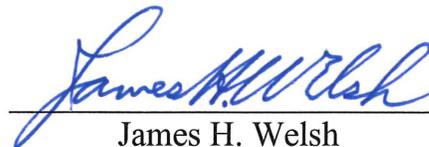
Additionally, the DNR water well database indicates that there are registered water wells in the vicinity of the project area. It is also possible that unregistered water wells may be located in the area.

The Office of Conservation maintains records of all activities within its jurisdiction in paper, microfilm or electronic format. These records may be accessed during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, except on State holidays or emergencies that require the Office to be closed. Please call 225-342-5540 for specific contact information or for directions to the Office of Conservation, located in the LaSalle Building, 617 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For pipelines and other underground hazards, please contact Louisiana One Call at 1-800-272-3020 prior to commencing operations. Should you need to direct your inquiry to any of our Divisions, you may use the following contact information:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone No.</u>	<u>E-mail Address</u>
Engineering	Jeff Wells	225-342-5638	jeff.wells@la.gov
Pipeline	Steven Giambrone	225-342-2989	steven.giambrone@la.gov
Injection & Mining	Brad Bourgoyne	225-342-4286	brad.bourgoyne@la.gov
Geological	Mike Kline	225-342-3335	mike.kline@la.gov
Environmental	Gary Snellgrove	225-342-7222	gary.snellgrove@la.gov

If you have difficulty in accessing the data via the referenced website because of computer related issues, you may obtain assistance from our technical support section by selecting Help on the SONRIS tool bar and submitting an email describing your problems and including a telephone number where you may be reached.

Sincerely,



James H. Welsh

Commissioner of Conservation





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Phone: 225-242-4502

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November 22, 2013

STATE PROJECT NO.: H.010571.2
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H010571
LA 70 BYPASS
ROUTE LA 70
ASSUMPTION PARISH

No known historic properties will be affected by this undertaking. This effect determination could change should new information come to our attention.

Pam Breaux 12-20-13
Pam Breaux Date
State Historic Preservation Officer

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Views

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Fax: 225.766.7440
e-mail: paulgriggs@providenceeng.com
or noel.ardoine@la.gov

Please refer to State Project No. H.010571.2 in your reply.

Thank you for your input regarding the proposed project. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at (225) 242-4502 or Mr. Paul Griggs, the consultant project manager at Providence, at (225) 766-7400.

Sincerely,

Noel Ardoine
Environmental Engineer Administrator

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ARCHAEOLOGY

From: Noel Ardoin <Noel.Ardoin@LA.GOV>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2013 7:14 AM
To: Kerry Oriol; Monica Herrera; Paul Griggs
Subject: FW: LADOT, H.010571.2, LA 70 Bypass, Assumption Parish, LA
Attachments: Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma areas of interest in LA.jpg

Categories: Urgent

From: Johnnie L. Jacobs [<mailto:jjacobs@choctawnation.com>]
Sent: Friday, December 27, 2013 12:43 PM
To: Noel Ardoin
Subject: LADOT, H.010571.2, LA 70 Bypass, Assumption Parish, LA

Dear Noel,

Thank you for the correspondence regarding the above referenced project. Assumption Parish is outside our historic area of interest in Louisiana. We respectfully defer to the other Tribes that have been contacted. I have included our most recent map showing our areas of interest. I also have a GIS shapefile sent to you if that would be helpful as well. If you have any further questions, please let us know.

