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Avondale Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study Jefferson Parish

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Summary of Alternatives Public Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

J.C. Simmons Community Center

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Former officers get sentences of 10 to 40 years

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the mess.

After Elward shot Jenkins in the mouth, lacerating his tongue and breaking his jaw, they devised a coverup. The deputies agreed to plant drugs, and false charges stood against Jenkins and Parker for months.

McAlpin and Middleton, the oldest in the group, threatened to kill other officers if they spoke up, prosecutors said. In court Thursday, McAlpin's attorney Aafram Sellers said only Middleton threatened to kill them.

Sellers also questioned a probation officer about details submitted to the judge. When federal investigators interviewed the neighbor who called McAlpin, that person reported seeing "trashy" people at the house who were both white and Black, Sellers said. That called into question whether the episode started on the basis of race, he argued.

Federal prosecutors said the neighbor referred to people at the home as "those people" and "thugs." The information included in the charging documents, which the officers did not dispute when they pleaded guilty, revealed some of them used racial taunts and epithets throughout the episode.

Majority-white Rankin County is just east of Jackson, home to one of

the highest percentages of Black residents of any major U.S. city. The officers shouted at Jenkins and Parker to "stay out of Rankin County and go back to Jackson or 'their side' of the Pearl River," court documents say.

Attorneys for several of

the deputies said their clients became ensnared in a culture of corruption that was encouraged by leaders in the sheriff's office.

Rankin County Sheriff Bryan Bailey revealed no details about his deputies' actions when he announced they had been

fired last June. After they pleaded guilty in August, Bailey said the officers had gone rogue and promised changes. Jenkins and Parker called for his resignation and filed a \$400 million civil lawsuit against the department.

Bailey, who was re-

ected without opposition in November, said in a statement Thursday that he is "committed to the betterment of this county" and will work "with the honest, hard-working men and women currently with this department" to make Rankin County safer.

In a statement read by his attorney, Jenkins said he "felt like a slave" and was "left to die like a dog."

"If those who are in charge of the Rankin County Sheriff's Office can participate in these kinds of torture, God help us all," Jenkins said. "And God help Rankin County." ♦

NOLA-PS enrollment is expected to decline ?

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range on the average per pupil as we move into [fiscal year 2025] and beyond.

In Louisiana, public schools rely on a per-pupil funding model, which includes local and state funding for each student they enroll. In New Orleans, the district allocates money through a formula that includes a base rate and additional funds depending on the grade and education needs of individual students.

In an interview with *Verite News*, Gay said this extra funding may help schools better serve students with specific needs, such as the city's English learner population, which has grown slightly in the past few years.

Kenneth Ducote, executive director of the Greater New Orleans Collaborative of Charter Schools, said the extra funding will allow schools to offer higher teacher salaries and spend more money on special programs. The extra

money will also help schools with the rising costs of insurance, maintenance and utilities, Ducote said.

The expected funding increase could also help offset the loss of federal pandemic aid that served as the district's emergency relief fund after sales taxes declined during COVID-19 shutdowns, Gay said.

Fewer students... fewer schools?

As New Orleans' student population continues to shrink, schools will see an overall funding decrease in upcoming years, said Alvin David with New Schools for New Orleans, a nonprofit focused on improving education.

An analysis published earlier this year by New Schools for New Orleans found that enrollment in the district has declined by more than 3,600 students, or seven percent, since 2019, with kindergarten enrollment dropping 20 per-

cent since 2014.

That's in part due to a decrease in the number of children born in the city, said Dana Peterson, CEO of New Schools for New Orleans. Examining federal statistics, the group found that the number of live births in New Orleans has declined by 20 percent since 2015. The city saw only 4,045 births in 2022 — the fewest since Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Peterson said enrollment decline is not unique to Orleans Parish or Louisiana. He pointed to an outmigration both the city and state are experiencing, which he said will also affect enrollment in the coming years.

This school year, New Orleans schools have an 88 percent "fill rate," meaning about 3,000 seats are vacant. Though that fill rate is an improvement over previous years, empty seats could still strain school budgets, making it difficult for district schools to cover

maintenance and custodial costs, Gay said.

To tackle its declining student population, the district adopted a "district optimization" policy last year, acknowledging that some charter schools may have to consolidate or even close in a process sometimes called "right-sizing."

"Part of the right-sizing has to do with just having people in the right buildings," Gay said. "We don't want a school that's 250 kids to have a 180,000 square-foot facility that they can't pay for because the costs are too high."

Right-sizing will allow schools to share a building and split costs, Gay said, leaving them with more money to invest in students.

Peterson said consolidations are sustainable — lower upkeep costs mean hiring more quality teachers and more resources and programming to meet the needs of young people. This also means higher fill rates across district schools, he said.

In 2022, InspireNOLA consolidated Pierre A. Capdau Charter School and McDonogh 42 Elementary Charter School. Last year, the operators of Mildred Osborne Charter School and Akili Academy in New Orleans also merged, forming a new school. Gay said these schools have seen their enrollment numbers go up since their mergers.

Despite the projections, Gay said the district could bounce back.

"I think [enrollment rates are] certainly going to increase ... we might just see a different population over time rather than a decreased population," Gay said, pointing to the school district's increase in English learners. "The better we get at welcoming those folks, getting them into the system, getting them up to speed, helping them with language and interpretation and all of that ... that will help stabilize the system a bit." ♦

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CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NO: 2023-05495 DIV: "L"
SUCCESSION OF LISA MARIE WILLIAMS
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO SELL IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
NOTICE is hereby given that Christina Nolte, duly qualified Executor of the Succession of LISA MARIE WILLIAMS, has made application to the Court for authority to sell Decedent's full interest in and to the following immovable property at private sale, to-wit:

ONE CERTAIN CONDOMINIUM UNIT, being designated as Unit One Hundred (100) of 1020 Esplanade, A Condominium, created pursuant to the Declaration creating 1020 Esplanade, A Condominium, dated October 28, 1985, recorded in the Conveyance Records of the Clerk and Recorder of the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana as COB 803-G, folio 270, Inst No. 627631, as ratified by COB 805, folio, Inst. 643013, and as amended by act in COB 808-C, folio 283, Inst. 644750, and further in accordance with the attachments to said declaration, as amended, including condominium plans by John F. Marshall, dated April 5, 1984, revised January 11, 1985 and Condominium plan by John F. Marshall, dated March 13, 1986, together with its undivided percentage interest in and to the Common Elements of the condominium as set forth in the Declaration on file and of record and subject to and with assumption of all terms, covenants, condition, provisions, restriction and obligation set forth in the Declaration as it exists or as from time to time amended in accordance with the terms of the Declaration. Said Condominium being situated on the following property, to-wit:

Parcel I
A CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the Second District for the City of New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, in SQUARE NO. 108, bounded by Esplanade Avenue, Burgundy, Barracks and North Rampart Streets, designated as LOT 1, on a plat of survey by John F. Marshall, J. J. Krebs & Sons, Inc., dated September 29, 1979, annexed to an act registered in COB 742, folio 188, NA No. 216494, Conveyance Records Orleans Parish, Louisiana; and according to said plat, said lot is located and measures as follows: Said lot commences 128 feet, 4 inches, 2 lines from the corner of Esplanade Avenue and Burgundy Street, and measures thence 67 feet 1 inch front on Esplanade Avenue, a width in the rear and front on Barracks Street of 67 feet, 1 inch, by a depth of 208 feet, 8 inches, 1 line on its sideline nearest to North Rampart and 208 feet, 8 inches, 1 line on its side nearest to North Rampart and of 208 feet, 8 inches, 4 lines on the side nearest to Burgundy Street.

Parcel II
A CERTAIN PIECE OR PORTION OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the Second District for the City of New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, in SQUARE NO. 108, bounded by North Rampart, Barracks and Burgundy Streets and Esplanade Avenue, and designated as LOT No. 1 on a plat of survey by John M. Krebs, dated February 20, 1965, re-certified February 23, 1970, a copy of which is annexed to act before James A. McPherson, Notary Public, dated March 18, 1970, registered in COB 696, folio 163, Conveyance Records of Orleans Parish, Louisiana; and according to said plan of survey, said Lot 1 is located and measures as follows: said Lot 1 forms the corner of North Rampart and Barrack Streets and measures 64 feet front on Barracks

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Street, same width in the rear, by a depth and front on North Rampart of 78 feet, 2 inches and 1 line between equal and parallel lines.

For informational purposes only:
Improvements thereon bear Municipal No. 1020 Esplanade Avenue, Unit 100, New Orleans, Louisiana 70116 (formerly 1300 North Rampart Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70116).

Being the same property acquired by Phyllis Acosta Collins and Leonce J. Collins from Los Angeles investments, Inc. by act before Jacqueline McPherson, Notary Public, dated May 9, 1997, registered in CIN 139674, Instrument No. 1997-22327 in the records of Orleans Parish.

Being the same property acquired by Lisa Williams from Leonce J. Collins and Phyllis Acosta Collins by act before John A. Costello, Notary Public, dated July 5, 2022, recorded as Instrument No. 2022-26998, Orleans Parish, Louisiana.

Any heirs, legatees, and/or creditors of the deceased who oppose the sale must do so within seven (7) days of the last date of publication issued. After seven (7) days from the last publication the Court may issue an order authorizing the sale of the property for the price and sum of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand and 00/100 (\$380,000.00) all cash to seller, at private sale.

CHELSEY RICHARD NAPOLEON
Clerk

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24TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF JEFFERSON
STATE OF LOUISIANA
NO: 780-539 DIV: "P"
IN THE MATTER OF THE SUCCESSION OF GERTRUDE A. WILLIAMS AND ALFRED A. WILLIAMS, SR.
NOTICE IS GIVEN that Brenetta Williams, Administratrix of the Succession of Gertrude A. Williams and Alfred A. Williams, Sr. is applying

for authority to sell at private sale, on terms of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS cash, the immovable property owned by the Succession of Gertrude A. Williams and Alfred A. Williams, Sr. described below.

ONE CERTAIN LOT OF GROUND, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon, and all the rights, ways, privileges, servitudes, appurtenances and advantages thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, situated in the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, in Square No. 21, CRESTVIEW OFFICE & INDUSTRIAL PARK (Kenner Project, § .1), bounded by West Union Street, Tyler Avenue, Crestview Avenue, West 23rd Street (formerly Charlotte Avenue) and Belleview Boulevard, designated as LOT 52-A on the survey made by Gilbert, Kelly & Couturie, Inc., Surveying & Engineering, dated November 30, 1984, a copy of which is annexed to an act passed before Richard A. Hammel, Notary Public, dated December 11, 1984, and according to said survey, said Lot 52-A commences at a distance of 280 feet from the corner of West Union Street and Tyler Avenue, and measures thence 60 feet front on West Union Street, the same width in the rear, by a depth of 120.20 feet, between equal and parallel lines; Lot 52-A is composed of the whole of original Lots Nos. 51, 52 and 53.

The improvements thereon bear Municipal No. 122A and B West Union Street.

According to a survey by BFM Corporation, the above lot is situated in the same subdivision and Square and has the same measurements and designation as above set forth. Said survey is dated July 19, 1985.

An order authorizing her to do so may be issued after seven days from the date of second publication of this notice. An opposition to the application may be filed at any time prior to the issuance of such an order.

JON GENNEHEIMER,
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From homeless to Final Four history

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the second.

That gave Armstead time to improve his game.

"I could just wake up at 6, go to school, catch the bus and everything," Armstead said. "I didn't have to worry about my mom waiting outside in the car all day or anything like that. So the mental fatigue was kind of wearing off."

Stephen Bernstein helped connect Armstead with Fisk through his foundation, We Educate Brilliant Minds, based in Los Angeles.

Once Armstead arrived in Nashville, he started eating better and got busy dropping at least 30 pounds over his first two seasons.

Yet a school official learned Armstead was sending what he could home to help his family. Even that wasn't enough as his family kept moving from shelters

to a hotel and back to the car. Finally last November, his mother, sister and brother finally moved into their own apartment.

Anderson has worked to help Armstead develop his basketball skills. The forward played seven games as a freshman and 12 this season, helping Fisk go 14-16.

While his family has a place to live, Armstead's mother is fighting health issues. She also cares for his brother Marcus, 18, who

didn't learn to read and write until he was 13 after being hit by a car as a child, and his sister Armani, 14, will be a high school freshman this fall.

"I have seen the worst of the worst," Armstead said.

Basketball has been his safe place. Now he is in the best physical shape of his life and majoring in kinesiology and al-

most halfway to a college degree he never thought would be possible. He turned 20 on March 26, an age he never envisioned reaching, let alone celebrating and planning a future.

"It showed me why ... I should keep doing what I'm doing and keep having faith in God because a few years ago I didn't think I was going to be here and I'm here," Armstead said. ◊

Trump stokes Black fears

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gins for the proposition that denied public services to undocumented immigrants. But nearly fifty percent of Blacks also backed the measure.

Then Republican governor Pete Wilson shamelessly pandered to anti-immigrant hysteria and rode it to a reelection victory. Wilson also got nearly 20 percent of the black vote in the 1994 election. It was double what Republicans in California typically got from Blacks. Wilson almost certainly bumped up his Black vote total with his free-wheeling assault on illegal immigration. Blacks also gave substantial support to anti-bilingual ballot measures in California.

More than a decade later Black attitudes toward illegal immigrants, which almost always is seen as Latino illegal immigrants, was put to the electoral test in Arizona with another ballot initiative. Proposition two hundred mandated tough sanctions on employers for hiring illegal immigrants, and tighter border enforcement.

Exit polls showed that more than 65 percent of Blacks backed the measure. As with Proposition 187 in California a decade before, it passed by a landslide.

The vote by Blacks on the anti-illegal immigration ballot measures of the past and their antipathy to illegal immigration as measured by current polls and surveys flies in the fact of the staunch support that mainstream civil rights organizations and most of the Congressional Black Caucus give to the passage of a comprehensive, liberal immigration reform law.

Yet there is a kicker in those polls and that is the issue of jobs. Blacks express deep worry that they are slipping further behind in the battle for more jobs. And that's a legitimate fear. Blacks continue to suffer the highest rates of unemployment of any group in America.

The job crisis has an especially devastating impact on young, marginal-skilled and educated Black males. In the eternal hunt for scapegoats to dump blame for the job crisis on, illegal immigration is the softest of soft targets.

