

I-10 Corridor Improvement Study Stage 0 Round One Public Meeting Report

Representatives from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), and the I-10 Corridor Improvement Study consultant team joined together to provide community outreach and public meetings for the Stage 0 portion of the I-10 Corridor Improvement Study (State Project No. H.004100.1, Legacy Project No. 700-17-0209). These Round One Public Meetings occurred August 31, September 1 and September 3, 2015.

The project team conducted the community outreach and public involvement portion for this stage of the study and was responsible for meetings with local elected officials, focus groups, public input surveys, and notifications made to the public regarding opportunities to have their opinions heard in a public setting. This document provides methods employed to generate input through this round of meetings.



I. Outreach Overview

A. Elected Officials Interviews

(March - June 2015)

The project team met with elected public officials from across the I-10 Corridor to gather their input, gain knowledge of the traffic issues that are affecting citizens in their areas, and to educate them on the Stage 0 process.

Nearly all of the conducted interviews were completed in person, with a face-to-face inquiry with each official. Some interviews were conducted via telephone, due to various scheduling conflicts or health issues with the official. For those officials who the project team did not have face-to-face interviews with, telephone interviews were conducted in an identical manner to the face-to-face interviews.

Each official was briefed on the status of the I-10 Corridor Improvement Study. All interviews were conducted by an approved member of the study team.

Among the interviews:

- 68 Public Officials were contacted via telephone, email, or both
- 60 Interviews were scheduled
- 58 Interviews were conducted as of September 2015

The purpose of conducting face-to-face interviews was to gather input, offering key Stakeholders the opportunity to share their thoughts and needs regarding any improvements and potential means for improving the I-10 corridor in East Baton Rouge and West Baton Rouge Parishes.

B. Focus Group Meetings

In March 2015, with direction from LaDOTD, the project team began the process of identifying key community stakeholders to participate in focus groups to assist the project team in deciding the kinds of materials that the general public would like to see at I-10 Corridor public meetings. These focus groups and the accompanying marketing materials served a role in the overall public outreach strategy.

In May 2015, the project team began contacting potential stakeholders by mail, phone and email, gauging their interest in participating in the August focus group meetings. The focus groups were broken into six categories:



- I-10 Corridor Institutions (Libraries, School officials and superintendents, Parks and Recreation departments, local clergy)
- Corridor Businesses and Merchants (Hospitality industry business owners, YMCA directors, other merchants)
- Corridor Commuters from the Greater Baton Rouge Area
- Regional Business leaders (Trucking industry, beverage, food/grocery industry)
- Corridor Residents (People who live along the Corridor Improvement study area)
- Technical Working Group (Planning and Zoning commission group representatives)

The project team conducted focus group meetings with the six groups over four days (Tuesday, August 4 – Friday, August 7, 2015) at the Carver Branch Library in Baton Rouge. Feedback derived from these focus groups was used to refine the public meeting material formats.



Focus group participant letter



July 6, 2015

Full name Title Company Street City state zip

Re: I-10 Corridor Improvement Study -- LA 415 to Essen Lane on I-10 and I-12 East and West Baton Rouge Parishes -- State Project No. H.004100

Dear salutation:

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) is committed to finding ways to make the I-10 corridor through Baton Rouge safer and more efficient for motorists, while seeking to improve the compatibility of I-10 with the surrounding communities. The project to study this corridor is officially underway, and we want your direct involvement to ensure success.

The project team is continuing its collection of traffic data for deficiency identification. A community-wide input survey was recently released to begin obtaining the critical public input that will be needed. Next, the project team will plan and implement a series of public meetings designed to educate and gain input from the community. To assist the project team with disseminating project information to the community and to act as a sounding board for public meeting materials, the project team has created focus groups. We have selected volunteers to participate in these focus groups to help decide a number of participation factors that will affect and guide the scheduled public meetings in the coming months.

We therefore invite you to be a part of the selected focus group. Should you accept this opportunity to participate, we will provide you with meeting dates, times, and pertinent information to ensure your active participation. Following these meetings, group members will be asked to share project information and promotional materials with your community to encourage engagement and heighten awareness of this important project.

Each group meeting is anticipated to last no longer than 75 minutes in a venue centrally located to the project corridor. The project team believes these groups will assist us in spreading accurate project information throughout the community and will also allow us to be better prepared for the meetings by anticipating public questions and concerns.