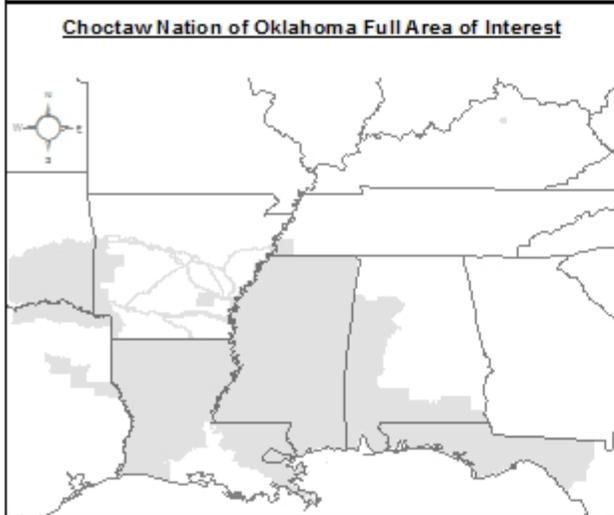
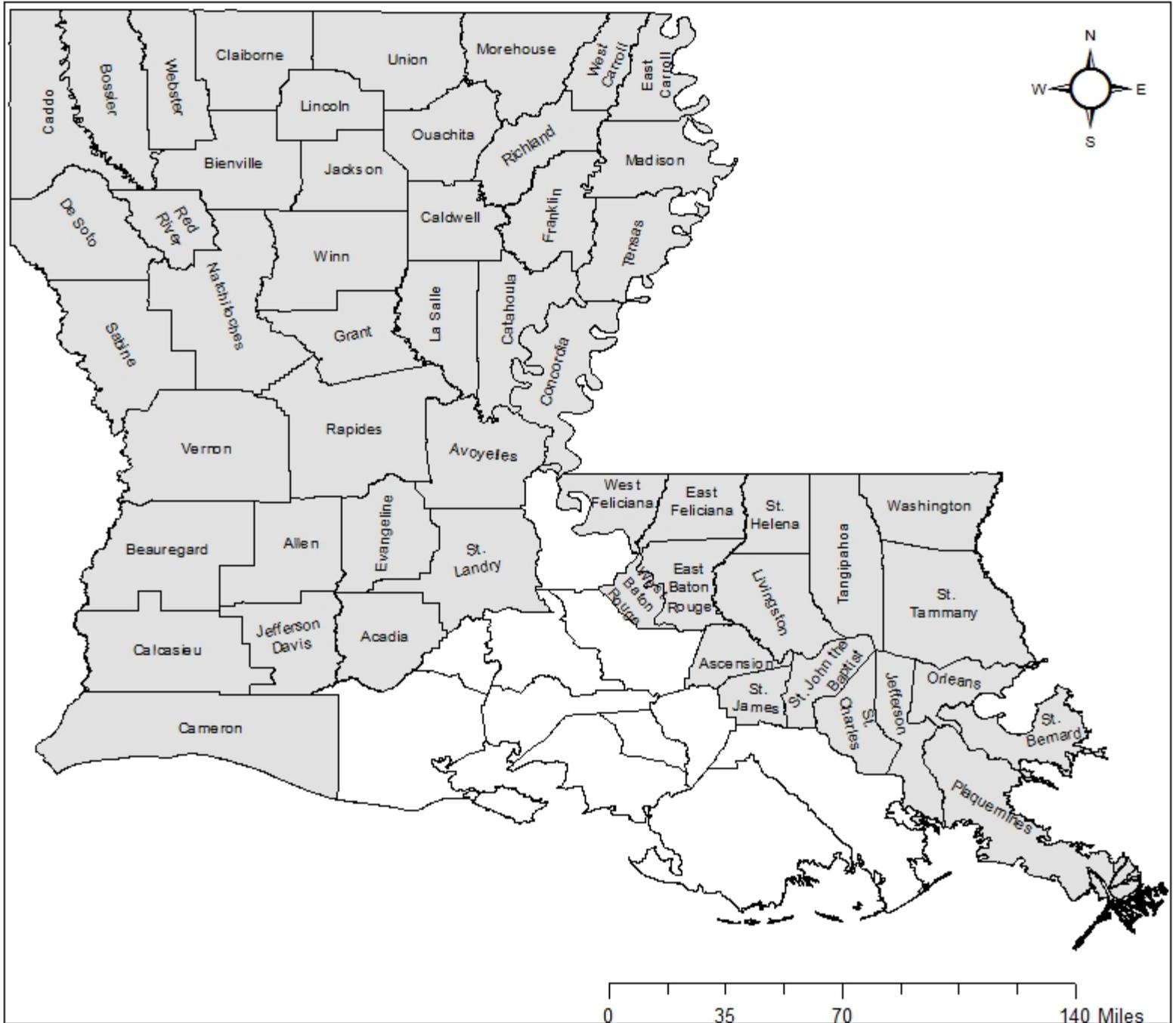
Thank you,

Ms. Johnnie Jacobs
NHPA Section 106 Coordinator
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Historic Preservation Department
P.O. Box 1210
Durant, OK 74701
jjacobs@choctawnation.com

