Initial Issues

This listing is for discussion purposes and does not represent a complete list of issues. During the Advisory Council meeting, you will use this list as a starting point and add, delete, modify issues as appropriate.

Funding

• Understand why Louisiana funding is in trouble
  – Infrastructure costs continue to rise (labor and materials)
  – Additives drive the cost up (everything from sidewalks to computerized traffic control, access management, environmental protection, wildlife, drainage, safety measures)
  – Right of way costs have increased exponentially
  – Federal support is soft and unpredictable
  – Most every toll-worthy facility has already been tolled – no major facility can be financed 100% by tolls
  – State user fees have not increased to keep pace
  – Political focus on expensive, complex projects compared to public focus on maintaining what have

• What are truly viable options?

Governance

• Local governments, MPOs and State are interdependent, cooperation can be improved.
  – Growth management
  – Shifting responsibility from State to local government
  – Additional revenue for maintenance and improvement of local road system (local option)

• What else?

Other High-Level, Global Issues?