

# meeting REPORT

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**Meeting Date:** June 11, 2013  
**Project Name:** Florida Ave. Stage 0 Feasibility Study  
**Project Number:** SPN H.005720  
**Report Prepared By:** Jacob M. Loeske, PE, LSI  
**Meeting Location:** Regional Planning Commission of New Orleans  
Rm. 203 (1:30-2:30)  
**Participants:** LADOTD HQ: Dr. Eric Kalivoda, Connie Betts  
LADOTD Dist 02: Michael Stack, Ennis Johnson  
RPC: Walter Brooks, Jeff Roesel  
City of New Orleans: Deputy Mayor Cedric Grant  
St. Bernard Parish: President Dave Peralta  
Buchart Horn: Jacob Loeske, Stephanie Phillips  
(See attached Sign-In Sheet)

## Summary:

The purpose of the meeting was to inform RPC, The City of New Orleans, St. Bernard Parish, and LADOTD District 02 of the Florida Ave. Stage 0 Feasibility Study findings and document any concerns expressed by the stakeholders. Walter Brooks opened the meeting with everyone providing an introduction. Dr. Kalivoda provided a brief overview of the project, its history with the TIMED legislation and the evolution of concepts throughout the last decade relating to demographics and needs. Jacob Loeske presented a PowerPoint presentation (attached) that captured the history of the project, parameters that were evaluated, and alternatives studied within the Stage 0 Feasibility Report. Discussions occurred during and after the presentation and are documented as follows:

### City of New Orleans

- Concerns of increased truck traffic into Orleans Parish.
- Discussed fixed span bridge versus mid-level movable. Marine study statistics displayed mid-level opening approximately 2 times per week.

### RPC

- Evaluate the need for a buffer/landscaping along the southern side of at-grade alignment.

### St. Bernard Parish

- Supports the overall concept and alternatives providing additional routes into and out of the Parish.
- Expressed interest in cooperating with LADOTD during right of way evaluations of the preferred footprint in Stage 1. Several properties within the footprint of the alternatives are currently owned by a state agency.
- Expressed concern of the N-S Alternative 3 impact to a newly constructed multi-family residential complex.

Meeting adjourned.

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**Meeting Date:** June 27, 2013  
**Project Name:** Florida Ave. Stage 0 Feasibility Study  
**Project Number:** SPN H.005720  
**Report Prepared By:** Jacob M. Loeske, PE, LSI  
**Meeting Location:** DOTD Dist 02, Bridge City Conf. Rm. (10:00-11:00) & (1:00-2:00)  
**Participants:** Representative Ray Garofalo  
LADOTD HQ: Dr. Eric Kalivoda, Connie Betts  
LADOTD Dist 02: Michael Stack, Ennis Johnson  
Buchart Horn: Jacob Loeske, Alan Krouse  
(See attached Sign-In Sheet)

## **Summary:**

The purpose of the meeting was to brief the legislators of the project area of the Florida Ave. Stage 0 Feasibility Study findings and document any concerns expressed. Michael Stack opened the meeting with everyone providing an introduction. Jacob Loeske provided a brief overview of the project, its history with the TIMED legislation and the evolution of concepts throughout the last decade relating to demographics and needs. Mr. Loeske presented a PowerPoint presentation (attached) that captured the history of the project, parameters that were evaluated, and alternatives studied within the Stage 0 Feasibility Report. Discussions occurred during and after the presentation and are documented as follows:

### DOTD District 02

- Evaluate at-grade levee crossing at eastern terminus back levee crossing
- Compare the % Slope of 156-ft fixed, 85 and 75-ft moveable bridges to that of Judge Seeber bridge and high rise to familiarize the commuters with proposed alternatives.

### Representative Garofalo

- Director of Meraux Foundation expressed to Rep Garofalo their willingness to work with the state on Rights-of-Way.
- Evaluate the connection between St. Claude to Judge Perez along the east side of the Norfolk Southern Rail providing another connection for Port access.