That's wrong-headed, misguided, and fraught with peril. The prime cause of chronic Black unemployment is corporate downsizing, and outsourcing, the massive cuts in federal and state job and skills training funds and programs, the reluctance and flat-out refusal of many employers to hire those with criminal records, and the sneaky and open racial discrimination by private employers.

None of that matters to Trump and those who relentlessly feed into Black fears about job loss to illegals. Trump banks on riding back into the White House by stoking a heavy dose of that fear. He banks that many Blacks who already say they like some of his positions on the issues will be among those who smooth his path to victory. Let's hope he's dead wrong on that.

Earl Ofari Hutchinson is an author and political analyst. The new YouTube documentary American Journalist chronicles his decades long writing and activism. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

HBCUs need their students and alumni

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seated in the chamber galleries. He was joined in the gun control protest by Reps. Pearson and Gloria Johnson. They were calling for their fellow lawmakers to take action to prevent more gun deaths. The Republican-led Tennessee State House saw the interruption of proceedings as a violation of House decorum rules and eventually voted to expel Jones and Pearson from the legislature without the benefit of full due process. But the two were quickly reappointed to their district seats and easily won landslide victories in special elections.

In the latest unprecedented move by the same Tennessee House, the entire Board of Trustees at Tennessee State University was removed after a vote by the House, and Gov. Bill Lee signed the legislation into law. The Republican supermajority's calls for a new board were based on multiple audit reports highlighting concerns about the mis-handling of finances, housing, and scholarships.

The injustice comes from Tennessee State University, an 1890 land grant institution and the only HBCU in the state, being underfunded for 30 years. Students, alums, and the Black community at large should be aware of the history behind HBCUs and land-grant institutions. The original Morrill Act of 1862 established white-only land grant institutions to teach agricultural and mechanical arts. The Second Morrill Act of 1890 required that states choosing to open a second land-grant institution to serve Black students must provide equitable distribution of funds between their 1862 and 1890 land-grant institutions. Last year, a letter was sent to the governor of Tennessee from the U.S. Secretary of Education and the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture regarding the inequitable funding for HBCUs.

The letter stated, "Tennessee State University, the 1890 land-grant institution in your state, while producing extraordinary graduates that contribute greatly to the state's economy and the fabric of our nation, has not been able to advance in ways that are on par with The University of Tennessee-Knoxville, the original Morrill Act of 1862 land-grant institution in your state, in large part due to unbalanced funding." If the state funding per student for Tennessee State were equal to that of Tennessee-Knoxville, then TSU would have received an additional \$2.1 billion over 30 years. One can easily say that the holding back of critical funding to the tune of \$2.1 billion contributed greatly to the university's financial woes.

Last week, student leaders from TSU will engage faith leaders, civil rights advocates, and the community on the best ways to organize action. These same students should remember the example of Lewis when considering the unjust ways HBCUs are disenfranchised by lack of fair funding along with the attempts to dismantle HBCU leadership. It may be time for good trouble, nec-

essary trouble when mobilizing alumni and supporters to defend HBCUs.

The state of Tennessee is not alone. The governor of Mississippi received a similar letter from the Biden administration regarding the inequitable funding for Alcorn State University for \$257 million. Yet, in a recent state bill, Alcorn State was targeted for closure along with Jackson State University and Mississippi Valley State University. A total of 16 states received the letter from the Biden administration. It is a sign that HBCU students and alumni should actively lobby their state lawmakers, Democratic and Republican, to take the integral steps needed to close funding gaps for HBCUs, particularly when equitable funding is mandated by law.

David W. Marshall is the founder of the faith-based organization TRB: The Reconciled Body. ◊

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HOGS FOR THE CAUSE XVI: The barbecue competition with live music, raising funds for pediatric brain cancer, will be held April 5-6 at UNO Lakefront Arena Festival Grounds, 6801 Franklin Ave. in New Orleans. The fifth Bacon and Wings Night on Friday will feature sauce, blue plate side, bacon and wings competitions. Saturday's Ben Sarrat Jr. Cookoff will include more than 90 teams. Daily tickets start at \$50, with multi-day, VIP and special packages available. hogsforthecause.org

GIANT PUPPET FESTIVAL: The gathering celebrating the art form of puppetry will be held April 4-8, with events at locations around New Orleans. Activities include performances, book talks, parades, nightly slam sessions, workshops and radio shows. Tickets start at \$15 per event, with children under 12 \$5-10. www.neworleansgiantpuppetfest.com

COLLEGE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY: East Bank Regional Library, 4747 W. Napoleon Ave. in Metairie, will host an opportunity for students to meet with admissions representatives from local colleges and universities on April 5, 6-9 p.m. A panel discussion will focus on admission requirements, campus tours, applications, popular majors, internship opportunities, campus housing, financial aid and scholarships. www.jefferson.lib.la.us

MUD FEST: The family festival will take place April 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., on the South Lawn (near Roosevelt Mall) at the Louisiana Children's Museum, 15 Henry Thomas Drive in New Orleans. Activities will include mud cake decorating, art projects, a Mudder Run course, and more. Tickets are \$12 for LCM members, \$22 for nonmembers and \$8 for Museums for All. lcm.org

SPRING GARDEN SHOW: The show will be held April 6-7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the New Orleans Botanical Garden, 5 Victory Ave. in New Orleans. The 10 acres will include educational programs, live music, arts and crafts, sales booths and cooking demonstrations. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children; free for City Park members and children under 5. neworleanscitypark.org

RNB IN THE PARK: The rhythm and soul festival takes place April 6, 3-9 p.m., in Congo Square, Louis Armstrong Park, 701 N. Rampart St. in New Orleans, with music, food trucks and more. Tickets start at \$20 via Eventbrite. www.rnbinthepark.com

FERIA SEVILLANA DE NUEVA ORLEANS: The inaugural family-friendly flamenco fiesta inspired by the tradition of the Feria de Abril of Seville, Spain, will be held April 7, 4-7 p.m., at the courtyard of Casa Borrega, 1719 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd. in New Orleans. Activities include Sevillanas dance lesson and dance party, performances by Jaleo Flamenco and special guests, kids' corner, live painting, silent auction and more. Free; donations accepted. https://



STAFF FILE PHOTO BY SOPHIA GERMER

Porkbelly Cartel serves pork tacos during Hogs for the Cause 2023. The competition continues this weekend at the UNO Lakefront Arena Festival Grounds.

jaleonola.com

OVERLOOK FILM FEST: The horror film celebration will take place April 4-7 at the Prytanica Theatres with film screenings, panels, immersive experiences and live shows, along with the world premiere of "Abigail," a 50th-anniversary showing of "Phantom of the Paradise" with appearance by star and composer Paul Williams, and a 70th-anniversary showing of "Creature from the Black Lagoon 3D" in 35mm. Tickets for individual events start at \$12; passes start at \$299. www.overlookfilmfest.com

BEST CHEFS OF LOUISIANA: The American Culinary Federation of New Orleans will host an event featuring outstanding chefs in the region on April 8, 6-9 p.m., at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, 6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd. in New Orleans. Tickets start at \$100. acfmo.org

FRENCH QUARTER FEST: The free music showcase kicks off April 11-14, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., with live music stages, a children's STEM zone, after-dark programming until midnight and the Culinary Lineup of festival food booths. frenchquarterfest.org

JEAN LAFITTE SEAFOOD FESTIVAL: The festival will be held April 12-14 at the Jean Lafitte Auditorium and Grounds, 4953 City Park Drive in Jean Lafitte. Marking the town's 50th anniversary, the event will include live music, food, swamp tours, a kids' zone and arts walk. Friday hours are 6-11:30 p.m.; Saturday noon-11:30 p.m.; Sunday noon-8 p.m. Tickets

are \$10 for Friday and \$15 for Saturday and Sunday. www.lafitteseafoodfest.com

MOVIES IN THE PARK: The NORD Commission's weekly family-friendly movies start at dusk. "The Color Purple" will be shown April 12 at Ponthartrain Park, 6500 Press Drive. "Super Mario Brothers" will be broadcast April 19 at Lafitte Greenway, 1971 Lafitte St. "Wakanda Forever" will air April 26 at Joe W. Brown Park, 5601 Read Blvd. www.nordc.org

CRESCENT CITY COIN CLUB SHOW: The free show will be held April 12-13 at The Columbus Room, 3310 Florida Ave. in Kenner. Friday hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The event will feature buying, selling and appraisals of U.S., foreign and ancient coins, paper money, Mardi Gras doubloons, and gold and silver bullion. crescentcitycoinclub.org

BIG BOUNCE AMERICA: The biggest touring inflatable event in the world will stop at the University of New Orleans, 2000 Lakeshore Drive in New Orleans, April 13-21. It includes seven inflatable attractions, including the 24,000-square-foot World's Largest Bounce House. Tickets start at \$22. thebig-bounceamerica.com

TAX HELP: University of Holy Cross accounting students will provide free tax preparation assistance for low- to moderate-income residents. Every Saturday through April 6, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., volunteers with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program will be at the Moreau Center on

the university's campus, 4123 Woodland Drive in New Orleans. www.uhcno.edu.

CULTURE AND CONCERTS

WEDNESDAY AT THE SQUARE:

The free concert series continues in April on Wednesdays 5-8 p.m. at Lafayette Square, South Maestri Street in New Orleans. The April 3 lineup is TBC Brass Band featuring Jelly Joseph and the Jamal Batiste Band. Erica Falls & The Vintage Soul and Sluggo will perform April 10. www.ylcwats.com/lineup

TWILIGHT AT LONGUE VUE:

The spring outdoor concert series continues on Wednesdays, 5-7 p.m., with Or Shovally Plus on April 3 and Carmela Rappazzo on April 10. Tickets start at \$15. Concerts take place on the Spanish Court at Longue Vue House and Gardens, 7 Bamboo Road in New Orleans. longuevue.com

EVENINGS WITH ENRIQUE: The free spring concert series will

be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays in April at the New Orleans Botanical Garden at City Park, 5 Victory Ave. in New Orleans. The lineup includes the Christina Kaminis Quintet on April 3 and Patrice Fisher + Arpa with special guests Margie Perez and Omar Ramirez on April 10. neworleanscitypark.org

THURSDAYS AT TWILIGHT:

The City Park concert series continues with The Boogie Men on April 4 at the Pavilion of the Two Sisters, 1 Victory Ave. in New Orleans. Doors open at 5 p.m., with performances 6-8 p.m. Admission is \$15. neworleanscitypark.org

RHYTHM & ROSES CONCERTS:

The Historic BK House & Gardens, 1113 Chartres St. in New Orleans, will host concerts in the Parterre Garden 6-9 p.m. on Thursdays through May 2, with a pause for the French Quarter Festival. April 4 will feature The Rumble. www.bkhouse.org.

INTERNATIONAL JAZZ DAY FESTIVAL: The New Orleans

Jazz Museum, in collaboration with the music department at Loyola University New Orleans, will host a series of performances from local schools and colleges on April 30, 4-8 p.m., at the museum, 400 Esplanade Ave. in New Orleans. nolajazzmuseum.org

BOOKS

'WE MUST NOT THINK OF OURSELVES': Author Lauren Grodstein will be in discussion with Elisa M. Speranza about her World War II-era book on April 3, 6 p.m., at Garden District Book Shop, 2727 Prytanica St. in New Orleans. RSVP via Eventbrite is encouraged. www.gardendistrict-bookshop.com

'LOUISIANA LENS': Author John Lawrence will discuss his book, "Louisiana Lens: Photographs from the Historic New Orleans Collection," at 7 p.m. on April 9, at the East Bank Regional Library, 4747 W. Napoleon Ave. in Metairie. The book contains 175 images, ranging from formal 19th-century daguerreotypes to digital photographs documenting everything from Hurricane Katrina's aftermath to a New Orleans second-line parade. (504) 838-1100 www.jefferson.lib.la.us

'ILL GIVE YOU A REASON': Author Annell López, along with Maurice Carlos Ruffin, author of "The American Daughters," will present a discussion April 9, 6:30 p.m., at Vino Fine Wine and Spirits, 8314 Oak St. in New Orleans. Tickets start at \$5 through Eventbrite. Books available for purchase. www.bluecypressbooks.com

HUNT SLONEM: A RETROSPECTIVE:

Louisiana artist Hunt Slonem will be in conversation with Jane Scott Hodges on April 9, 4-5:30 p.m., at The Cabildo, 701 Chartres St. in New Orleans. The discussion will be followed by a catalog signing with Slonem and author and exhibition curator Cybèle Gontar. www.gardendistrictbookshop.com

'A SEARCH FOR AN UNCONVENTIONAL LIFE ABROAD':

Blogger and travel influencer Helene Sula will celebrate the release of her travel memoir, "Two O'Clock on a Tuesday at the Trevi Fountain: Search for an Unconventional Life Abroad," on April 9, 6 p.m., at Garden District Book Shop, 2727 Prytanica St. in New Orleans. Tickets start at \$25 via Eventbrite. www.gardendistrictbookshop.com

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St. Bernard group learns about CASA



Raymond Sweet recently spoke to members of the St. Bernard Volunteers for Family and Community about the Court Appointed Special Advocates program. Presenting a check for CASA were Carol Ludwig, VFC secretary; Lucy Ruffino, VFC treasurer; Sweet; Faith Moran, VFC vice president; and Joan Garofalo, VFC president.

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SCHOOL REPORT

URSULINE ACADEMY: Laurie Eichelberger Leiva has been selected as the new president of Ursuline Academy of New Orleans, effective July 1. Currently the associate vice president of alumni engagement at Loyola University New Orleans, Leiva earned her master's in education at the University of South Carolina and her bachelor's in psychology at Loyola.