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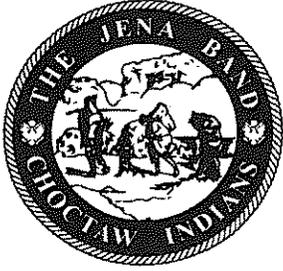
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma Area of Historic Interest in Louisiana



Parishes of Interest in Louisiana

Acadia	East Baton Rouge	Orleans	Tensas
Allen	East Carroll	Ouachita	Union
Ascension	East Feliciana	Plaquemines	Vernon
Avoyelles	Evangeline	Rapides	Washington
Beauregard	Franklin	Red River	Webster
Bienville	Grant	Richland	West Baton Rouge
Bossier	Jackson	Sabine	West Carroll
Caddo	Jefferson	St. Bernard	West Feliciana
Calcasieu	Jefferson Davis	St. Charles	Winn
Caldwell	La Salle	St. Helena	
Cameron	Lincoln	St. James	
Catahoula	Livingston	St. John the Baptist	
Claiborne	Madison	St. Landry	
Concordia	Morehouse	St. Tammany	
De Soto	Natchitoches	Tangipahoa	

Map by: Ryan L. Spring
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
Historic Preservation Dept.
Dated: 1/18/2013



Jena Band of Choctaw Indians

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December 30, 2013

Department of Transportation and Development
Environmental Section
P. O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

RE: State Project NO. H.010571
LA 70 Bypass
Route LA 70
Assumption Parish

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank you for the opportunity to review this project. We have no concerns at this time. However, if any culturally significant artifacts are discovered please contact our office immediately.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dana Masters, THPO Officer/Cultural Director, at 318-992-1205 or danammasters@aol.com.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dana Masters".

Dana Masters
THPO/ Cultural Director
Council Member



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Bobby Jindal, Governor
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January 6, 2014

STATE PROJECT NO.: H.010571.2
F.A.P. NO.: H010571
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: LA 70 BYPASS
ROUTE: LA 70
PARISH: ASSUMPTION

Mr. Paul Griggs
Providence Engineering
1201 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Subject: Solicitation of Views

Dear Mr. Griggs:

Enclosed is a copy of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM's) for Assumption Parish, indicating the proposed project.

During and after the project, consideration must be given for the occurrence of a base flood inundation. At this time, consideration should also be given to the responsibility for clearing debris and keeping the area cleared so as not to interfere with its function.

In order to assure compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and ensure that appropriate permits are obtained, please contact the floodplain administrator for Assumption Parish. The contact person is: Mr. John Boudreaux, P.O. Box 520, Napoleonville, LA 70390 and telephone no. 985-369-7386.

We thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you need additional information, please contact our office, (225) 379-3005.

Sincerely,

Susan Veillon, CFM
Floodplain Management Program Coordinator

pc: Mr. John Boudreaux



NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

FIRM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

ASSUMPTION PARISH,
LOUISIANA
(UNINCORPORATED AREAS)

PANEL 50 OF 275

COMMUNITY-PANEL NUMBER
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EFFECTIVE DATE:
MAY 19, 1981



federal emergency management agency
federal insurance administration

This is an official copy of a portion of the above referenced flood map. It was extracted using F-MIT On-Line. This map does not reflect changes or amendments which may have been made subsequent to the date on the title block. For the latest product information about National Flood Insurance Program flood maps check the FEMA Flood Map Store at www.msc.fema.gov

Bypass Alt. 2013

INDIC PANEL 150

From: [Robert Williams](#)
To: [Monica Herrera](#)
Subject: FW: DEQ SOV 131126/2195 LA 70 Bypass
Date: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 3:16:01 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Robert Williams, PE

Project Manager

Cell: (850) 832-3837

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From: Linda (Brown) Hardy [mailto:Linda.Hardy@la.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 4:08 PM
To: Paul Griggs
Cc: Yasooob Zia
Subject: DEQ SOV 131126/2195 LA 70 Bypass

March 10, 2014

Paul Griggs
Providence Engineering
1201 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
paulgriggs@providenceeng.com

RE: 131126/2195 LA 70 Bypass
 H.010571.2 LA DOTD Funding
 Assumption Parish

Dear Mr. Griggs:

The Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Business and Community Outreach Division has received your request for comments on the above referenced project.

