



Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan Update  
Regional Planning Officials Advisory Council Meeting  
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## 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.

- **Program Delivery/Funding**
  - How should we prioritize and where do we implement needed capacity improvements with limited funding?
  - How can we better align highway improvement priorities among DOTD and local governments?
  - How can we improve project delivery and implementation time of transportation improvements?
  - What are effective ways to handle pre-planning functions (corridor preservation, land use controls, etc.) prior to funding availability?
  - Need for alternative funding sources
- **Connectivity/Integration**
  - How can we better connect/integrate highways with other transportation modes and programs?
- **Changing Conditions**
  - How can the transportation system better accommodate population shifts (hurricanes, growth in metro areas?) and demographic changes (aging population, migration of young people)?
- **Coordination/Cooperation**
  - What should be DOTD's role in assisting local governments with planning, implementing and funding highway improvements?
  - How do we improve coordination between DOTD and local jurisdictions?
  - How can we better coordinate and communicate the availability and eligibility requirements of various federal and state funding sources?

- How can we effectively coordinate, communicate and address transportation needs with the varying boundaries/jurisdictions of DOTD Districts, MPOs, RPDs, State Police, etc.?
- How do we improve the varying responsibilities and disconnect between the MPO planning philosophy and DOTD engineering/implementation focus?
- **Other Issues**
  - Condition of Assets: How can we improve poor conditions and safety on roads/bridges? (now part of new Highway Operations and Maintenance AC but was previously addressed by RPO)
  - Efficiency/Mobility: How can we make our existing highway system more efficient? (now part of new Highway Operations and Maintenance AC but was previously addressed by RPO)
  - Trucking: How can we handle impacts of increased truck traffic on highways (agriculture, shale, regular trade) (may be part of Trucking AC too)