Please share the project's website www.i10br.com with your neighbors, friends, or family and encourage them to use this website or the project's email info@i10br.com to submit comments or to be added to the project-specific community database. Should you desire to participate in this focus group, please email info@i10br.com or contact Kyla Hall at 225.389.6518 by or before July 10, 2015. We look forward to producing the most comprehensive solutions for this vital transportation facility.

Thank you,

Adam Ďavis, P.E. Providence Project Manager

1201 Main Street Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Tel 225.766.7400

Perry J. Franklin, Sr. Franklin Associates, LLC

President

2148 Government Street Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Tel 225.768.9060

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C. Surveys

(April - June 2015)

Prior to the first round of Stage 0 public meetings, the project team and the LSU Public Policy Research Laboratory conducted a total of three surveys to get input from residents, businesses and travelers along the I-10 Corridor. LSU conducted these two surveys:



LSU General Population Telephone Survey

 Scientific survey of 655 randomly selected adult residents from East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Ascension, Iberville and Livingston parishes. The survey was conducted April – May, 2015.

LSU Business Survey

 Scientific survey of 325 businesses located within five miles of I-10 between Lake Charles and Slidell, LA. The survey was conducted April – May, 2015.





Online Public Opinion Survey

The project team conducted a non-scientific survey with over 13,800 respondents including, business owners, commuters and citizens. Survey was conducted April – June, 2015.

Promotional billboards along the I-10 corridor in Baton Rouge were strategically placed to boost survey participation and website visibility. The online survey was also linked through the webpages for various municipalities located within the impacted area and the I-10 Corridor Facebook page.

In addition to the electronic media, 700 hard copy surveys were printed and distributed at 24 libraries throughout East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Ascension, and Livingston Parishes. Each Public Library was provided 25 hard copy surveys and an envelope for the collection of completed surveys submitted by patrons or library staff. Surveys were also sent to the East Baton Rouge Mayor's Office of Neighborhoods for wider dissemination. An additional survey collection site was located at the corporate headquarters of Providence to collect the survey responses received via U.S. mail or drop off.

In addition, there were three e-blasts sent out April – June 2015, reminding area stakeholders of their opportunity to participate in the survey. The e-blasts were sent to 2,559 contacts within the I-10 corridor.

Many of the elected officials also communicated to their constituents about the opportunity to complete the survey. This was accomplished via Facebook sites, municipal newsletters, announcements and word-of-mouth.



E-Blast: Online Survey Input

Date: April 30, 2015

I-10 Corridor Improvement Study

DOTD Requests Public Input



The Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) and the Providence Engineering Team will conduct two sets of surveys in coming weeks as part of an I-10 Corridor Improvement Study. The I-10 Corridor Improvement Study is designed to begin to address traffic issues along I-10 through the core of Baton Rouge, a prominent topic of interest in the area for well over a decade. The goal of the study is to develop solutions based on input from the broader community and other stakeholders in response to clearly defined traffic problems.

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In the coming months, a series of public meetings will follow the surveys to collect ideas on the topic of corridor improvements



along this section of I-10. Two versions of the survey will be offered:

- Open survey, accessed via web or libraries. The web-based survey will be available online at www.i10br.com through the end of May 2015. This survey is open to the public and all interested parties are invited and encouraged to participate. Hard copies of the web-based survey will be provided at nearby locations including libraries throughout East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Ascension, and Livingston Parishes and can be mailed to the project team.
- Telephone and mail survey via random polling of Baton Rouge residents.

The surveys will solicit input that is helpful to the planning team. Should participants have questions regarding the survey or require technical assistance when completing, they can call 225-389-6518.