Leiva

SAFETY AND WELL-BEING SUMMIT: NOLA Public Schools will host "Building a Safer Future," on April 17, 4-6:30 p.m., at Mahalia Jackson Elementary School, 2405 Jackson Ave., in New Orleans. Keynote speaker will be Eric Butler, founder of Talking Peace in Oakland, California. Community organizations, including the Family Justice Center, Heroes of New Orleans and the Center for Restorative Approaches, will also be present to offer resources. Reservations required. nolapublicschools.com

'FOOTLOOSE': The Brother Martin High School Dionysians will present the stage and screen musical on April 18-27 at the school's auditorium, 4401 Elysian Fields Ave., in New Orleans. Curtain is at 7 p.m., with Saturday matinees at 2 p.m. Reserved tickets are \$20, general admission \$15 at the door. brothermartin.com/drama

SPRING FEST: Élan Academy, a public college preparatory charter school, will host a fundraiser on April 20, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., at the school, 6501 Berkley Drive, New Orleans. The event will include

live entertainment, carnival games, food trucks and more. Admission is \$5 in advance, \$8 at the gate. Children 3 and under are free. www.parentsquare.com/feeds/30506755

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF LOUISIANA: The Spring Carnival will be held April 19, 7-10 p.m., at the Carousel Gardens Amusement Park in City Park, 7 Victory Ave., New Orleans. The event will include live entertainment, food, carnival games, rides and a silent auction. Tickets, \$25, include entrance to the amusement park, rides, games and entertainment. www.isl-edu.org

ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN HIGH: The Dominican Alumnae Association will host Homecoming on April 13 on campus at 7701 Walmsley Ave., New Orleans. Homecoming honorees will include 50-year anniversary class of 1974, 25-year anniversary classes and more. Mass will be at 10:30 a.m., followed by the alumnae awards ceremony at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon will be from noon to 2 p.m. Luncheon cost is \$65; registration required. www.stmarysdominican.org

BOOK FAIR: A student book fair sponsored by Ochsner Health, NOLA Public Schools, Scholastic Books and the New Orleans Saints will be held April 24, 12:30-2:30 p.m., at The NET East, 12000 Hayne Blvd., in New Orleans. Each student will receive three free books. nolapublicschools.com

DESTREHAN HIGH: The jukebox musical "Mamma Mia!" featuring hits by Swedish group ABBA will be performed by the Destrehan High School Talented Theater on April 26-28 at the Shell Theater in

the Dr. Rodney R. Lafon Performing Arts Center, 275 Judge E. Dufresne Parkway, Luling. Tickets start at \$15. lafonartscenter.org/tickets/

JEFFERSON PARISH PRE-K4: Registration for pre-K4 is open through April 26 on a lottery basis. All JP Schools Pre-K programs offer full-day programming, low student-to-teacher ratios, daily breakfast and lunch, bus transportation within attendance zones and services for students with disabilities. www.jpsschools.org/PreK

JEFFERSON PARISH SCHOOL CHOICE: Parents requesting a transfer to a school outside of their child's attendance zone can apply through April 12. Students can enroll in a higher-performing school if their attendance-zone school has a grade of a "D" or "F". www.jpsschools.org/School-Choice

ST. MARY'S DOMINICAN HIGH: Black & White Friday Night will be held April 19, 6-9 p.m., at the school, 7701 Walmsley Ave., New Orleans. The event is open to girls grades 4-6 and will include games and dinner. Registration is required. www.stmarysdominican.org

LEAH CHASE SCHOOL: NOLA Public Schools will host community meetings to provide information on the new Leah Chase School. The meetings will be held at 2727 S. Carrollton Ave., New Orleans, on April 17 and May 9, beginning at 6 p.m. An April 10 Zoom meeting will also be held. The community is encouraged to RSVP for in-person meetings. nolapublicschools.com



FILE PHOTO

The Friends of the Jefferson Parish Library raise money through the annual Big Book Sale at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner.

Book sale with small prices benefits Jefferson libraries

Books, puzzles, DVDs, CD, records and more to be offered

BY KAREN TAYLOR GIST
Staff writer

Friends and books — what more could you ask for? The two will come together at the Friends of the Jefferson Public Library's Big Book Sale coming up April 12-14.

The Pontchartrain Center in Kenner will be filled with over 65,000 items for sale, including gently used adult and children's books, puzzles, DVDs, CDs and records — and most will be priced from 50 cents to \$3.

A few of the treasures to be found include:

FOR HISTORY BUFFS: "The Civil War: An Illustrated History," by Geoffrey Ward, Ken Burns and Ric Burns. The book is based on the celebrated PBS television series. The book has been hailed by The New York Times as "a treasure for the eye and mind."

FOR ART LOVERS: "Great American Realists: Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper, Grant Wood." The three lavishly illustrated books explore the scope, sensibility and liveliness of the American Realist tradition.

FOR COMIC CONNOISSEURS: "Marvel Encyclopedia." The book showcases every significant Marvel character with the latest comic artwork.

FOR SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS: "The Treasures of Major League Baseball." The history of baseball is told through hundreds of photographs and evocative text.

There will be many more great finds, to appeal to every taste.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 12-13, and noon to 5 p.m. April 14. Parking and entry to the sale are free.

Cash and credit and debit cards will be accepted; no checks. For more information, call (504) 455-2665 or email friendsJPL@Yahoo.com.

Email Karen Taylor Gist at kataylor@theadvocate.com.

HEALTH NEWS

DENTIST HONORED: New Orleans dentist Jeffrey Leeson has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Louisiana Dental Association. It is the highest honor bestowed by the LDA. Leeson earned his DDS degree at the LSU School of Dentistry and has practiced for more than 30 years. He is a member of the International College of Dentistry and has been a tripartite member of the LDA, the American Dental Association and the New Orleans Dental Association for 33 years. He was



Leeson

the longest-serving LDA Board member and has served as NODA president.

LOSS OF A SPOUSE SEMINAR: Christian Fellowship Church, 5049 Ehret Road in Marrero, will host a special grief seminar on April 11, 10 a.m. to noon. The event consists of a video presentation and group discussion. Fee of \$7 covers the accompanying workbook. (504) 347-4875.

OCHSNER NURSES: Ten Ochsner Health nurses have been named to Louisiana State Nursing Association's "40 under 40" list, recognizing future leaders of nursing in Louisiana. They are Allison Beard, Ochsner School Nursing; Brittany Hyatt, St. Charles Parish Hospital; Christina Grishman,

Ochsner Health; Kacey Christopher Wuertz, Ochsner Medical Center-New Orleans; Mimi Gray, Ochsner School Nursing; Rachael Sood, Ochsner Health Center-Metairie; and Crystal B. Risinger, Ochsner Medical Center-West Bank Campus.

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: A free support group for those recently diagnosed, receiving treatment, facing or recovering from surgery or are a survivor will be offered beginning April 18, 6 p.m., at Faith Presbyterian Church, 2525 Apollo Ave. in Harvey. The group will be led by a breast cancer survivor and is sponsored by local nonprofit Be Well-Come Together. Registration is encouraged. bewellcometogether@gmail.com (504) 368-2525

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GET GROWING

Gardeners can swap plants and get free seeds at Algiers Point library

BY JANE LEGROS
Contributing writer

Bring your clippings, propagations, castoff plants and spare pots to Hubbell Library's plant swap from 10:30 a.m. to noon on April 6.

While you're at the library, 725 Pelican Ave., check out the seed library. It's one of five such sites stocked with seeds for fruits, vegetables and herbs that grow in New Orleans.

Seeds are free for New Orleans Public Library cardholders in good standing. Availability may vary, and seeds cannot be placed on hold.

Library cardholders can borrow three packets per day.

Other seed libraries are located at Alvar Library, 913 Alvar St.; Latter Library, 5120 St. Charles Ave.; Mid-City Library, 4140 Canal St.; and Keller Library, 4300 S. Broad St.

Visit nolalibrary.org/ seed-libraries for more information and borrowing rules.

CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY: In honor of International Children's Book Day, area kids can take part in storytelling events that include music and movement.

The New Orleans Public Library is teaming up with Youth Audiences of Louisiana from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on April 2 at the Smith Library, 6301 Canal Blvd.; April 3 at the Nix Library, 1401 S. Carrollton Ave.; and April 4 at the Mid-City Library, 4140 Canal St.

During these interactive workshops, children ages 6 months to 5 years and their caregivers will explore



FILE PHOTO BY SHAWN FINK

Planting seeds can be a learning experience for students and adults.

stories through the performing arts.

FREE TAX HELP: The New Orleans Public Library and AARP are teaming up to offer free tax assistance at two library locations:

- Mondays and Wednesdays through April 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Algiers Regional Library, 3014 Holiday Drive

- Tuesdays and Thursdays through April 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Latter Memorial Library, 5120 St. Charles Ave.

Visit nolalibrary.org for details.

SENSORY PLAY: Starting April 8, families looking for a welcoming and comfortable space for neurodivergent children are invited to Sensory Play at Norman Mayer Library every Monday in April from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This smaller and adaptive play and exploration program is inclusive and accessible to all, including children who are physically and developmentally aged 2-5.

It is designed to help children explore their

senses and learn in a fun and engaging way.

The library is at 3001 Gentilly Blvd. Registration is required. Visit nolalibrary.org to sign up.

AUTHOR TALK: Bestselling author Column McCann will visit the New Orleans Public Library via Zoom to discuss his new nonfiction book from 1 to 2 p.m. on April 9.

McCann will be joined by Diane Foley, the inspiration behind his book "American Mother." Foley's son is John W. Foley, a freelance journalist captured and beheaded by ISIS in 2014.

Seven years later, she spent three days with her son's murderer in a Virginia courthouse, inspiring her to tell her life story and how she was able to find forgiveness.

Visit nolalibrary.org/ american-mother to register and submit your questions for McCann and Foley.

Jane LeGros is the director of marketing and communications for the New Orleans Public Library.

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DESIGN ENERGY Learn about feng shui at a free April 11 seminar

Learn more about the ancient art of feng shui and how it establishes harmony between people and the environment at



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“Traditional Feng Shui: Symbols of Living Space,” being presented by Wyming Sun at 7 p.m. April 11, at the East Bank Regional Library, 4747 W. Napoleon Ave., Metairie. Traced to 1100 B.C.E., when it meant “to read the land,” feng shui can

be thought of as the path of healing energy through a person’s surroundings.

Classical feng shui is about the circulation of “chi,” in addition to the surroundings of a dwelling and the body types of those using the space. True feng shui, Sun says, is not about good luck, mirrors, or relationship corners, but involves mathematics, physics and many years of study. The goal is to harness energy forces and establish harmony.

In feng shui design, there are four main components:

1. CHI: The vital life force or energy is a major component to consider when designing your home with feng shui.

2. COMMANDING POSITION: This refers to the spot in a room farthest from the door (but not in direct line with it). That position designates where you’ll want to spend the most time in a space. You will want to have a clear line of sight to the door from the commanding position to have the best feng shui possible.

3. BAGUA: The term for the feng shui energy map comes from a Chinese word that means “eight areas.” Each of these areas relates to a particular life area.

4. FIVE ELEMENTS: They are earth, metal, wind, water, and fire. When incorporating feng shui into your home, you will want to balance these elements.

Wyming Sun is a feng shui consultant who lives in New Orleans. His company is House Magic Feng Shui.

CIVIL WAR TALK: Cyril Lagvanec, PhD, the curator of the American-Italian Research Library located on the second floor of the East



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Learn about the principles of feng shui at the Metairie library.

Bank Regional Library, will talk about the history of Fort Sumter, the site of the first shots of the Civil War, at 7 p.m. April 16 at the East Bank Regional Library in Metairie.

Fort Sumter is located on an artificial island near Charleston, South Carolina. It was built in 1829 to defend the region from naval invasion, after British forces had captured and occupied Washington during the War of 1812. It is named after American military officer Thomas Sumter.

Fort Sumter is notable as the site of the battle that began the American Civil War on April 12, 1861, when South Carolina Militia artillery fired from shore on the Union garrison. These were, both sides agreed, the first shots of the war. The bombardment continued all day.

POETRY PERFORMANCES: Korean poets Ha Jaeyoun and Hwang Yuwon, translator and poet Jake Levine, and three poets from Louisiana: Rodrigo Toscano, Bernardo Wade, and Christine Kwon, will perform at 7 p.m. April 17 at the East Bank Regional Library in Metairie.

This portion of the New Orleans Poetry Festival occurs in partnership with the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, the Literature Translation Institute of Korea, and the Jefferson Parish Library. More events can be found at nolapoetry.com

WRITERS CLINIC: Pamela Ebel, a local author and lawyer, will present “Long Story Short: Why and How to Write and Market Short Fiction Stories,” at 9:30 a.m. April 20 at the East Bank Regional Library in Metairie.

Ebel says that many writers begin small with short stories and work their way up to large works of fiction, which she says is a strategy that makes sense. This

seminar focuses on creating a strategic plan with the goal of getting published by starting with smaller works of fiction.

GENEALOGY: A new documentary, “Buried History: Finding Our Past,” will be presented by Warren Bell at 7 p.m. April 22 at the East Bank Regional Library in Metairie.

“Buried History” introduces viewers to others reconnecting to their own family stories at the neglected 200-year-old St. Louis Cemetery No. 2. Experts showcase resources available to anyone who wants to start their own family research.

KNOW YOUR IPHONE: The library’s IT Department has created a series of eight mini-classes to help older patrons unlock the secrets of their iPhones. Each hour will focus on simple tasks and shortcuts such as calling, using the camera, adding and editing contacts, and more.

The classes will take place at the Jane O’Brien Chatelain West Bank Regional Library, 2751 Manhattan, Harvey, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and at noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, starting April 23 and running through May 14.

Participants must register online by going to the library website, then to the events page. Patrons also can ask library employees for registration assistance.

GWEN’S GENEALOGY: Gwen Kelley, a librarian who specializes in genealogy and local history, is leading a series of seminars at the East Bank Regional Library in Metairie. Each session begins at 1:30 p.m. They are:

- April 10: Prison records
- April 17: Genetic genealogy
- April 24: Genealogical proof standard

DIET AND NUTRITION: The first two classes have been extremely popular, but there are two remaining sessions. Rosetta Danigole, licensed registered dietitian, leads the series on diet and nutrition at the East Bank Regional Library in Metairie.

This event will feature a mindfulness portion featuring frequent library presenter Rolf van Anders. The sessions will be at 7 p.m. April 10 and April 24.

Chris Smith is manager of adult programming at the Jefferson Parish Public Library.

N.O. music streaming service seeking local talent for platform

BY JANE LEGROS
Contributing writer

Submissions are open for Crescent City Sounds, a locally focused music streaming service created by the New Orleans Public Library.

This is the third time Crescent City Sounds will add new music to its catalog since launching in October 2022. Supported by software designed by Rabble, Crescent City Sounds aims to help up-and-coming musicians build a following and gain access to the local music scene.

After premiering with 30 local albums, Crescent City Sounds added 50 more last March. This year, curators will select 75 new artists to feature on the platform.

