

I-10 Corridor Improvement Project

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Study Fact Sheet

In the absence of an agreed-upon approach to addressing traffic issues and safety along I-10, the DOTD has opted to open the topic of I-10 improvements, with a goal to develop solutions that are based on community input in response to clearly defined traffic problems.

Status: Traffic data relative to the daily operation of the interstate system within the project area is being collected and analyzed. We intend to present the public with a valid current “snapshot” of traffic conditions during the first round of public meetings in order to provide them with the data they need to help formulate solutions. A database of prospective stakeholders is being compiled. This list will grow during the life of the project with more and more citizens informed of current efforts and future events.

Public Involvement: The state is undertaking this project with a heavy focus on recognizing and engaging the many varied stakeholders that have an interest in the corridor. Our team will work with these stakeholders to create concepts for improving the corridor, with an open mind for community ideas.

When?

Public meetings are tentatively scheduled to occur in **Fall 2015 and Spring 2016**. In the interim, a **public opinion survey** will be deployed to collect opinions, observations, and usage reports. The survey is scheduled to be available this spring. The results are intended to further assure the project team that study efforts are aligned with public sentiments. A summary of the public opinion survey results will be provided at the public meetings.

Who?

Lead Agency: DOTD is leading this effort. The **Federal Highway Administration** is the lead federal agency.

Consultant Team: DOTD has commissioned the consulting firm of **Providence Engineering and Environmental Group LLC (Providence)** to lead the first step in determining the feasibility of any improvements. Providence has retained the services of sub consultants including **Sigma Consulting Group, Inc.** for engineering design, **Urban Systems Associates, Inc.** for traffic analysis, **T.Y. Lin International Group** for design assistance, **Bowlby & Associates, Inc.** for noise and air quality analysis, and **Franklin Associates, LLC** for government and media relations, and public involvement assistance.

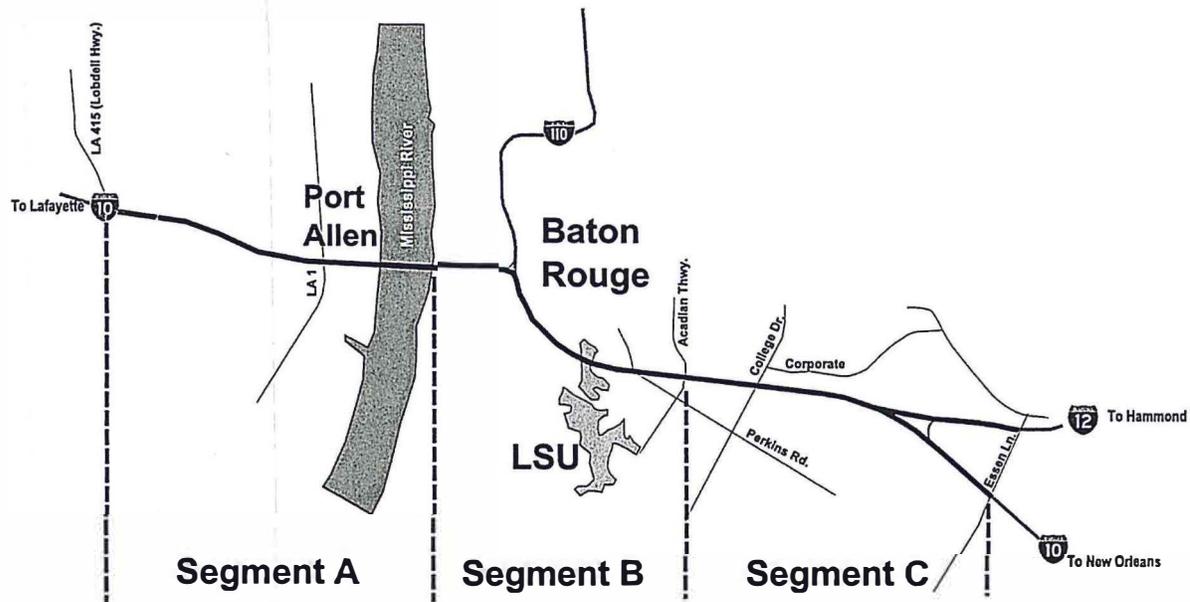
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Geographic Scope: I-10 from LA 415 (Lobdell Highway) in West Baton Rouge Parish to the Essen Lane Interchanges of I-10 and I-12 (just east of “the split”).

The project area is divided into three segments:

- A. LA 415 to the Mississippi River Bridge (The West Segment)
- B. Mississippi River Bridge to Acadian Thruway (The Middle Segment)
- C. Acadian Thruway to “the split” (The East Segment)

Investments: In the past several years, Louisiana has invested approximately \$315 million in improvements to I-10 and I-12 in the Baton Rouge area, and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) is committed to finding additional ways to make this corridor safer and more efficient for motorists, while seeking to improve the compatibility of I-10 with the communities through which it passes.

What?

Project Intent: Traffic issues along I-10 through the core of Baton Rouge have been a topic of interest in the area for a number of years. Prior to and post-Hurricane Katrina, discussions regarding improvements to traffic conditions in the Baton Rouge area have not provided clear solutions with which the DOTD could move forward.