E-blast Run History

Sending Type	Sent	Run Date	Status
Resend	1	4/30/2015	Successfully Sent
Resend	0	4/28/2015	Successfully Sent
Resend	6	4/27/2015	Successfully Sent
Original Send	637	4/24/2015	Successfully Sent

E-blast Stats

Sent	Bounces	Spam Reports	Opt-outs	Opens	Clicks	Forwards
644	21.3% (137)	* 2 *	0.6% (4)	34.7% (176)	20.5% (36)	0



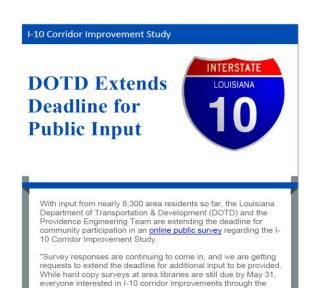
E-blast Click-through Stats

Email Link	Unique Click-throughs	Click-through Distribution		
http://www.i10br.com	23	52.3%		
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/I-10_public_survey	21	47.7%		
Total Click-throughs	44	100%		



E-blast: Survey Deadline Extension E-blast #1

Date: May 27, 2015



Baton Rouge area will be able to complete online surveys through

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E-blast Run History

Sending Type	Sent	Run Date	Status
Original Send	1152	5/27/2015	Successfully Sent

E-blast Stats

Sent	Bounces	Spam Reports	Opt-outs	Opens	Clicks	Forwards
1152	5.7%	1	0.2%	36.9%	32.2%	0
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E-blast Click-through Stats

Email Link	Unique Click-throughs	Click-through Distribution
http://www.i10br.com	56	36.1%
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/I-10_public_survey	99	63.9%
Total Click-throughs	155	100%



E-blast: Survey Deadline

Date: June 12, 2015

I-10 Corridor Improvement Study

Online Survey Ends Monday



BATON ROUGE- The Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD) and the Providence Engineering Team are reminding Baton Rouge area residents that the deadline for the <u>L-10 Corridor Improvement Study online survey</u> is Monday, June 15.

So far more than 12,400 residents have given their input.

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E-blast Run History

Sending Type	Sent	Run Date	Status
Original Send	763	6/12/2015	Successfully Sent

E-blast Stats

Sent	Bounces	Spam Reports	Opt-outs	Opens	Clicks	Forwards
763	7.1% (54)	0	0.3% (2)	35.5% (252)	15.1% (38)	0

E-blast Click-through Stats

Email Link	Unique Click-throughs	Click-through Distribution
http://www.i10br.com	19	45.2%
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/I-10_public_survey	23	54.8%
Total Click-throughs	42	100%



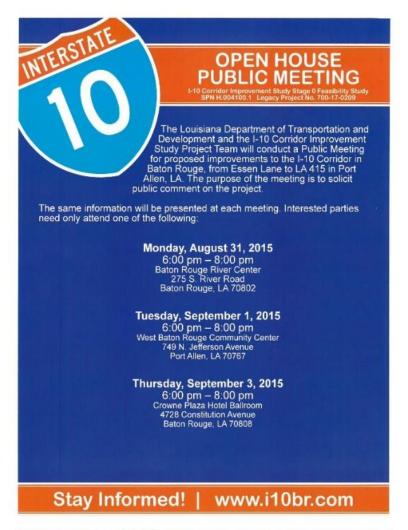
II. Media and Communications Efforts

The project team created flyers and push cards during this phase of the project to promote the public meetings. The push cards and flyers were given out at the focus group meetings, and also public libraries. Those libraries include the Bluebonnet, Carver, Goodwood and Downtown branches in East Baton Rouge, and the West Baton Rouge Parish library.

Public notices were also placed in the local newspapers 30 days before the first public meeting, two weeks before the first public meeting, and one week before the first public meeting. The official newspaper of record for East Baton Rouge and West Baton Rouge parishes are The Advocate (East Baton Rouge) and The Westside Journal (West Baton Rouge).