Library associate Josh Smith spearheaded the Crescent City Sounds project and is leading the 2024 selection process.

Other curators include WTUL’s Daniella Cherner, Girls Rock’s Evol Elibom, WHIV’s Steve “What Style” Williams, WWOZ’s Jamie Dell’Apa, principal oboist in the New Orleans Volunteer Orchestra Susan Lacey, and Crescent City Sounds alumni Isaiah Garner, who performs under the name Sozi.

All chosen artists will receive a \$250 stipend, maintain the copyright to their work, and have their albums hosted on Crescent City Sounds for five years.

Prospective artists must perform primarily in New Orleans, and submissions cannot have been recorded more than five years ago. Artists can submit a single track, but if selected, they should have an album with a minimum of four songs or be at least 20 minutes in length. For detailed guidelines and to stream local music now, visit crescentcitysounds.org.

BOOK CLUBS: Alvar Library is starting a new book club on April 13. Stop by 913 Alvar St.

at 3 p.m. to discuss “Interior Chinatown” by Charles Yu, the 2020 National Book Award winner that explores the mind of a young Asian American man trying to get his big break as a Hollywood actor.

The Bywater Book Club will meet every second Saturday of the month. On May 11, the group will discuss their next selection, “Black Cake” by Charmaine Wilkerson.

AUTHOR TALK: Author Xochitl Gonzalez will visit the New Orleans Public Library via Zoom for a virtual author talk on April 17 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The best-selling author will discuss her newest novel, “Anita de Monte Laughs Last,” which examines who gets to be remembered and who is left behind in the rarefied world of the elite.

Visit nolalibrary.co/xochitlgonzalez to register and submit your questions for Gonzalez.

GUN SAFETY: Gun violence is the leading cause of death for young people under 18 in Louisiana. Increasing awareness of and access to safe firearm storage could help prevent deaths.

Health officials will distribute free cable and biometric gun locks April 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Algiers Regional Library, 3014 Holiday Drive. There will also be information about gun safety and secure storage. Supplies are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. You must be at least 18 years old and live in Orleans Parish to receive a lock.

This event is presented by the library in partnership with the New Orleans Health Department, Children’s Hospital, and the Violence Prevention Institute at Tulane University

Jane LeGros is the director of marketing and communications for the New Orleans Public Library.

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New Orleans Rail Gateway Program
Jefferson and Orleans Parishes
State Project No. H.005168.2
Avondale Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission, and the railroads operating in the New Orleans metropolitan area will host an open house public meeting for the Avondale Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. This study is evaluating the feasibility of consolidating the Union Pacific (UP)/Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) at-grade roadway-rail crossings at Live Oak Boulevard, Willwood Lane, George Street and Avondale Garden Road and replacing them with one, or possibly more, road-over-rail grade separations.

Tuesday, April 16, 2024
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

J.C. Simmons Community Center
4008 U.S. Highway 90
Westwego, LA 70094

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The meeting location is accessible to persons with disabilities. If special accommodations are needed to participate in the meeting (e.g., sign language), please call 504-488-6196 at least five business days in advance of the meeting.

For more information contact 504-488-6196 or visit www.dotd.la.gov/AvondalePELStudy.



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AVONDALE PLANNING & ENV. LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC MEETING

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AVONDALE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES (PEL) STUDY ALTERNATIVES PUBLIC MEETING

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Avondale Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study

Jefferson & Orleans Parishes

Avondale Garden Road, George Street, Willswood Lane, and Live Oak Boulevard

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The Alternatives Public Scoping will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the J.C. Simmons Community Center, 4008 U.S. Highway 90, Westwego, LA 70094. The open house public meeting will consist of a repeating recorded presentation of the alternatives developed; meeting exhibits for viewing; and the opportunity to speak with Study Team Representatives, solicit comments and be added to the study distribution list to receive future notices. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 9, 2024

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**DOTD to Host Avondale Planning & Environmental
Linkages Study Public Meeting**

(New Orleans, LA) - The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) in coordination with the Federal Railroad Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission and the railroads operating in the New Orleans metropolitan area will host an open house public meeting for the Avondale Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study. The meeting will be held April 16, 2024 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the J.C. Simmons Community Center, 4008 U.S. Highway 90 in Westwego Louisiana. Attendees will have an opportunity to review the current alternatives and provide their feedback.

The Avondale PEL Study, a continuation of the New Orleans Rail Gateway (NORG) Program, is evaluating the feasibility of consolidating the Union Pacific (UP)/Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BSNF) at-grade roadway-rail crossings at Live Oak Boulevard, Willswood Lane, George Street and Avondale Garden Road Crossings and replacing them with one, or possibly more, road-over-rail grade separations. The open house public meeting will consist of a repeating recorded presentation of the alternatives; meeting exhibits for viewing; and the opportunity to speak with Study Team Representatives, give comments and be added to the study distribution list to receive future notices. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

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THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN COORDINATION WITH FEDERAL AND LOCAL AGENCIES, AND RAILROADS OPERATING IN THE NEW ORLEANS METRO AREA ARE HOSTING A PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE AVONDALE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES STUDY ON APRIL 16TH FROM 6 TO 7:30 PM AT THE J.C. SIMMONS COMMUNITY CENTER IN WESTWEGO. COMMENTS ARE ENCOURAGED. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR IF SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION CALL 504-488-6196.

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New Orleans Rail Gateway Program

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Avondale PEL Study Alternatives Meeting

April 16, 2024



Michael Baker
INTERNATIONAL

Thank you for attending today's public meeting for the New Orleans Rail Gateway Program Avondale PEL Study.

We hope you find this meeting interesting and informative.



Alternatives Development Meeting Format



- **The meeting follows an informal, or “open house” style format**
 - **Present an overview of the Alternative’s Development**
 - **Discuss the Alternatives developed with Study Team Representatives**
 - **Solicit input on the Alternatives developed**
 - **Learn how to receive Study information and participate in the decision-making process**



Tonight’s public meeting is an informal, open-house style or open forum format.

The meeting consists of:

- A video presentation of the alternatives developed,
- Opportunity to speak with Study Team Representatives,
- Obtain comments on the alternatives developed, and
- Let you know how to stay informed and involved.

To get the most out of this presentation, please refer to the materials that were handed out at the Welcome Table.

After you’ve listened to this presentation, review the project exhibits, talk with Study Team representatives, and give us your comments.

This public meeting is an important part of the transportation decision-making process, and your input is encouraged and appreciated.

Public Private Partnership (P3)

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- BNSF
- AMTRAK

A central photograph shows a freight train crossing a large steel truss bridge over a body of water.

The New Orleans Rail Gateway Program, and this Avondale PEL Study are being advanced through a Public Private Partnership between the:

- Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development,
- Federal Railroad Administration,
- Federal Highway Administration,
- New Orleans Regional Planning Commission,
- Association of American Railroads representing the six Class 1 Railroads operating in the New Orleans metropolitan area,
- New Orleans Public Belt Railroad, and
- Amtrak

to collectively investigate solutions to reduce highway crossing delays and improve rail service.



Avondale PEL Study



- **Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) study to evaluate the feasibility of consolidating some or all of the roadway-rail at-grade crossings at:**
 - Avondale Garden Road,
 - George Street,
 - Willswood Lane, and
 - Live Oak Boulevard

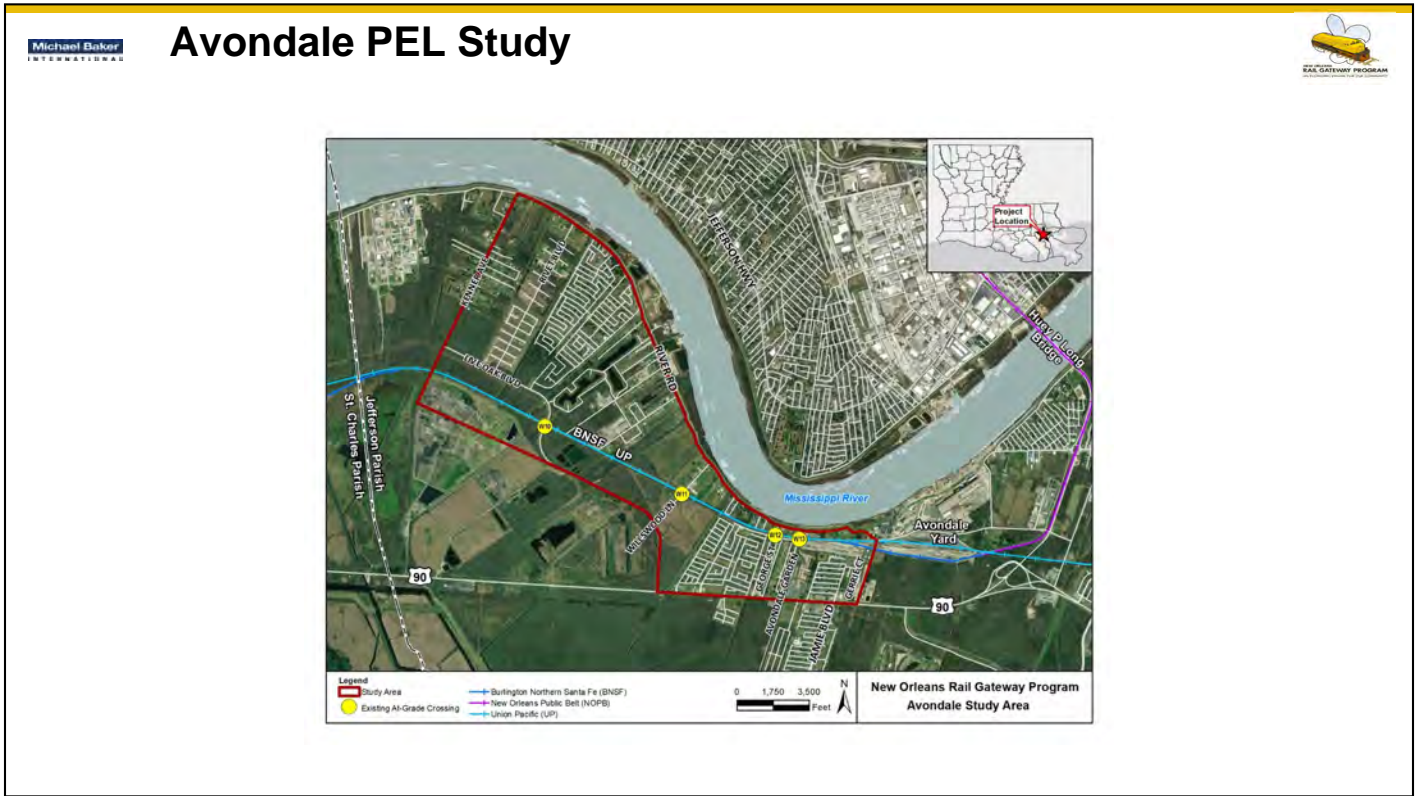
- **Replacing them with one, or possibly more, road-over-rail grade separations**



The Avondale PEL Study is evaluating the feasibility of consolidating the roadway-rail at-grade crossings at:

- Avondale Garden Road,
- George Street,
- Willswood Lane, and
- Live Oak Boulevard

And replacing them with one, or possibly more, road-over-rail grade separations.



The Study Area encompasses the Waggaman and Avondale areas. These four at-grade crossings were identified as Projects W10 through W13 in a prior New Orleans Rail Gateway study.



Avondale Garden Road and George Street Crossings



- **6-track crossing**
 - **1 set of crossbucks, lights and gates**
 - **Adjacent to the Avondale Rail Yard & Intermodal Terminal**
- **4-track crossing**
 - **2 sets of crossbucks and lights**
 - **1 set of gates**



The Avondale Garden Road crossing is a 6-track crossing departing the Avondale Rail Yard and Intermodal Terminal.

There is one set of crossbucks, lights and gates at this crossing.

The trackage reduces to a 4-track crossing at George Street, which has two sets of crossbucks and lights and one set of gates.



Willswood Lane and Live Oak Boulevard Crossings



- 4-track crossing
- 2 sets of crossbucks and lights
- 1 set of gates

- 3-track crossing
- 2 sets of crossbucks and lights
- 1 set of gates



The Willswood Lane crossing is also a 4-track crossing.

The trackage further reduces to a 3-track crossing at Live Oak Boulevard.

Like George Street, the Willswood and Live Oak crossings have two sets of crossbucks and lights and one set of gates.



Avondale PEL Study Goals




- **Reduce vehicle delay due to rail traffic and Avondale Rail Yard switching operations**
- **Eliminate truck traffic from roadways posted as “No Truck Route” with a 5-Ton Weight Limit**
- **Improve intermodal connectivity**




The goals identified at the beginning of the study included:

- Reducing vehicle delay due to rail traffic and Avondale Rail Yard switching operations,
- Eliminating truck traffic from roadways posted as “No Truck Route” with a 5-Ton Limit, and
- Improving intermodal connectivity.



Stakeholder Outreach




- **Scoping Meetings**
 - Local Officials – March 8, 2022
 - Virtual Public – March 9 thru April 15, 2022


- **Business & Trucking Interests**
 - Travel Survey – March 8, 2022

- **Jefferson Parish School District**
 - Bus Routes – April 2022


- **Civic Association Meetings**
 - Waggaman Civic Association – April 6, 2022 & April 5, 2023
 - S1 Civic Association – April 20, 2022 & April 19, 2023
 - Kennedy Heights Civic Association – May 5, 2022




Crossing Delays



Safety Concerns



Emergency Services
Access



Train Horn Noise

These Study Goals were introduced during Local Officials and virtual Public Scoping Meetings during March and April 2022.