After reviewing your request, the Department has no objections based on the information provided in your submittal. However, for your information, the following general comments have been included. Please be advised that if you should encounter a problem during the implementation of this project, you should immediately notify LDEQ's Single-Point-of-contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640.

- Please take any necessary steps to obtain and/or update all necessary approvals and environmental permits regarding this proposed project.
- If your project results in a discharge to waters of the state, submittal of a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) application may be necessary.
- If the project results in a discharge of wastewater to an existing wastewater treatment system, that wastewater treatment system may need to modify its LPDES permit before accepting the additional wastewater.
- All precautions should be observed to control nonpoint source pollution from construction activities. LDEQ has stormwater general permits for construction areas equal to or greater than one acre. It is recommended that you contact the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219-9371 to determine if your proposed project requires a permit.
- If your project will include a sanitary wastewater treatment facility, a Sewage Sludge and Biosolids Use or Disposal Permit application or Notice of Intent may be required. Additional information may be obtained on the LDEQ website at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2296/Default.aspx> or by contacting the LDEQ Water Permits Division at (225) 219- 9371.
- If any of the proposed work is located in wetlands or other areas subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, you should contact the Corps directly regarding permitting issues. If a Corps permit is required, part of the application process may involve a water quality certification from LDEQ.
- All precautions should be observed to protect the groundwater of the region.
- Please be advised that water softeners generate wastewaters that may require special limitations depending on local water quality considerations. Therefore if your water system improvements include water softeners, you are advised to contact the LDEQ Water Permits to determine if special water quality-based limitations will be necessary.
- Any renovation or remodeling must comply with LAC 33:III.Chapter 28, Lead-Based Paint Activities; LAC 33:III.Chapter 27, Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools and State Buildings (includes all training and accreditation); and LAC 33:III.5151, Emission Standard for Asbestos for any renovations or demolitions.
- If any solid or hazardous wastes, or soils and/or groundwater contaminated with hazardous constituents are encountered during the project, notification to LDEQ's Single-Point-of-Contact (SPOC) at (225) 219-3640 is required. Additionally, precautions should be taken to protect workers from these hazardous constituents.

Currently, Assumption Parish is classified as attainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards and has no general conformity determination obligations.

Please send all future requests to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (225) 219-3954 or by email at linda.hardy@la.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda M. Hardy

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May 27, 2014

Ms. Kerry Oriol
Project Manager
Providence Engineering and Environmental Group LLC
1201 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Re: State Project H.010571.2 LA Bypass
Section 6(f) Review

Dear Ms. Oriol,

Your solicitation of views for the LA 70 Bypass project to ensure linkage and access in the event of a permanent closure of that roadway was passed to my desk today.

The Division of Outdoor Recreation in the Louisiana Office of State Parks administers the Land and Water Conservation Fund program for Louisiana. In this capacity we compile an inventory of recreational sites within the state for publication in the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) published periodically. The most recent SCORP was published for the period of 2009-2014 with an inventory developed in 2009.

One Land and Water Conservation Fund site encumbered by Section 6(f)(3) exists in proximity to this study area. That project is the Belle River Recreation Complex of Pierre Part. The GPS coordinates for this facility are N 29.9729, W 91.192333. Any infringement of this facility would require a conversion of use in accordance with LWCF policy. Otherwise, there are no known conflicts with recreation in the study area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cleve Hardman".

Cleve Hardman
Director of Outdoor Recreation



December 18, 2014

Monica Herrera
Providence Engineering and Environmental Group LLC
1201 Main Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802

RE: LA 70 Bypass – State Project No. H.010571.2 – Providence Project No. 040-014-001

Dear Ms. Herrera:

I have reviewed the above referenced project for potential requirements of the Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) and potential impact to Natural Resources Conservation Service projects in the immediate vicinity.

Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a federal agency or with assistance from a federal agency. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land.

The project map and narrative submitted with your request indicates that the proposed construction areas will potentially impact the following prime or unique farmland soils:

Alternative 3

CmA - Cancienne silt loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes	9.62 acres	
SkA - Schriever clay, 0 to 1 percent slopes	7.32 acres	
<u>CnA - Cancienne silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes</u>	<u>20.16 acres</u>	
	Total = 37.10 acres	RV=97

Alternative 4

<u>CnA - Cancienne silty clay loam, 0 to 1 percent slopes</u>	<u>.11 acres</u>	
	Total = .11 acres	RV=100

Please find attached a CPA-106 Farmland Conversion Impact Rating for Corridor Type Projects with our agencies information completed. Furthermore, we do not predict impacts to NRCS work in the vicinity.