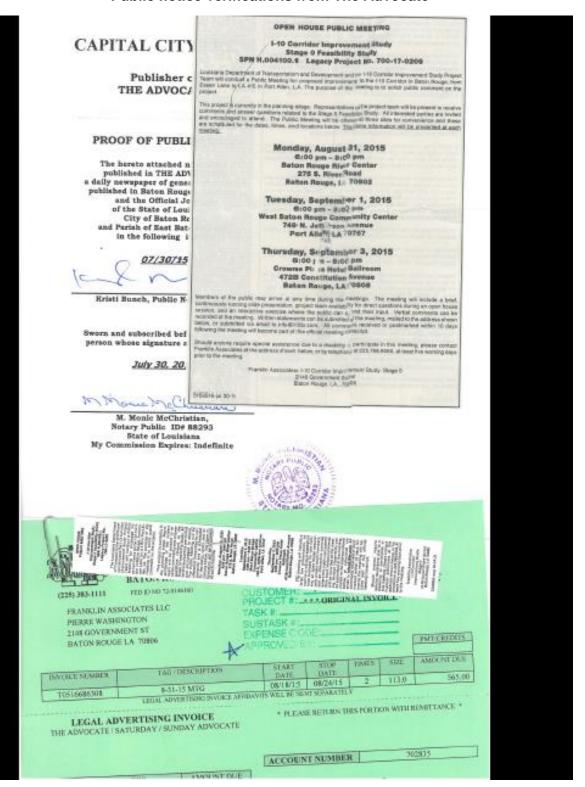
Flyer and Push card







Public notice verifications from The Advocate





Public Notice Tear sheets from The Westside Journal

Public Notice is below.

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Bids, Notices

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

REZONING

Rezone from R-SF-3 to AG (Agricultural) 963 West Acadian Bayou Lane, Port Allen, LA 70767 File # 2015-5 Tracts CJ-2-A containing 25.606 acres located in Section 7, T7S, R11E.for Patrick and Patricia Bollich

Request: Rezene from C-L1 to POS-C-RV (parks & open space, empgounds and RV parks)
Address: 4067 Rebelle Lame, Port Allen, LA 70767
Property Description
1 & North West Quarter of Section 20, 17%, R12E, being a portion of the Keampy Leleum St roperty known as Cajun Country Campground for Night RV Park

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the West Baton Rouge Zoning Commission relative to the rezoning requests

Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 Time 5:30 pm

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council

Date: Thursday, August 27, 2015 Time 6:30 pm

All hearings will be held at the West Baton Rouge Parish Council Meeting Room, 880 North Alexander Avenue, Port Allen, Louisiana.

Publish (3) Times: 7/30/15, 8/6/15 & 8/13/2015

OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING

I-10 Corridor Improvement Study Stage 0 Feasibility Study SPN H.004100.1 Legacy Project No. 700-17-0209

Thursday, September 3, 2015

Franklin Associates: I-10 Corridor Improvem 2148 Government Street Baton Rouge, LA., 70808

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/s/Richard N. Lee, III Richard N. Lee, III, Mayor

/s/Audney A. McCain Audrey A. McCain, City Clerk

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WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
RECULAN MEETING - AUGUST 27, 2015
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH COUNCIL
GOVERNMENTAL BUILDING
80 NORTH ALEXANDER AVENUE
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
6-30PM

15. Consider Beer and/or Liquor Permits

16. Correspondence Report

17. Adjourn

INACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT MICHELLE TULLIER AT (225) 214-4242, DESCRIBING THE ASSISTANCE THAT IS NECESSARY

WBR PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 1

1. Call to Order 2. Log Attendance

d Ordinances

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20 30:5-03:
BOC Resolution - 2014 Year End Budget
Adjustments

20 2015-03:
BOC Resolution - 2015 Adjusted Operating
Budget

3) 2015-00:
BOC Resolution - Authorize Chief Hunts to accept FTMA Orms with cost contribution match

6. Fire Chief Report

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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF BRUSLY

ORDINANCE 6 of 2015

AN ORDINANCE AMEND AND RE-ENACT THE BRUSLY CODE OF ORDINANCES, PARTICULARLY, CHAPTER 11, BY ADDING FIRE PREVENTION CODES AND PROVIDING THAT THE TOWN OF BRUSLY ADDITS THE MERIT OF THE TOWN OF BRUSLY ADDITS THE MERIT OF THE THE TOWN OF THE THE TOWN OF THE TOWN OF THE THE TOWN OF THE

These proposed changes to the Ordinances will be discussed, and a public hearing held, at the regular meeting of the Town of Brusty at 6:30 PM September 14, 2015, Brusty Town Hall

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grandparents, family and menus-send a personal message to your 2015 athlete, cheerleader or superfan.



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Have a great season. We're proud of you.