Meeting adjourned.

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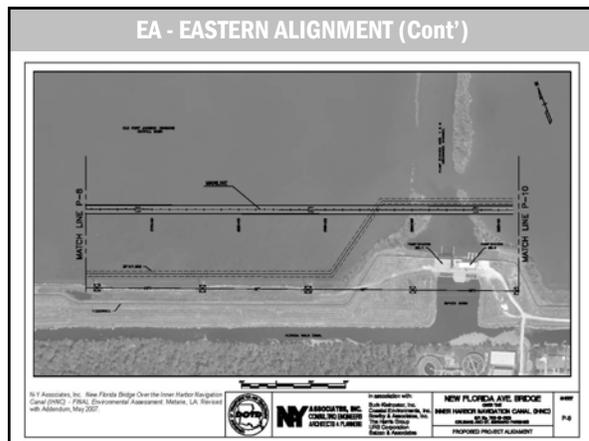


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 Stakeholder Meeting  
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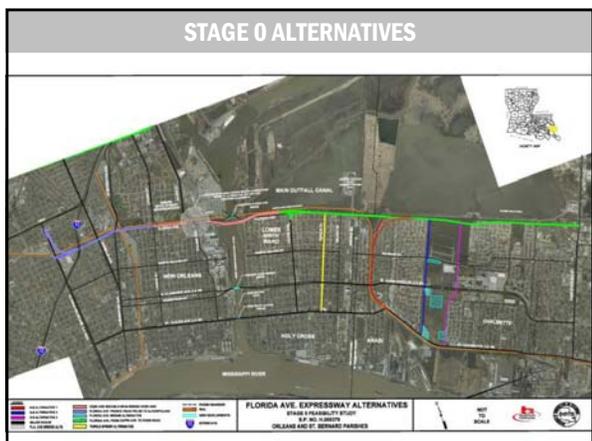
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- ### POST KATRINA
- 2007 – Funding constraints
  - 2008 – MRGO De-authorized
  - 2009 – MRGO Closed
  - 2010 – Stage 0 to evaluate previously completed EA with new demographics
  - 2011 – Marine Study
  - 2012 – Expand Project Boundary to Paris Road
  - 2013 – Expand Project Boundary to Elysian Fields





**2011 MARINE STUDY**

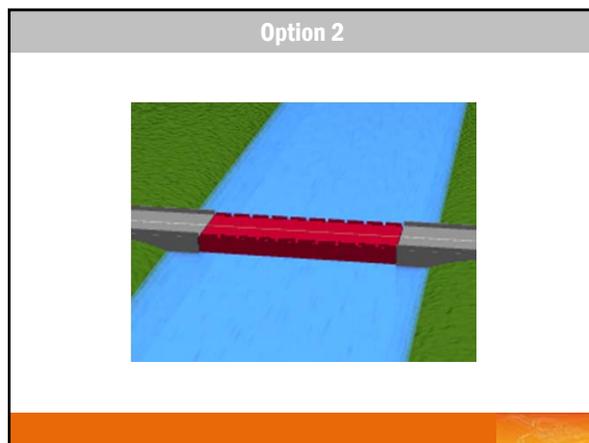
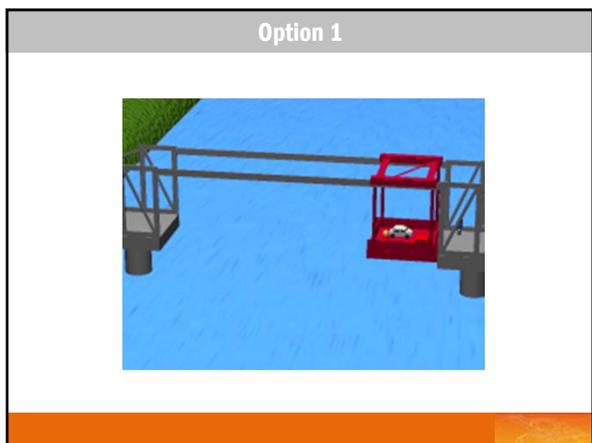
**Vessel Types Passing Through Florida Avenue Bridge**  
November 2010 – July 2011