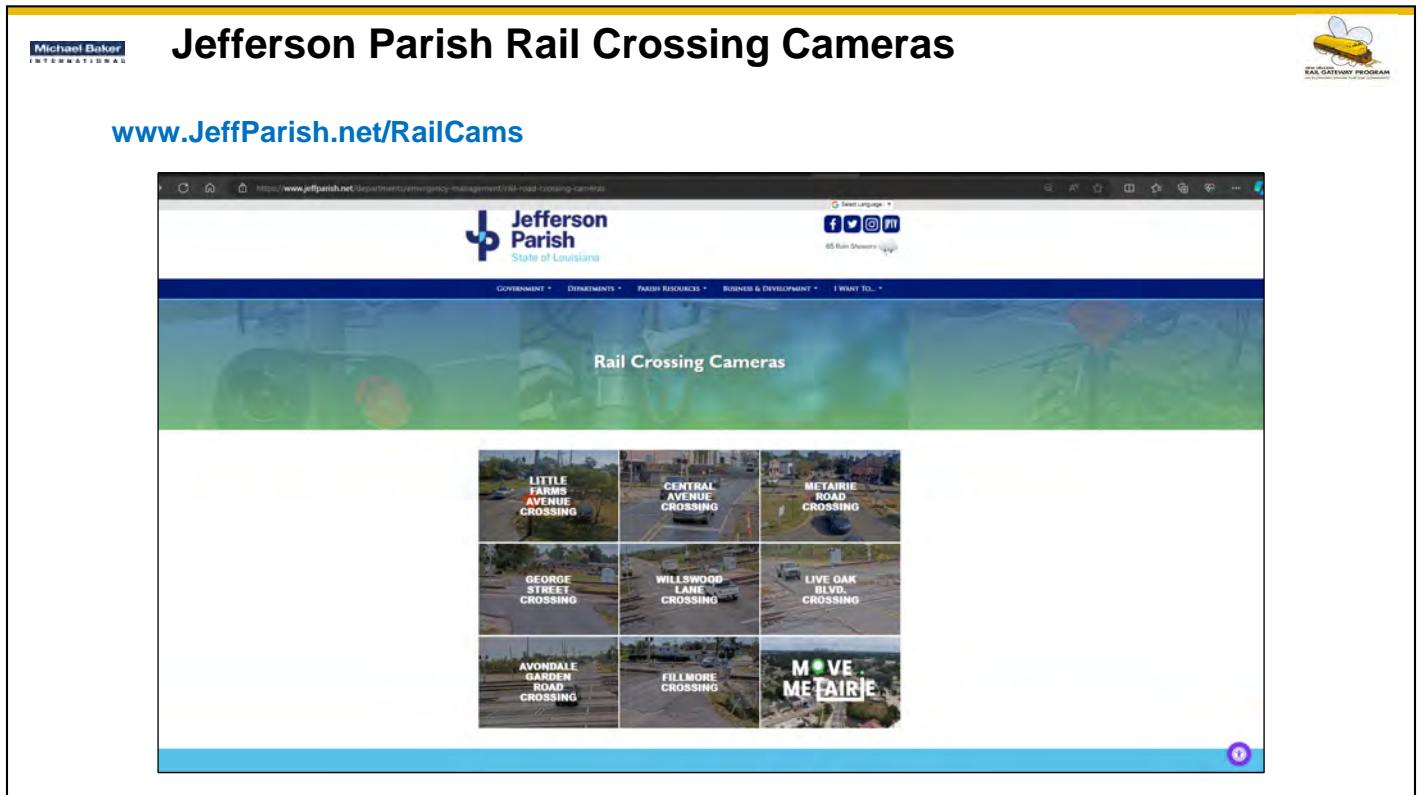
The study outreach also included:

- Distributing travel surveys to trucking companies to get an understanding of the trucking movements,

- Discussing the number of school bus crossings at the four crossings with Jefferson Parish School District representatives, and

- Providing study updates at multiple Civic Association meetings.

The issues of most importance we heard were crossing delays, safety concerns, emergency services access and train horn noise.



Jefferson Parish recognizes the long vehicle delay at several Jefferson Parish crossings.

In November 2022, real-time cameras were activated at seven crossing locations across the Parish, including these four crossings in Waggaman and Avondale. The cameras enable motorists to see if a train is crossing or stopped, so travel routes can be planned accordingly.



Alternatives Development Process



- **Process Involved Five (5) Major Steps**
 - **Step 1 – Determine Existing and Forecast Future Roadway Traffic Volumes**
 - **Step 2 – Determine Existing and Forecast Future Railroad Traffic Volumes and Resultant Roadway Traffic Delay**
 - **Step 3 – Evaluate if Conditions warrant grade separating the crossings**
 - **Step 4 – Inventory Environmental Features and Develop Grade Separation Alternatives**
 - **Step 5 – Evaluate effect on Environmental Features and Area Traffic and Identify Build Alternative Combinations**

The process for developing the alternatives follows five basic steps:

- Step 1 – Determine existing and forecast future roadway traffic volumes
- Step 2 – Determine existing and forecast future railroad traffic volumes and the blocked crossing roadway traffic delay
- Step 3 – Evaluate if conditions are met to grade separate the crossings
- Step 4 – Identify the area environmental features and develop the alternatives, and
- Step 5 – Evaluate the effect on environmental features and area traffic, and identify Build Alternative Combinations



Step 1 – Existing and Future Roadway Traffic Volumes



- Existing (2021) Traffic Volumes – August & November 2021
- Future (2048) Traffic Volumes – Forecast at 0.5% compound growth rate

Crossing Location	Functional Classification	Speed Limit (mph)	Trucks (%)	School Buses	2021 AADT	2048 AADT
Avondale Garden Road	Local Road	20	2	9	1,070	1,220
George Street	Local Road	20	2	14	1,910	2,190
Willswood Lane	Local Road	40	10	12	1,210	1,380
Live Oak Boulevard	Minor Arterial	40	6	17	3,610	4,130

NOTE: AADT – Average Annual Daily Traffic

This table shows the truck percentages, number of school bus crossings, and average annual daily traffic at the four crossing locations.

Avondale Garden Road has the least daily traffic and school bus crossing, while Live Oak Boulevard has the most.



Step 2 – Existing and Future Crossing Blockage & Delay



- Existing (2021) Train Volumes – FRA Crossing Inventory Forms
- Future (2048) Train Volumes – Forecast at 1.0% compound growth rate
- Spreadsheet analysis to calculate crossing occupancy times

Crossing Location	Existing Year 2021					Year 2048 No Build				
	Trains Daily	Thru Trains (hpd)	Switching Moves (hpd)	Total Crossing Blockage (hpd)	Total Vehicle Delay (vhpd)	Trains Daily	Thru Trains (hpd)	Switching Moves (hpd)	Total Crossing Blockage (hpd)	Total Vehicle Delay (vhpd)
Avondale Garden Road	44	3.46	4.34	7.80	47.98	57	5.60	5.67	11.27	80.26
George Street	32	2.72	2.99	5.71	47.72	42	4.40	3.92	8.32	77.76
Willswood Lane	31	2.48	0.80	3.28	33.30	41	4.22	1.05	5.27	54.22
Live Oak Boulevard	14	1.82	-	1.82	20.96	18	3.17	-	3.17	30.27

NOTE: hpd – hours per day | vhpd – vehicle hours per day

Blocked crossings due to thru train and switching moves were calculated using existing and forecast train volume data.

Switching moves exceed thru trains at the Avondale Garden Road and George Street crossings due to their proximity to the Avondale Rail Yard.

On average, the number of hours vehicles are delayed at these crossings each day varies from approximately 21 hours at Live Oak Boulevard (in 2021) to approximately 80 hours at Avondale Garden Road (in 2048).



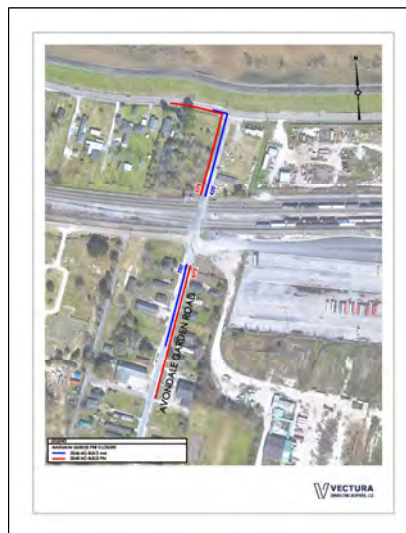
Step 2 – Existing and Future Crossing Blockage & Delay



- Avondale Garden Road Rail Crossing AM (Blue) and PM (Red) Peak Hour Vehicle Queue Lengths



2021 Existing



2048 No Build


The morning and afternoon peak hour traffic was determined, as part of the Step 1 Traffic Analyses, to be from 6:45 AM to 7:45 AM and 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM, respectively.

These figures illustrate the maximum length that traffic could back up at Avondale Garden Road in the morning (in Blue) and in the afternoon (in Red).

These queues were calculated based on projected traffic volumes. It was noted during field observations that drivers at times altered their travel route upon seeing a train blocking the crossing. Therefore, actual queues in the field may appear less than those shown on this slide due to drivers altering their behavior to avoid congestion.

Step 2 – Existing and Future Crossing Blockage & Delay

- George Street Rail Crossing AM (Blue) and PM (Red) Peak Hour Vehicle Queue Lengths



2021 Existing **2048 No Build**

These figures illustrate how far the traffic could back up at George Street in the morning (in Blue) and in the afternoon (in Red).

As with Avondale Garden Road, these queues were calculated based on projected traffic volumes. Actual queues may appear less than those shown on this slide due to drivers altering their behavior to avoid congestion.

Step 2 – Existing and Future Crossing Blockage & Delay

- Willswood Lane Rail Crossing AM (Blue) and PM (Red) Peak Hour Vehicle Queue Lengths

2021 Existing

2048 No Build

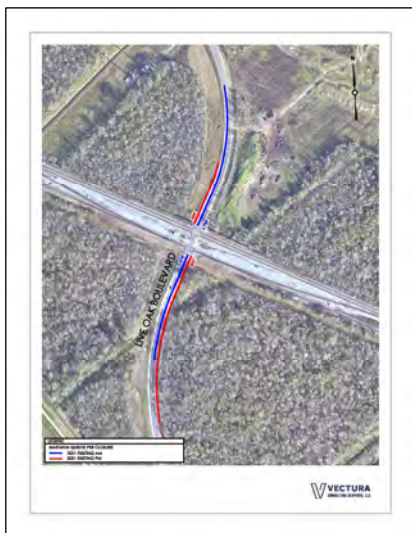
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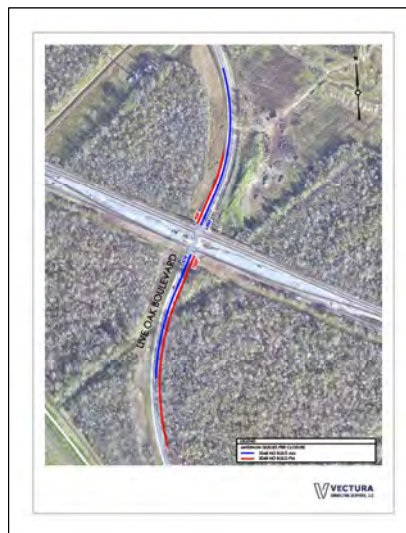
Step 2 – Existing and Future Crossing Blockage & Delay



- Live Oak Boulevard Rail Crossing AM (Blue) and PM (Red) Peak Hour Vehicle Queue Lengths



2021 Existing



2048 No Build

These figures illustrate how far the traffic could back up at Live Oak Boulevard in the morning (in Blue) and in the afternoon (in Red).



Step 3 – Grade Separation Warrants



▪ **FHWA Warrant Guidance – when grade separation should be considered**

Warrant Condition	Avondale Garden Road	George Street	Willswood Lane	Live Oak Blvd
An average of 30 or more trains per day	+ 44 (57)	+ 32 (42)	+ 31 (41)	- 14 (18)
Vehicle delay exceeds 30 vehicle hours per day (vhp) with consideration for cost effectiveness	+ 58.74 (80.26)	+ 57.65 (77.76)	+ 40.42 (54.22)	- 14.71 (19.37)
Other Warrant Conditions	- Not Met	- Not Met	- Not Met	- Not Met

NOTE: Values 2021 (2048)

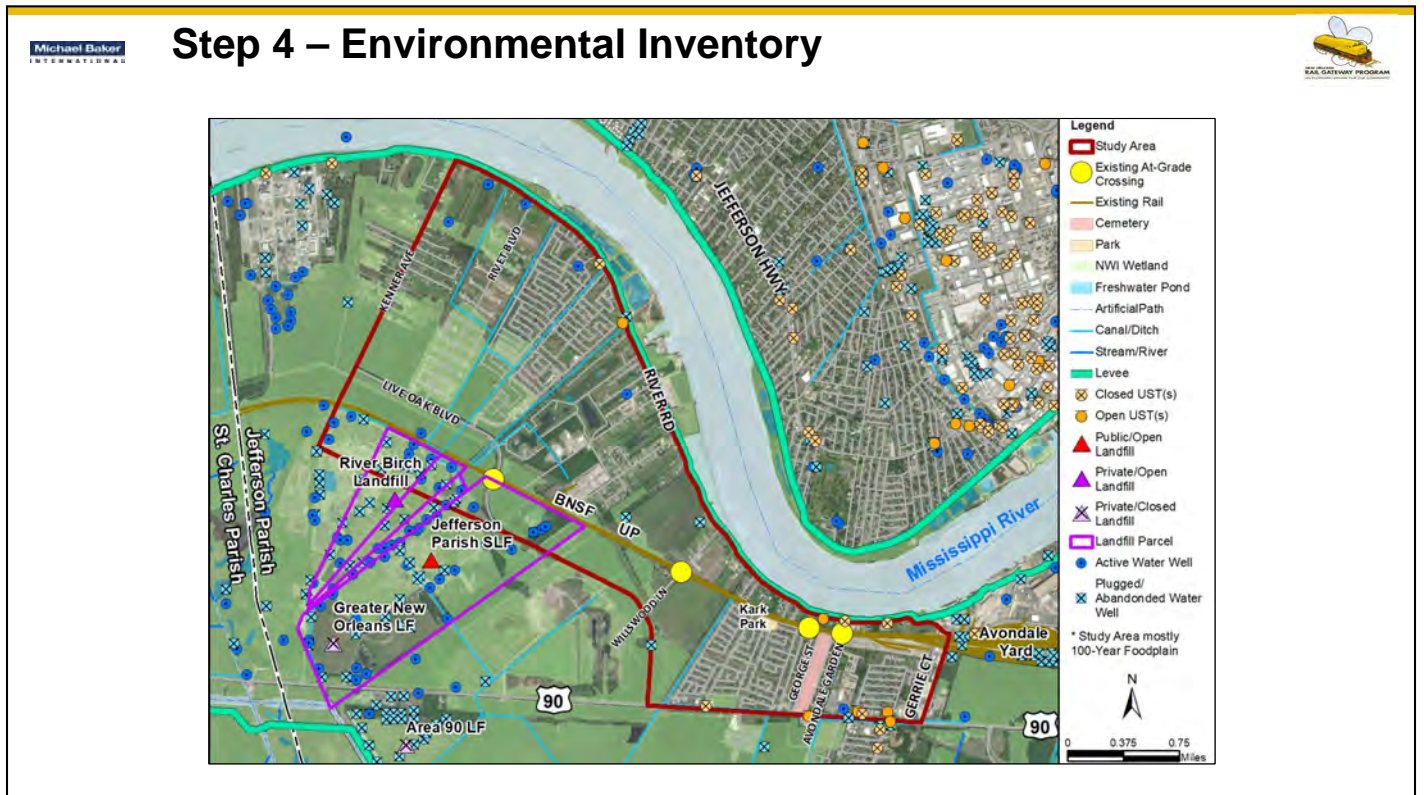
- **Whenever a new grade separation is constructed, consideration should be given to the possibility of closing one or more adjacent crossings provided:**
 - Acceptable alternate access across the rail line exists within one (1) mile measured along the track
 - The median trip length normally made over the crossing would not increase by more than 2.5 miles
- **Avondale Garden Road and George Street crossings both satisfy this Guidance**

Federal Highway Administration guidance identifies warrant conditions to be considered in evaluating whether an at-grade crossing is a candidate for grade separation.