On Thursday, August 27, 2015 we will publish a souvenir tabloid edition showcasing sports in West Baton Rouge Parish. This edition will be a supplement to the West Side Journal. Send your personal message to your special stu-

dent, coach, or supporter. Include a picture in your ad at no additional charge. Personal messages start at \$35. Call the

Journal Journal

343-2540

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TOWN OF ADDIS PUBLIC NOTICE

THE TOWN OF ADDIS WILL RECEIVE BIDS TO CUT GRASS ALONG LA 1 AND BOTH SERVICE ROADS IN THE TOWN OF ADDIS. THE BID IS FOR GRASS CUTTING, TRIMMING AND SPRAYING. IT SHALL NOT INCLUDE LITTER CONTRIOL.

THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE FOR ONE YEAR COMMENCING August 31, 2015 AND ENDING ON OR BEFORE August 31, 2016.

BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDIS MUNICIPAL CENTER AT 7818 BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE ADDISS MUNICIPAL CENTER AT 7818 HIGHWAY I SOUTH, OR BY MAIL TO PO. DOX 237, ADDIS, LA 70710 UNTIL 600 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2015 AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL BE OPENED AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF ADDIS.

BIDS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:

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ANY ADDITIONAL SPRAYING SHALL BE REQUESTED PRIOR TO AND APPROVED BY THE TOWN OF ADDIS.

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THE TOWN OF ADDIS IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. THE TOWN COUNCIL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES THERETO.

Run: August 13, 20 & 27, 2015

TOWN OF ADDIS PUBLIC NOTICE

the Mayor and Town Council to adopt an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances, Chapter 14, as it relates to Offenses and cases, to add the following items:

- atally or mischievously cap parking spots troper complaints against police officers law" in accordance with state law

A public hearing a meeting of the Mayo 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the be held on this proposed ordinance at the regular Council to be held on Wednesday, September 2,

The public is invited to a its opinions on these changes.

David H. Toups

Run: 08/13/15

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Franklin Associates: I-10 Corridor Improvement Study: Stage 0 2148 Government Street Baton Rouge, LA 70808



On August 20, 2015, in conjunction with LaDOTD's first news release about the I-10 Public Meetings, the project team sent the first of two e-blasts, via Constant Contact, to notify community stakeholders about the upcoming public meetings. The e-blasts were sent to almost 900 stakeholders. A second e-blast reminder was sent out on August 28, 2015, just ahead of the first public meeting on August 31, 2015.

E-blast: I-10 Public Meetings Set Date: August 20, 2015

I-10 Corridor Improvement Public Meetings Set

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To view and print a flyer with information related to the public meetings, **CLICK HERE.**

For more information, call: 225-389-6518 http://www.i10br.com

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E-blast Stats

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854	8.1% (69)	0	0.1% (1)	36.7% (288)	13.9% (40)	0.3% (1)

E-blast Click-through Stats

Email Link	Unique Click-throughs	Click-through Distribution
http://files.ctctcdn.com/2330f97f001/e1b9aec7- -22a7-4be2-8b4d-03c32c087306.pdf	38	86.4%



http://www.i10br.com	6	13.6%
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/I-10_public_survey	0	0.0%
Total Click-throughs	44	100%



E-blast: I-10 Public Meetings reminder

Date: August 28, 2015



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871	8.5% (74)	0	0.2% (2)	29.7% (237)	12.2% (29)	0

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http://files.ctctcdn.com/2330f97f001/e1b9aec7- -22a7-4be2-8b4d-03c32c087306.pdf	25	83.3%
http://www.i10br.com	5	16.7%
Total Click-throughs	30	100%



DOTD News release







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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE August 20, 2015

State Project No. H.004100.1 Legacy State Project No. 700-17-0209 For more information, contact: Rodney Mallett DOTD Communications Director 225-379-1275

DOTD to Host Public Meetings Regarding I-10 Corridor Improvement Survey

BATON ROUGE -- The Department of Transportation and Development will host three public meetings to discuss the results of recently conducted surveys concerning the Interstate 10 corridor in Baton Rouge. DOTD officials will present regional traffic study results and will gather public input regarding potential improvement, community concerns, and ideas for mitigation and enhancement. Residents are encouraged to attend one of the three meetings.

- Monday, August 31, Baton Rouge River Center, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 1, West Baton Rouge Community Center, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Thursday, September 3, Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Nearly 14,000 people answered a 21-question on-line survey concerning improvements to the I-10 corridor in Baton Rouge. The survey, which was available to the public from April to mid-June, was one part of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's efforts to gather input on enhancements to one of Louisiana's most traveled interstates.