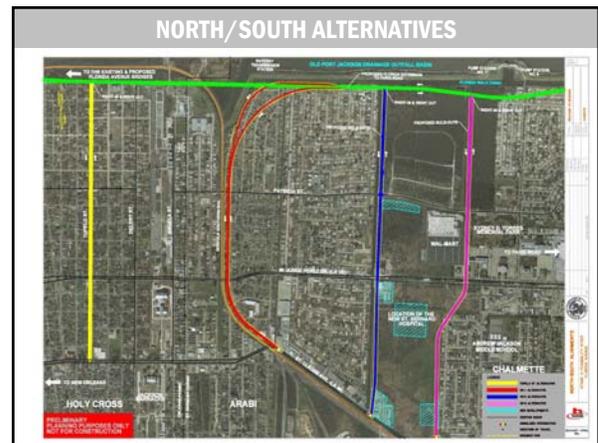
MONTH:	Tug/Barge Tows	USCG	Pleasure Boat/Sail Boat	Crewboat	Shrimpboat/Trawler /Oysterboat	Ship	Jack-Up
NOVEMBER 2010	826	1	14	2	18	7	0
DECEMBER 2010	835	3	10	2	28	2	1
JANUARY 2011	758	5	4	0	14	3	0
FEBRUARY 2011	644	2	4	0	8	7	0
MARCH 2011	805	6	14	2	15	3	0
APRIL 2011	850	1	19	0	13	6	0
MAY 2011	948	2	7	6	28	6	0
JUNE 2011	866	3	19	3	23	8	0
JULY 2011	1016	3	17	5	10	6	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7548</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>PERCENT (%)</b>	<b>95.45</b>	<b>0.33</b>	<b>1.37</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>1.99</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>0.01</b>

**2011 MARINE STUDY RESULTS**

**Distribution of Vessel Heights for All Vessels**  
November 2010-July 2011

RANGE OF VESSEL HEIGHT (ft)	TOTAL NUMBER OF VESSELS	CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF VESSELS (top to bottom)	CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF VESSELS (bottom to top)	PERCENT OF VESSELS (%)	CUMULATIVE % PASSING
<40	8931	8913	7908	87.85	87.85
41-45	13	6944	977	0.18	87.81
46-50	637	7581	964	8.06	95.89
51-55	106	7687	327	1.34	97.21
56-60	79	7766	221	1.00	98.20
61-65	23	7789	142	0.29	98.50
66-70	21	7810	119	0.27	98.78
71-75	4	7814	98	0.05	98.81
76-80	10	7824	94	0.13	98.94
81-85	5	7829	84	0.06	99.00
86-90	6	7835	79	0.08	99.08
91-95	3	7838	73	0.04	99.11
96-100	12	7850	70	0.15	99.27
101-105	8	7858	58	0.08	99.34
106-110	16	7872	52	0.20	99.54
111-115	3	7875	36	0.04	99.58
116-120	19	7894	33	0.24	99.82
121-125	2	7896	14	0.03	99.85
>125	12	7908	12	0.15	100.00
<b>TOTAL=</b>	<b>7908</b>				





### NEXT STEPS – PROJECT DELIVERY PROCESS

- DRAFT Stage 0 Feasibility Study  
Anticipating Project Completion
- Stage 1 – Environmental Assessment  
1-2 yrs duration
- Stage 2 – FUNDING/Project Prioritization  
Indefinite Period
- Stage 3 – Final Design Process  
1-3 yrs
- Stages 4, 5, & 6 – Letting, Construction, Operation




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