For specific information about the soils found in the project area, please visit our Web Soil Survey at the following location: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/>

For more information on FPPA requirements or the process to receive a Farmland Conversion Impact Rating (Form AD-1006 or CPA-106), please visit the following location:

<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/landuse/fppa/>

Please direct all future correspondence to me at the address shown above.

Respectfully,

Kevin Norton
State Conservationist

Attachment

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request 12/17/14	4. Sheet 1 of _____
1. Name of Project LA 70 Bypass	5. Federal Agency Involved DOTD		
2. Type of Project Road Construction	6. County and State Assumption Parish, LA		
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS 12/17/14	2. Person Completing Form M. Mouton
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size 768 ac.	
5. Major Crop(s) sugar cane	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: 84,315 35.9%	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: 40,092 17.1%	
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used Assumption CESA	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS 12/18/14	

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency) Alternative Corridor For Segment Alternate #3

	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	87.07			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services				
C. Total Acres In Corridor	87.07			

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information

A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	37.1			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	1.00%			
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	29.5			
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion: Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)	97			

PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))

Assessment Criteria	Maximum Points				
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15				
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10				
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20				
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20				
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10				
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25				
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5				
8. On-Farm Investments	20				
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25				
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10				
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	0	0	0	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)

Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	0	0	0	0
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	0	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	0	0	0	0

1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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5. Reason For Selection:

Signature of Person Completing this Part: _____ DATE _____

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS

PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request <i>12/17/14</i>	4. Sheet 1 of _____
1. Name of Project <i>LA 70 Bypass</i>	5. Federal Agency Involved <i>DOTD</i>		
2. Type of Project <i>Road Construction</i>	6. County and State <i>Assumption Parish, LA</i>		
PART II (To be completed by NRCS)		1. Date Request Received by NRCS <i>12/17/14</i>	2. Person Completing Form <i>M. Mouton</i>
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated Average Farm Size <i>768 ac.</i>	
5. Major Crop(s) <i>Sugarcane</i>	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: <i>84,315 35.9%</i>	7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <i>40,092 17.1%</i>	
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <i>Assumption LFSA</i>	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System _____	10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS <i>12/18/14</i>	

PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)	Alternative Corridor For Segment <i>Alternate #4</i>			
	Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly	<i>9.30</i>			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services				
C. Total Acres In Corridor	<i>9.30</i>			

PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information				
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland	<i>.11</i>			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland				
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted	<i>2.001</i>			
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value	<i>21.8</i>			
PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative Value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)	<i>100</i>			

PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))	Maximum Points				
1. Area In Nonurban Use	15				
2. Perimeter In Nonurban Use	10				
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20				
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20				
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10				
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25				
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5				
8. On-Farm Investments	20				
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25				
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10				
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	160	0	0	0	0

PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)	100	0	0	0	0
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)	160	0	0	0	0
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)	260	0	0	0	0

1. Corridor Selected:	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Reason For Selection:			

Signature of Person Completing this Part: _____ DATE _____

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

Monica Herrera

From: Joshua Marceaux <joshua_marceaux@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2015 10:54 AM
To: Monica Herrera
Cc: david_soileau@fws.gov
Subject: LA 70 Bypass EA

Ms. Herrera,

We have reviewed the subject EA. As stated/shown in that EA, our office responded to a solicitation of views for this proposed project on December 4, 2013, with a no effect to federal trust resources under our jurisdiction and currently protected by the Endangered Species Act of 1973. Therefore, we have no comment on this EA. If you have questions, feel free to contact me.