In addition, the LSU Public Policy Research Laboratory conducted a scientific survey by telephone of 655 randomly selected adult residents from East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Ascension, Iberville and Livingston parishes using land lines and cell phones. The group also conducted a scientific survey of 325 businesses located within five miles of I-10/I-12 between Lake Charles and Slidell.

To view the survey results, go to: http://i10br.com/

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Media communications

Item	Date Sent	Entity receiving information	Result
News Release	04/13/2015	DOTD – Rodney Mallett	DOTD news release requesting public input via the online public survey, via www.i10br.com.
Billboard	04/30/2015	Billboard	Billboard announcing the www.i10br.com website where the public can take the public input survey.
Podcast	05/12/2015	Buddy Amoroso	Perry Franklin talked with Buddy Amoroso on his podcast about the ongoing I-10 corridor improvement study.
News Release	05/27/2015	DOTD – Rodney Mallett	DOTD news release announcing extension of date to receive all public input via the online survey.
Public Notice	07/24/2015	The Advocate	Ran in The Advocate on 07/31 (30-day notice)
Public Notice	07/24/2015	The Westside Journal	Ran in The Westside Journal on 07/30 (30- day notice)
News article	08/11/2015	NOLA.com	NOLA.com article by reporter Renita Young discussing the results of the Public Input survey and the upcoming Round One public meetings.
News article	08/11/2015	Baton Rouge Business Report	Business Report article by Stephanie Riegel discussing the results of the Public Input survey and the upcoming Round One public meetings.
Public Notice	08/13/2015	The Advocate	Ran in The Advocate on 08/17 (two-week notice)
Public Notice	08/13/2015	The Westside Journal	Ran in The Westside Journal on 08/20 (10 day notice)
Public Notice	08/13/2015	The Advocate	Ran in The Advocate on 08/24 (one-week notice)



Press Release	08/20/2015	DOTD – Rodney Mallett	Extensive Statewide coverage
Television News/Website Story	09/01/2015	WAFB	Story by WAFB reporter Kevin Frey covering the Round One public meetings.
Newspaper article	09/01/2015	The Advocate	Advocate article by reporter Will Sentell, covering the Round One public meetings
Newspaper article	09/01/2015	NOLA.com	NOLA.com article by reporter Diana Samuels covering the Round One public meetings
Advocate Editorial	09/10/2015	The Advocate	Editorial by Advocate editorial writer Lanny Keller about the need to improve the I-10 corridor.

Lamar Billboard of i10BR.com website

Locations: I-10 @ College Drive, I-10 @ Essen Lane, I-12 @ Drusilla

Run Dates: May 5 – June 1, 2015





III. Public Meeting Delivery

A. Facilitator Trainings

A facilitator training session was conducted on Thursday, August 27, 2015 at Providence to train those selected to be facilitators for the public meetings on the exercises to be utilized at the public meetings by the general public. There were a total of 26 facilitators trained in preparation for the public meetings.

B. Round One Public Input Meetings

Beginning Monday, August 31, 2015 through September 3, 2015, the project team conducted public input meetings in three locations in East and West Baton Rouge parishes to solicit public input during the Stage 0 portion of the I-10 Corridor Improvement Study.

All three public meetings delivered identical information and included an informative live presentation with a PowerPoint presentation followed by a facilitated mapping exercise and an open house staffed by members of the project team and LaDOTD. In addition, comment stations were available inclusive of a court reporter to capture participants' comments.

The meetings were held at the following locations:

Monday, August 31, 2015 Baton Rouge River Center 275 S. River Road Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Tuesday, September 1, 2015 West Baton Rouge Community Center 749 N. Jefferson Avenue Port Allen, LA 70767

Thursday, September 3, 2015 Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom 4728 Constitution Avenue Baton Rouge, LA 70808



For the three meetings, sign-in sheets reflect attendance totals as follows:

	Baton Rouge River Center	West Baton Rouge Community Center	Crowne Plaza Hotel	Total
General Public	155	262	134	551
Agency and Elected Officials	18	10	14	
Staff	39	40	43	
Total attendance	212	312	191	