Only two of FHWA's warrant conditions are applicable to the Waggaman and Avondale crossings, the average number of trains per day and the daily vehicle delay due to blocked crossings.


Only the Avondale Garden Road, George Street and Willswood Lane crossings exceed these warrant conditions. The Live Oak Boulevard crossing does not exhibit the number of train crossings or resultant vehicle delay required to consider grade separation.

The Guidance also indicates that consideration should be given to closing adjacent crossings, given certain criteria, when a grade separation is contemplated. The Avondale Garden Road and George Street crossings satisfy the listed distance criteria. The Willswood Lane crossing does not.





Numerous environmental features are scattered throughout the Waggaman/Avondale area.

The dominant environmental features within the Study Area are residential and commercial development, wetlands, floodplains, and the Greater New Orleans, Jefferson Parish & River Birch landfills south of the railroad tracks.



Step 4 – Avondale Garden Road (AGR) Alternative






Legend

- Avondale Garden Road Alternative
- Bridge
- Bulb Out
- Centerline
- Cul-de-sac EOP
- Existing R/W
- RR Crossing Removal
- Required R/W
- Remove Pavement
- Existing Rail
- Cemetery
- 100-year Floodplain
- NWI Wetland
- Freshwater Pond
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- **New grade separated roadway connecting US 90 and River Road**
- **Closes the existing George Street and AGR at-grade crossings**
- **Adds access from AGR to the Realigned Alternative**
- **Relocates access to the Intermodal Yard via a new Access Road**
- **Expands Jefferson Parish's Bicycle/Pedestrian Access**

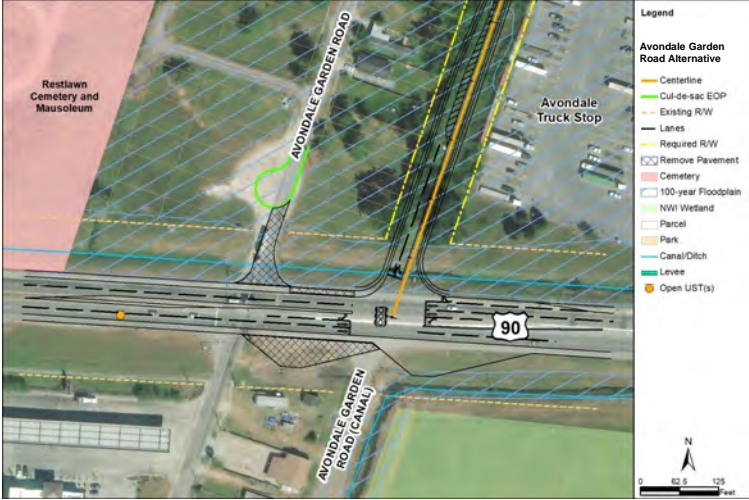
The Avondale Garden Road Alternative would:

- Construct a new grade separated roadway between the AGR residential properties and the Truck Stop and Container Yard, connecting US 90 and River Road,
- Close both the existing George Street and AGR at-grade crossings,
- Add a new, direct connection from AGR to the Realigned Alternative and relocate access to the Intermodal Yard via a new Access Road, and
- Expand Jefferson Parish's Bicycle/Pedestrian Access.



Step 4 – Avondale Garden Road (AGR) Alternative





- Cul-de-sac's AGR
- Relocates the existing intersection to a new Signalized intersection
- Retains dedicated left- and right-turn, and U-turn movements
- Estimated Cost - **\$62.0M**

Avoids wetlands | Impacts floodplains | Two commercial relocations | Eliminates train horn noise

The Avondale Garden Road Alternative would also:


- Cul-de-sac AGR and remove the existing intersection with US 90,
- Relocate the existing intersection to the new signalized intersection, and
- Retain the existing dedicated left- and right-turn and U-turn movements at the new intersection location.

The estimated cost is \$62.0M


This alternative would avoid wetlands but would impact floodplains. It would result in two commercial relocations – Concrete Busters and MTC Trucking. Closing the George Street and AGR crossings would eliminate the required train horn auditory warnings.




The Avondale Garden Road Alternative would look similar to this.



Step 4 – Willswood Lane Realignment





- Realigns and grade separates existing Willswood Lane
- Closes the existing Willswood Lane at-grade crossing
- Maintains access to residential properties
- Expands Jefferson Parish's Bicycle/Pedestrian Access
- Estimated Cost - **\$57.2M**

Avoids wetlands | Minimizes floodplains | Avoids residential/commercial relocations | Eliminates train horn noise

The Willswood Lane Realignment would:


- Realign and grade separate the existing Willswood Lane to the east,
- Close the existing Willswood Lane at-grade crossing,
- Maintain access to existing residential properties via the existing roadway, and
- Expand Jefferson Parish's Bicycle/Pedestrian Access.

The estimated cost is \$57.2M


This alternative would avoid wetlands and minimize floodplain impacts. It would also not result in any residential or commercial relocations and would also eliminate the required Willswood Lane train horn auditory warning.




The Willswood Lane Realignment would look similar to this.



Step 4 – Willswood Lane Alternate






The map shows the proposed Willswood Lane Alternate roadway (yellow line) connecting Live Oak Blvd and River Rd. It crosses the existing Willswood Lane at-grade (red line) and the Mississippi River (blue area). The map also shows existing rail lines (UP, BNSF) and various environmental features like floodplains and wetlands. A legend on the right side of the map defines symbols for Bridge, Centerline, Exist RW, RR Crossing Removal, Required RW, Existing Rail, 100-year Floodplain, NWI Wetland, Parcel, Park, Artificial Path, Canal/Ditch, Levee, Plugged/Abandoned Water Well, and a scale bar.


- **New grade separated roadway connecting Live Oak Boulevard and River Road**
- **Closes the existing Willswood Lane at-grade crossing**
- **Expands Jefferson Parish’s Bicycle/Pedestrian Access**
- **Increases the trip length by no more than **1.75 miles****
- **Estimated Cost - **\$48.1M****


The Willswood Lane Alternate would:

- Construct a new grade separated roadway west of Willswood Lane connecting Live Oak Boulevard and River Road,
- Close the existing Willswood Lane at-grade crossing, and
- Expand Jefferson Parish’s Bicycle/Pedestrian Access.



Step 4 – Willswood Lane Alternate





- **New grade separated roadway connecting Live Oak Boulevard and River Road**
- **Closes the existing Willswood Lane at-grade crossing**
- **Expands Jefferson Parish's Bicycle/Pedestrian Access**
- **Increases the trip length by no more than **1.75 miles****
- **Estimated Cost - **\$48.1M****

Bridges wetlands | Impacts floodplains | Avoids residential/commercial relocations | Eliminates train horn noise


It would increase the trip length for Willswood Lane residents by no more than 1.75 miles, depending the travel destination.

The estimated cost is \$48.1M


This alternative would bridge wetlands but would impact floodplains. It would not result in any residential or commercial relocations. Closing the Willswood Lane crossing would eliminate the required train horn auditory warning.



The Willswood Lane Alternate would look similar to this.



Step 5 – Build Alternatives and Environmental Impacts



Description	Build Alternatives					No Build
	1	2	3	4	5	
Avondale Garden Road Alternative						
Willswood Lane Realignment						
Willswood Lane Alternate						
Wetlands Impacts	Avoids	Avoids	Bridges	Avoids	Bridges	None
Floodplain Impacts	Impacts	Minimizes	Impacts	Impacts	Impacts	None
Relocations	Two Commercial	Avoids	Avoids	Two Commercial	Two Commercial	None
Total Estimated Cost	\$62.0M	\$57.2M	\$48.1M	\$119.2M	\$110.1M	\$0


These three alternatives, in various combinations, resulted in five Build Alternatives.

- Build Alternative 1 is the Avondale Garden Road (AGR) Alternative and closes both the existing AGR and George Street crossings
- Build Alternative 2 is the Willswood Lane Realignment and closes the existing Willswood Lane crossing
- Build Alternative 3 is the Willswood Lane Alternate, and also closes the existing Willswood Lane crossing
- Build Alternative 4 combines the Avondale Garden Road (AGR) Alternative (Build Alternative 1) and the Willswood Lane Realignment (Build Alternative 2), closing the existing Willswood Lane, George Street, and AGR crossings
- Build Alternative 5, combines the Avondale Garden Road (AGR) Alternative (Build Alternative 1) and the Willswood Lane Alternate (Build Alternative 3), also closing the existing Willswood Lane, George Street, and AGR crossings


These five Build Alternatives can be viewed in more detail along with rendering of the alternatives in the Exhibits Area.

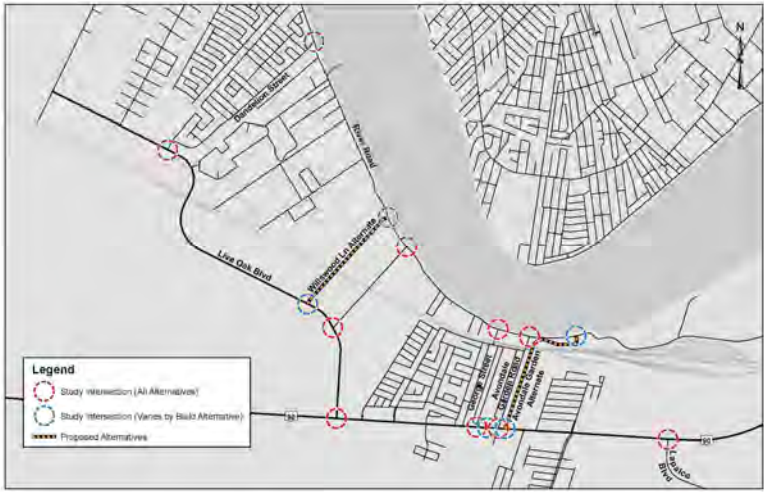
The potential impacts and estimated costs of the five Build Alternatives are summarized in this table.

The No Build Alternative would not result in any impacts to wetlands or floodplains or require any relocations, and would have zero cost, but would not correct any of the stated goals.



Step 5 – Area Traffic Analyses





- Existing and new intersections were evaluated to determine potential impacts to surrounding roadway network

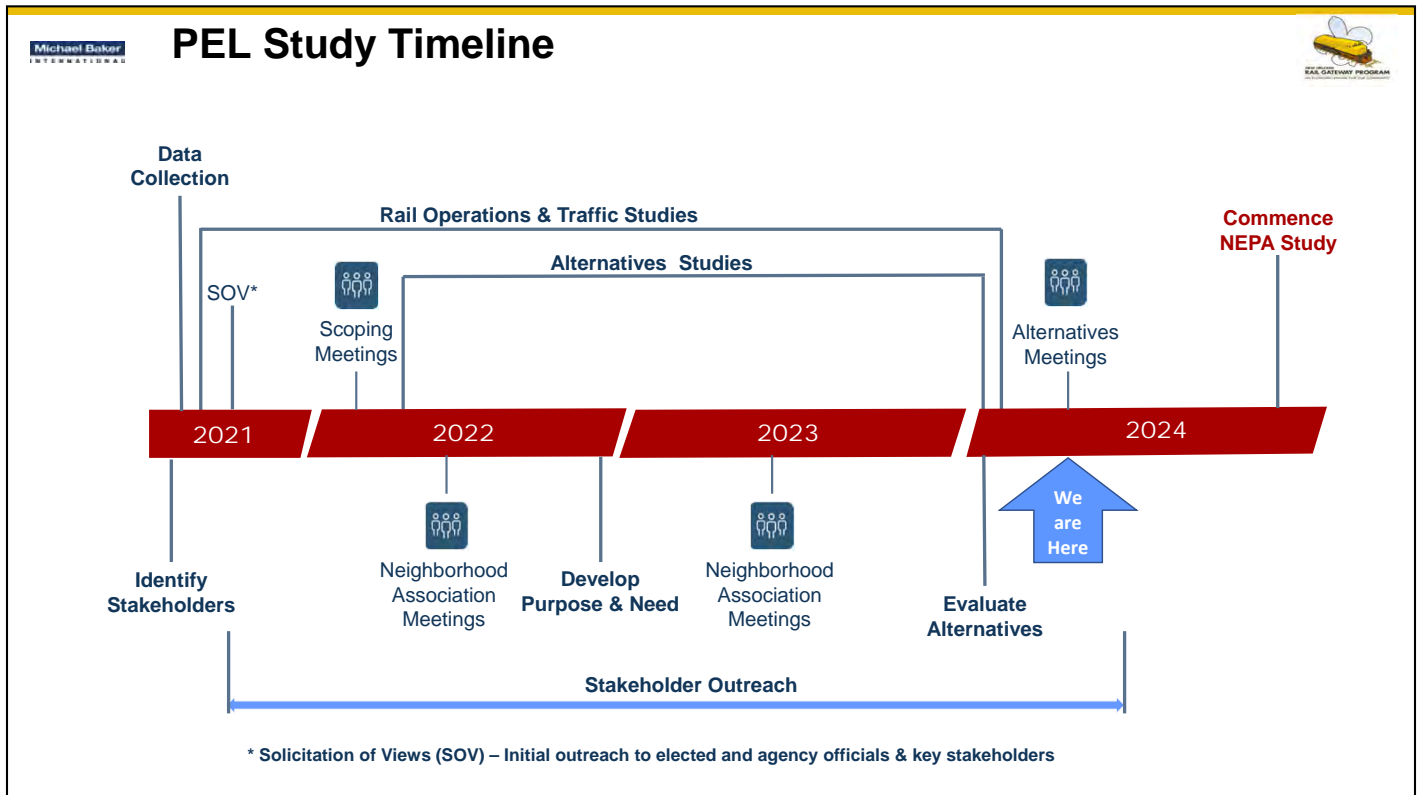
- None of the five Build Alternatives would result in any significant intersection delays or travel impacts to area roadways

Area intersections were evaluated to determine any impacts of the Build Alternatives on the surrounding roadway network.

