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September 26, 2011  
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: District Administrators  
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Subject: Highway/Rail Grade Crossing Consolidation and Closure Procedures & Public Meeting Procedures

DOTD is committed to improving highway/rail grade crossing safety by eliminating grade crossings where multiple collisions have occurred or where the sites have been identified as reasonable candidates for closure or consolidation. Many crossings in Louisiana may be considered "crossings of convenience" because an alternate crossing is nearby. Eliminating redundant or multiple collision crossings, and placing traffic on nearby adjacent crossings with improved geometry or safety devices, reduces the risk for crashes.

Local agency and public involvement are essential in the consolidation and closure process. The process is defined in Louisiana RS 48:390 and further explained in the attached documents for state maintained and local agency maintained roadways. These documents have been developed by the Highway/Rail Safety Unit to formalize the processes for closure and consolidation of highway/rail grade crossings. These documents, dated 09/2011, are to be used to guide the process for highway/rail crossing consolidations and closures.

Should you require additional information, please contact William Shrewsberry 225-379-1543.

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