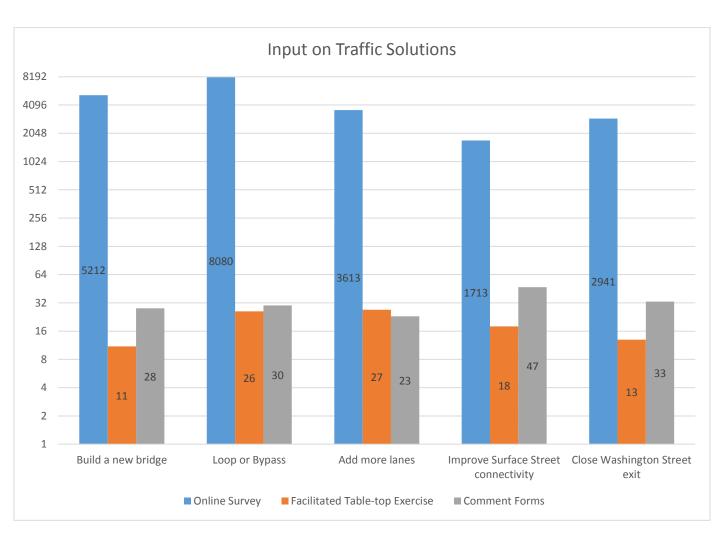
IV. Comment Compilation

A. Overall Comments

(Public Input on traffic solutions from the Online Survey, Public Meeting Facilitated Table-top exercises and Public Meeting Comment Forms)

Total Number of Comments: 24,177

(23,852 web survey open-ended solution ideas; 205 comments/suggestions from the public meeting facilitated table-top exercise; 120 comments by e-mail, mail or at the public meetings)



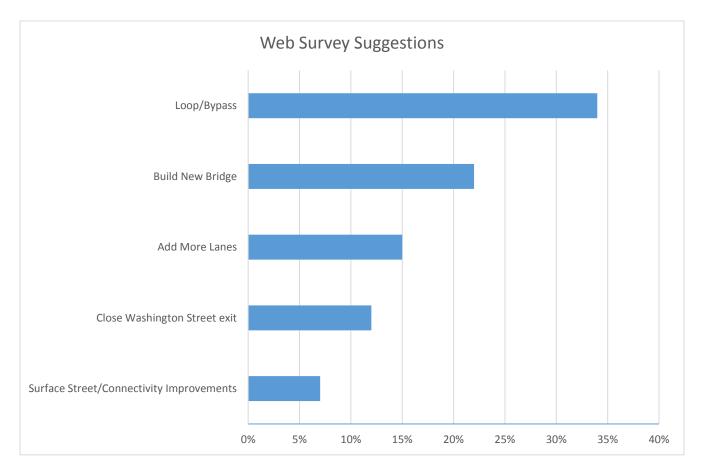


B. Web Survey Open-Ended Solution Ideas

Total Number of Suggestions = 23,852

Category	Totals
Loop/Bypass	8080
Build New Bridge	5212
Add More Lanes	3613
Close Washington Exit	2941
Surface Street/Connectivity	
Improvements	1713
Unsure	670
Widen Existing Bridge	595
Enforce Traffic Regulations	434
Double Deck Interstate	311
HOV Lane	189
Rail	175
Ferry	168
Improved Buses	139
Signage Improvements	111
Clear Wrecks Quickly	83
Stagger Employee Work Hours	52
Increase Speed Limit	27
Tunnel	8
Gondola	1
Total suggestions	23852





C. Public Meeting Facilitated Exercises

During the August/September public meetings, there was a chance for participants to participate in table-top exercises to give their input on traffic improvements that can be made within the I-10 corridor. The table-top exercises included:

Exercise #1: Discussion of suggestions to improve the top five problem interchanges, as identified by the I-10 Corridor Improvement Study's online survey. Participants had the opportunity to write or draw their suggestions directly on the table-top map. The facilitators read each suggestion, ensuring they understood the meaning, and wrote each unique suggestion in the Facilitator Guide. This exercise sought new or non-traditional improvements.

^{**}Total Number of Suggestions = 205



Exercise #2: The table facilitator gave each participant one *green dot* sticker. Each participant was asked to put their dot on the map in the area that they felt was in most need of improvement. This exercise was helpful in prioritizing improvements.