Thanks,

Joshua Marceaux
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Fish and Wildlife Biologist
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May 20, 2015

STATE PROJECT NO. H.010571
 F.A.P. NO. H.010571
 PHASE I CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY
 LA 70 ALTERNATE ROUTES 3 AND 4
 ASSUMPTION PARISH

Ms. Pam Breaux
 State Historic Preservation Officer
 Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism
 Office of Cultural Development
 P.O. Box 44247, Capitol Station
 Baton Rouge, LA 70804

SUBJECT: Final Phase I Cultural Resources Survey (LADOA Report No.: 22-4930)

Dear Ms. Breaux:

Enclosed for your library are two bound copies, historic structure forms and PDFs of each for the Final Phase I cultural resources survey report titled "*Phase I Cultural Resources Investigations for Louisiana Highway 70 Bypass Alternate Routes 3 and 4, Assumption Parish, La.*" dated May 2015 and prepared by TRC Environments, Corporation for the above captioned project.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Sharon Gage at (225) 242-4515.

Sincerely,

Noel Ardoin
 Environmental Engineer Administrator

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 cc: FHWA (w/copy of letter)

The Final Report has been reviewed and accepted. 22-4930	
	5-22-15
Pam Breaux State Historic Preservation Officer	Date



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June 29, 2015

Ms. Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator
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RE: *Project Title: H.010571.2 (Environmental Assessment LA 70 Bypass)*
Notice Date: May 1, 2015

Dear Ms. Ardoin:

The professional staff of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) has reviewed the memorandum referenced above for an Environmental Assessment of the proposed LA 70 Bypass project in Assumption Parish, Louisiana. Based upon this review, the following has been determined:

It is the intent of LDWF to avoid and/or minimize, to the greatest extent practicable, project impacts to wetlands and other fish and wildlife resources. With this in mind, LDWF concurs with the proposed use of Bypass Alternative 4 and its approximately 11.43 acres of wetland impacts as opposed to Bypass Alternative 3 and its approximately 50.99 acres of impacts. However, should the LA 70 Detour Route be constructed, but deemed threatened and not a viable long-term facility, LDWF would concur with the construction of Bypass Alternative 4 provided that impacts to wetlands and other fish and wildlife resources be minimized to the greatest extent practicable and mitigated for.

Confirmed with LDWF should read Alternative 3.

LDWF will provide any additional comments we may have during the official public notice period. LDWF looks forward to reviewing project design details and the proposed construction methodologies as well as participating in any scheduled interagency meetings and site visits.

Louisiana Natural Heritage Program:

Our database indicates the presence of bird nesting colonies within one mile of this proposed project. **Please be aware that entry into or disturbance of active breeding colonies is prohibited by the LDWF. In addition, LDWF prohibits work within a certain radius of an active nesting colony.**

Nesting colonies can move from year to year and no current information is available on the status of these colonies. If work for the proposed project will commence during the nesting season, conduct a field visit to the worksite to look for evidence of nesting colonies. This field visit should take place no more than two weeks before the project begins. If no nesting colonies are found within 400 meters (700 meters for brown pelicans) of the proposed project, no further consultation with LDWF will be necessary. If active nesting colonies are found within the previously stated distances of the proposed project, further

consultation with LDWF will be required. In addition, colonies should be surveyed by a qualified biologist to document species present and the extent of colonies. Provide LDWF with a survey report which is to include the following information:

1. qualifications of survey personnel;
2. survey methodology including dates, site characteristics, and size of survey area;
3. species of birds present, activity, estimates of number of nests present, and general vegetation type including digital photographs representing the site; and
4. topographic maps and ArcView shapefiles projected in UTM NAD83 Zone 15 to illustrate the location and extent of the colony.

Please mail survey reports on CD to: Louisiana Natural Heritage Program
La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
P.O. Box 98000
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

To minimize disturbance to colonial nesting birds, the following restrictions on activity should be observed:

- For colonies containing nesting wading birds (i.e., herons, egrets, night-herons, ibis, roseate spoonbills, anhingas, and/or cormorants), all project activity occurring within 300 meters of an active nesting colony should be restricted to the non-nesting period (i.e., September 1 through February 15).

- For colonies containing nesting gulls, terns, and/or black skimmers, all project activity occurring within 400 meters (700 meters for brown pelicans) of an active nesting colony should be restricted to the non-nesting period (i.e., September 16 through April 1).

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries appreciates the opportunity to review and provide recommendations to you regarding this proposed activity. Please do not hesitate to contact Habitat Section biologist Zachary Chain at 225-763-3587 should you need further assistance.

Sincerely,



Kyle F. Balkum
Biologist Director

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c: EPA Marine & Wetlands Section
USFWS Ecological Services