The red dashed circles indicate existing intersections where analyses were conducted for the forecast future No Build and all five Build Alternatives.

The blue dashed circles indicate the new intersections that were evaluated for the Build Alternatives. These intersections differ depending on the Build Alternative being evaluated.

None of the five Build Alternatives would result in any significant intersection delays or travel impacts to area roadways.



This PEL study is nearing completion. The study will advance to the NEPA study phase later this year. The NEPA phase will further refine the alternatives with a focus on the environmental impacts. The study and NEPA documentation will take at least a year to complete.



We Want to Hear From You!



- **Comment Forms are available at Tonight's Meeting or at www.dotd.la.gov/AvondalePELStudy**

- **Submit at this meeting**
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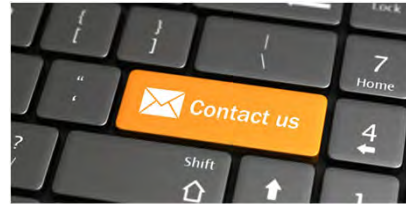
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Thank you for Watching!



THANK YOU



This public meeting is an important part of the transportation decision-making process, and your input is encouraged and appreciated.

After this presentation, please review the project exhibits, talk with Study Team representatives, and give us your comments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of the Study Team representatives. We're all wearing name badges. **Remember, the only bad questions are the ones not asked!**

Thank you again for attending today's public meeting!

EXHIBITS



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ALTERNATIVES MEETING



NEW ORLEANS
RAIL GATEWAY PROGRAM
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Welcome to this Alternatives Meeting for the New Orleans Rail Gateway Program in Jefferson and Orleans Parishes.

Today's meeting is an informal, open-house style format.

To obtain the most out of today's meeting please:

- ✦ **Sign in** at the front welcome table and take a copy of the handout materials. By signing in your name will be placed on the mailing list to receive future public announcements.
- ✦ **Watch the slide presentation** for an overview of the Alternative's Development process.
- ✦ **Review the exhibits** displayed around the room to learn more about the Project and results of the Alternative Development process.
- ✦ **Ask questions** of the Project Team members (we're all wearing name tags). Remember, there are no foolish questions. The only bad questions are the ones not asked.
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NEW ORLEANS
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✦ **The Avondale PEL Study** is evaluating the feasibility of consolidating the roadway-rail at-grade crossings at:

- **Avondale Garden Road,**
- **George Street,**
- **Willswood Lane, and**
- **Live Oak Boulevard,**

And replacing them with one, or possibly more, road-over-rail grade separations.



GOALS

- ✦ **Reduce** vehicle delay due to rail traffic and Avondale Rail Yard switching operations
- ✦ **Eliminate** truck traffic from roadways posted as “No Truck Route” with a 5-Ton Weight Limit
- ✦ **Improve** intermodal connectivity



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EXISTING AND FUTURE CROSSING BLOCKAGE & DELAY

Crossing Location	Existing Year 2021					Year 2048 No Build				
	Trains Daily	Thru Trains (hpd)	Switching Moves (hpd)	Total Crossing Blockage (hpd)	Total Vehicle Delay (vhpd)	Trains Daily	Thru Trains (hpd)	Switching Moves (hpd)	Total Crossing Blockage (hpd)	Total Vehicle Delay (vhpd)
Avondale Garden Road	44	3.46	4.34	7.80	47.98	57	5.60	5.67	11.27	80.26
George Street	32	2.72	2.99	5.71	47.72	42	4.40	3.92	8.32	77.76
Willswood Lane	31	2.48	0.80	3.28	33.30	41	4.22	1.05	5.27	54.22
Live Oak Boulevard	14	1.82	-	1.82	20.96	18	3.17	-	3.17	30.27

Note: hpd – hours per day | vhpd – vehicle hours per day

Block crossing due to thru train and switching moves were calculated using existing and forecast train volume data.

On average, the number of hours vehicles are delayed at these crossing each day varies from approximately 21 hours at Live Oak Boulevard (in 2021) to approximately 80 hours at Avondale Garden Road (in 2048).



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GRADE SEPARATION WARRANTS

Warrant Condition	Avondale Garden Road	George Street	Willswood Lane	Live Oak Blvd
An average of 30 or more trains per day	+ 44 (57)	+ 32 (42)	+ 31 (41)	- 14 (18)
Vehicle delay exceeds 30 vehicle hours per day with consideration for cost effectiveness	+ 58.74 (80.26)	+ 57.65 (77.76)	+ 40.42 (54.22)	- 14.71 (19.37)
Other Warrant Conditions	- Not Met	- Not Met	- Not Met	- Not Met

Note: Values 2021 (2048)

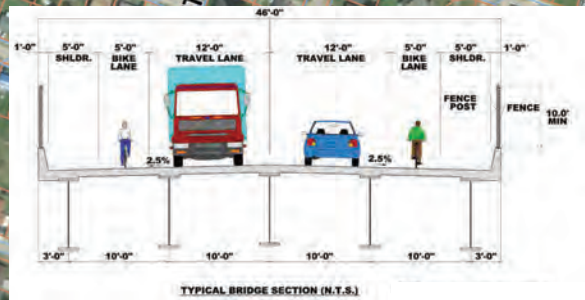
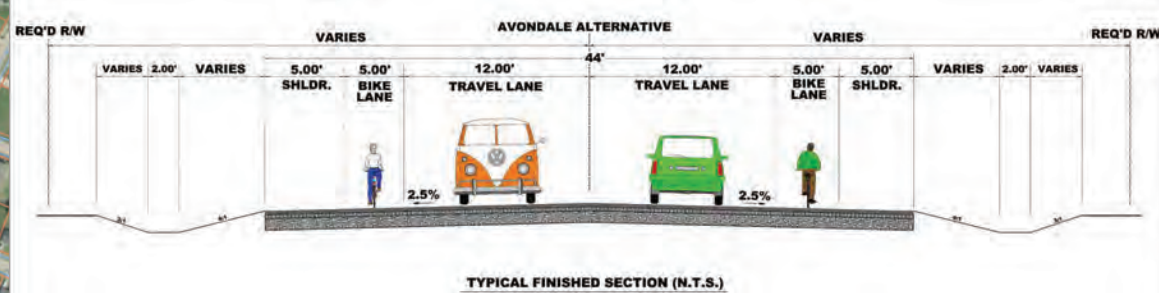
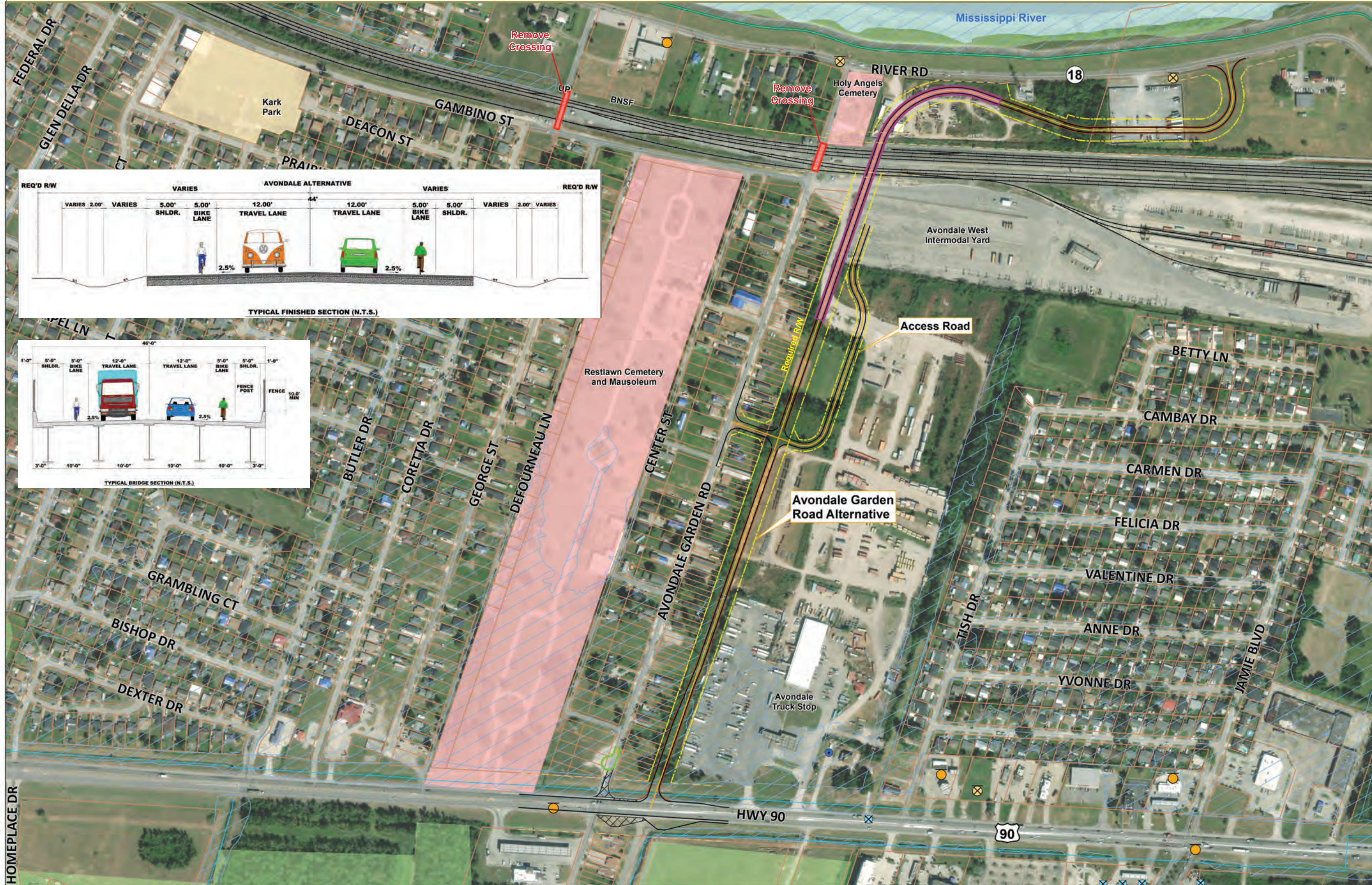
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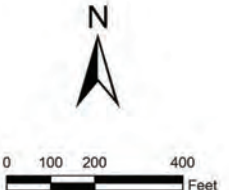
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ALTERNATIVE 1 - AVONDALE GARDEN ROAD ALTERNATIVE



- Legend**
- Avondale Garden Road Alternative**
- Bike Lane
 - Centerline
 - Cul-de-sac
 - Edge of Pavement
 - Required R/W
 - Bridge
 - RR Crossing Removal
 - ⊗ Road Removal
 - Existing R/W
 - Existing Railroad
 - Cemetery
 - 100-year Floodplain
 - NWI Wetland
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 - ⊗ Closed UST(s)
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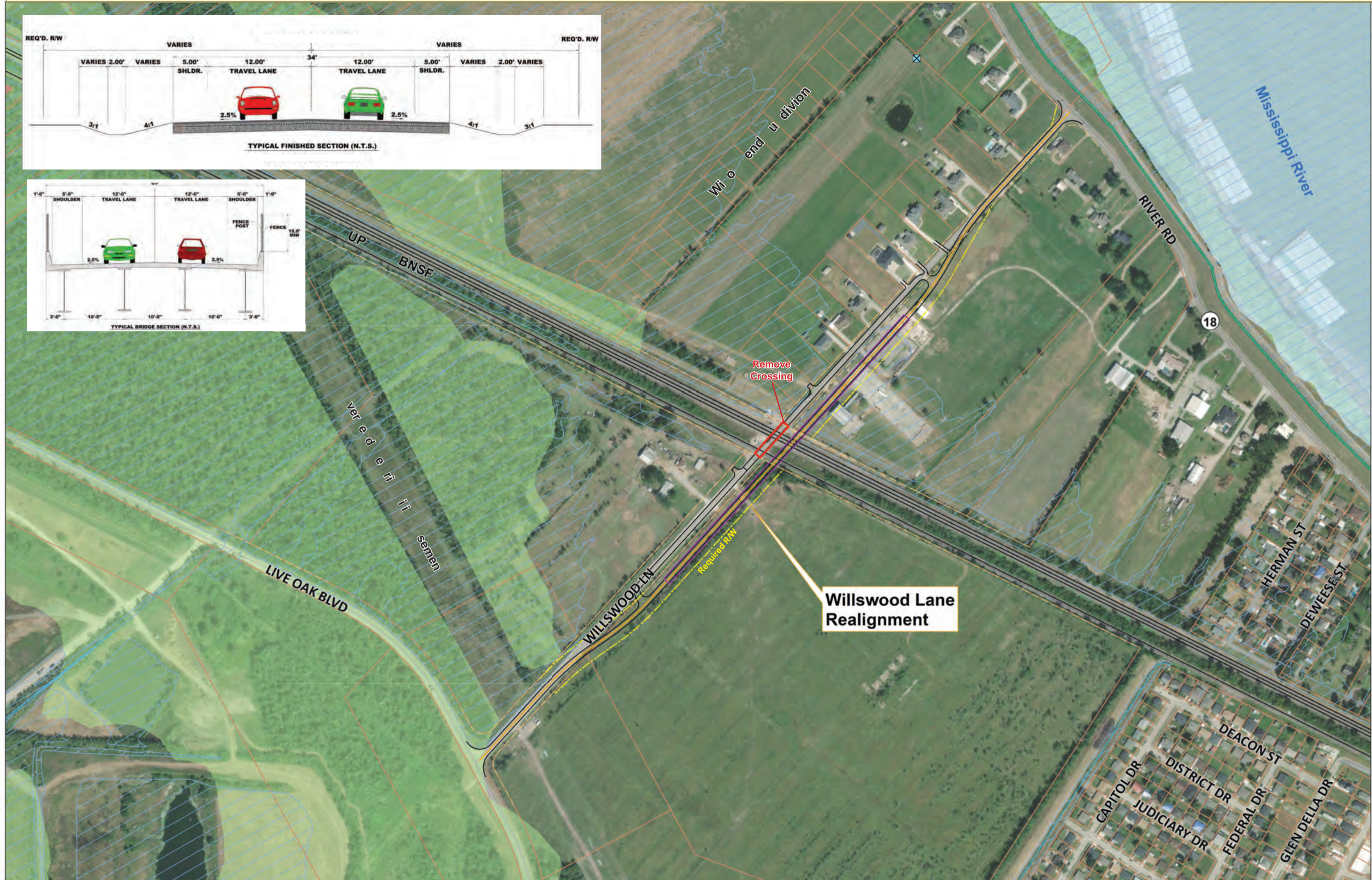
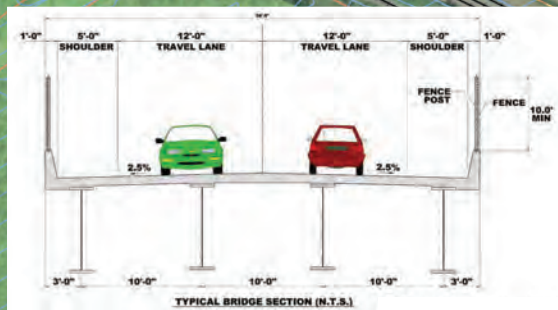
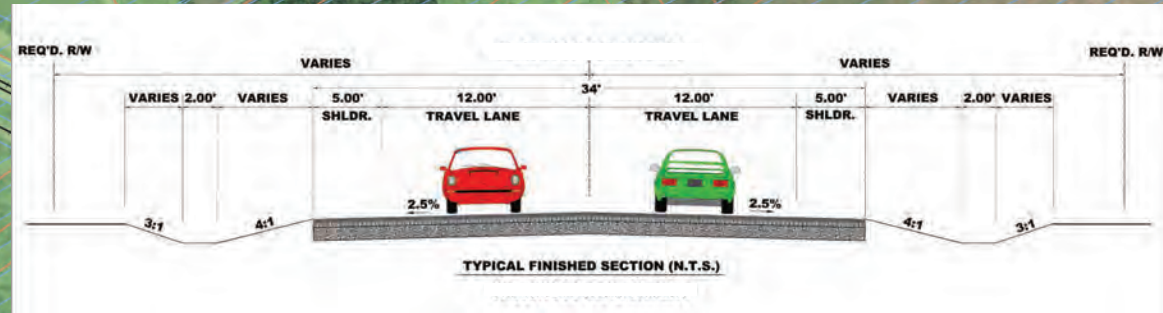




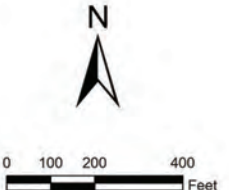
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ALTERNATIVE 2 - WILLSWOOD LANE REALIGNMENT



- Legend**
- Willswood Lane Realignment
 - Centerline
 - Edge of Pavement
 - Required R/W
 - Bridge
 - RR Crossing Removal
 - Existing R/W
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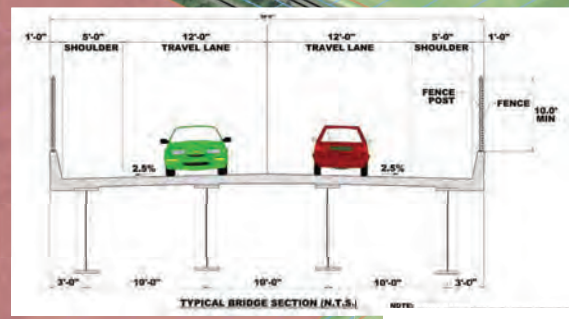
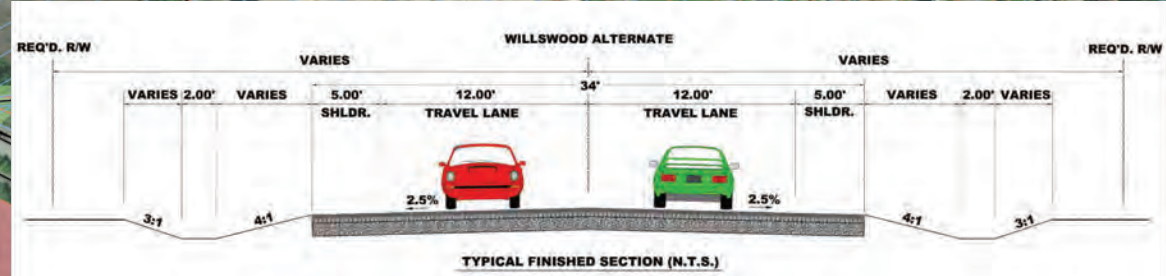
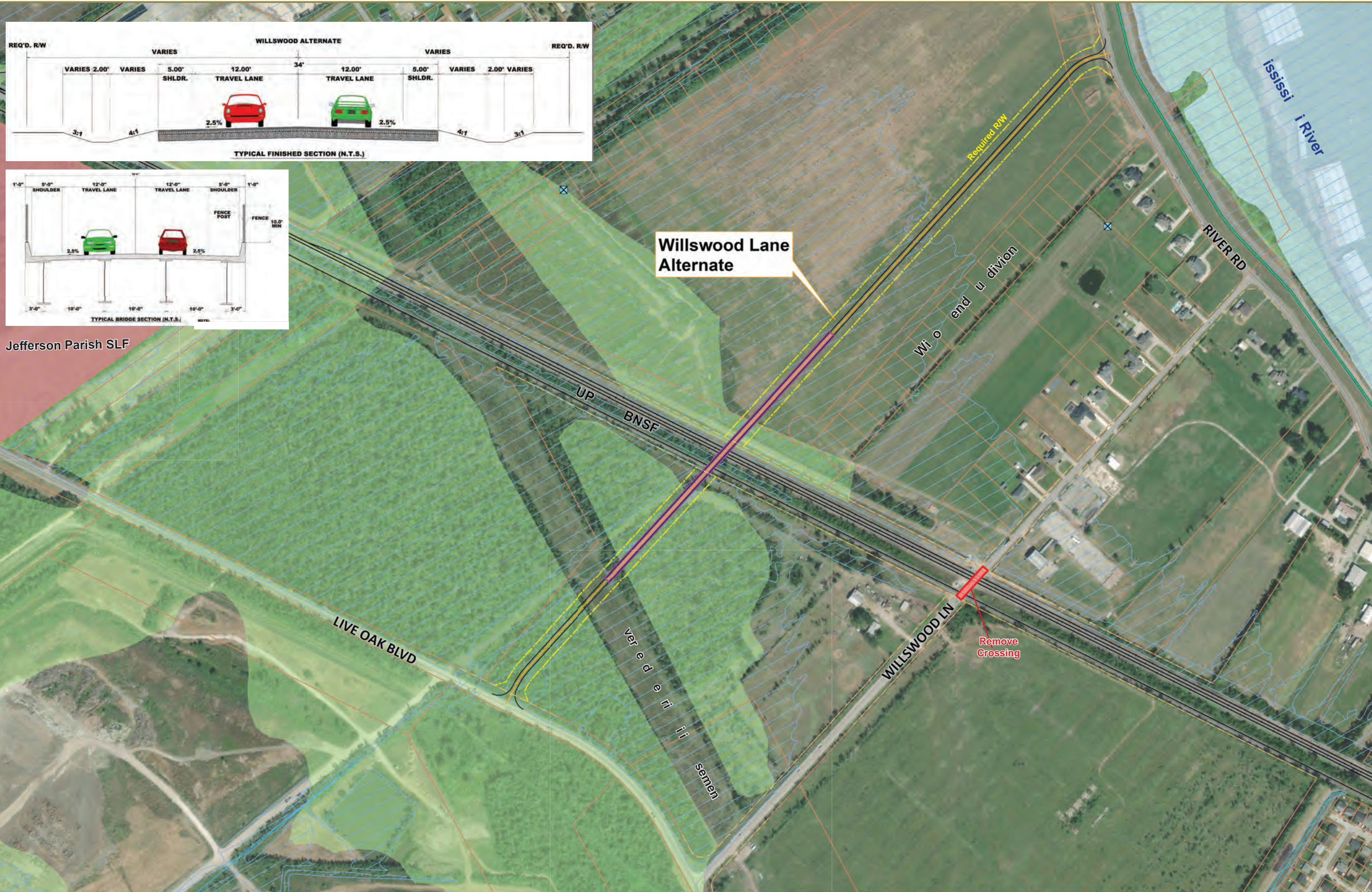
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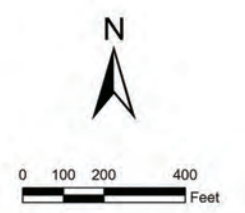
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ALTERNATIVE 3 - WILLSWOOD LANE ALTERNATE



- Legend**
- Willswood Lane alternate**
- Centerline
 - Edge of Pavement
 - Required R/W
 - Bridge
 - RR Crossing
 - Existing R/W
 - Existing Railroad
 - 100-year Floodplain
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BUILD ALTERNATIVES AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Description	BUILD ALTERNATIVES					No Build
	1	2	3	4	5	
Avondale Garden Road Alternative						
Willswood Lane Realignment						
Willswood Lane Alternate						
Wetlands Impacts	Avoids	Avoids	Bridges	Avoids	Bridges	None
Floodplain Impacts	Impacts	Minimizes	Impacts	Impacts	Impacts	None
Relocations	Two Commercial	Avoids	Avoids	Two Commercial	Two Commercial	None
Total Estimated Cost	\$62.0M	\$57.2M	\$48.1M	\$119.2M	\$110.1M	\$0

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Build Alternative 2 is the Willswood Lane Realignment and closes the existing Willswood Lane crossing

Build Alternative 3 is the Willswood Lane Alternate and also closes the existing Willswood Lane crossing

Build Alternative 4 combines Build Alternative 1 and Build Alternative 2

Build Alternative 5, combines Build Alternative 1 and Build Alternative 3

No-Build, is the existing roadway with continued planned maintenance

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- Live Work Travel through None of these

3. How frequently do you travel across the following at-grade rail crossings (where railroad tracks and motor vehicle roadway intersect at the same level or grade)?

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|--------------------|---|--|---|---|--|
| Live Oak Blvd | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple times per day | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 times per week | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 times per week | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 4 times per month |
| Willswood Ln | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple times per day | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 times per week | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 times per week | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 4 times per month |
| George St | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple times per day | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 times per week | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 times per week | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 4 times per month |
| Avondale Garden Rd | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daily | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple times per day | <input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 times per week | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 times per week | <input type="checkbox"/> Less than 4 times per month |

4. Why do you travel across these at-grade rail crossings (check all that apply)?

- Commute to work Shopping School Visiting family/friends Entertainment Access to River Road
 Access to U.S. 90 Other (please specify) _____

5. How often are you delayed due to train traffic at these at-grade rail crossings?

- Every time Most of the time Some of the time Rarely Never

6. Do you use the Jefferson Parish Rail Crossing Cameras website (www.JeffParish.net/RailCams) to view and/or avoid blocked crossings? Yes No

7. Which study goals presented at today's meeting are the most important?

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| Reduce blocked crossing vehicle delay | <input type="checkbox"/> Not important | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important | <input type="checkbox"/> Important | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very important |
| Remove truck traffic from weight restricted roadways | <input type="checkbox"/> Not important | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important | <input type="checkbox"/> Important | <input type="checkbox"/> Very important |
| Improve intermodal/container yard highway access | <input type="checkbox"/> Not important | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important | <input type="checkbox"/> Important | <input type="checkbox"/> Very important |
| Eliminate train horn advance warning | <input type="checkbox"/> Not important | <input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat important | <input type="checkbox"/> Important | <input type="checkbox"/> Very important |

8. Rank your Alternative preference on a scale from 1 to 5 (1 being the least- and 5 the most-preferred).

- Alternative 1 – Avondale Garden Road (AGR) Alternative (new roadway to the east; close George Street and AGR crossings) 5
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- Alternative 3 – Willswood Alternate (new roadway to the west; close existing Willswood crossing)..... 5
- Alternative 4 – Both Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 above
- Alternative 5 – Both Alternative 1 and Alternative 3 above

9. Do you have any other comments or questions not addressed in during today's public meeting?

10. Would you like your name added to the NORG Avondale mailing list? Yes No Already on the mailing list

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New Orleans Rail Gateway
Jefferson and Orleans Parishes, Louisiana

Avondale Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study
Virtual Scoping Meeting Comment Form

Name: Letitia Nelson
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1. How did you hear about the New Orleans Rail Gateway (NORG) Avondale PEL Study and this Virtual Scoping Meeting (check all that apply)?

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 Other

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Remove truck traffic from weight restricted roadways - - - - - Not important

Somewhat important Important Very Important

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Somewhat important Important Very Important

Eliminate train horn advance warning ----- Not important
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Alternative 2 - Willswood Realignment (realign existing Willswood Lane; close crossing) - - -

Alternative 3 - Willswood Alternate (new roadway to the west; close existing Willswood crossing) -----

Alternative 4 - Both Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 above -----

Alternative 5 - Both Alternative 1 and Alternative 3 above -----

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Comments: N/A

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Yes No Already on the list

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New Orleans Rail Gateway
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Avondale Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study
Alternative Public Meeting Comment Form

Name: Clifford Harris
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1. How did you hear about the New Orleans Rail Gateway (NORG) Avondale PEL Study and this Virtual Scoping Meeting (check all that apply)?

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Somewhat important Important Very Important

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Alternative 2 - Willswood Realignment (realign existing Willswood Lane; close crossing) - - -
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Alternative 3 - Willswood Alternate (new roadway to the west; close existing Willswood crossing) ----- 5

Alternative 4 - Both Alternative 1 and Alternative 2 above -----
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Alternative 5 - Both Alternative 1 and Alternative 3 above -----
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9. Do you have any other comments or questions not addressed in during today's public meeting?

No Comments Submitted

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Yes No Already on the list