Exercise #3: The table facilitator then asked the participants if there were problem areas in the corridor not included in the "top five?" Participants identified these on the map with a *yellow dot*. The yellow dot was numbered with a corresponding number and description in the notes area of the map. Additional comments were written on the comment forms. This exercise gave participants the opportunity to include their unique or specific issue related to the corridor.

Exercise #4: Table exercise participants were then asked to review the *Preliminary Purpose* and *Need statement* offered by DOTD. The participants were then asked for ideas for improving the statement. This exercise afforded all participants awareness of the purpose and need, as well as an opportunity to provide input and feedback.

After reviewing the completed facilitator guides and table-top maps, the following trends developed:

Trend #1: Most participants would like to see an additional lane added to the I-10 corridor.

Trend #2: Participants would like to see surface streets within the corridor improved (i.e.: improve red-light cycles, connect more surface streets to each other).

Trend #3: Participants agreed that a bypass or loop is needed within the corridor.

Below is a breakdown of participant suggestions:



Overall Responses from the three Public Meetings

205 total responses:

13% believe that adding a lane is the best solution to the traffic issues

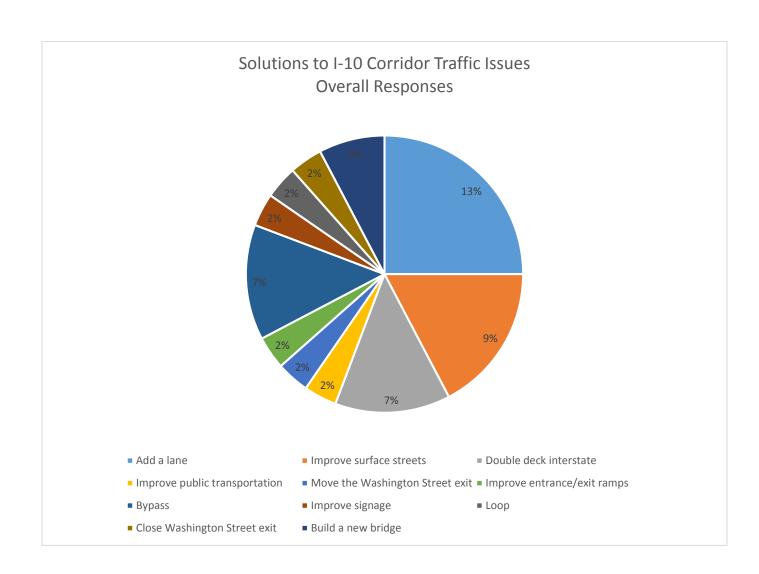
9% - Improve surface streets 7% - Bypass

7% - Double deck interstate 4% - Build a new bridge

2% - Improve Public transportation 2% - Move the Washington Street exit

2% - Improve entrance/exit ramps 2% - Improve signage

2% - Create a loop 2% - Close Washington Street exit

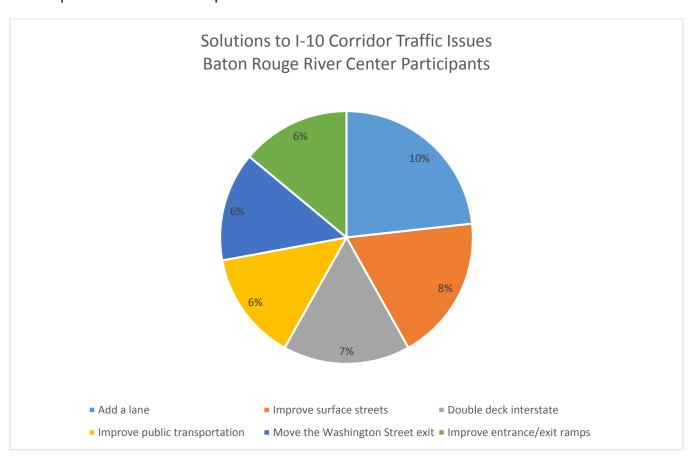




Public Meeting #1: Baton Rouge River Center (August 31, 2015)

81 total responses:

- 10% believe that adding a lane is the best solution to the traffic issues
- 8% Improve surface streets
- 7% Double deck interstate
- 6% Improve Public transportation
- 6% Move the Washington Street exit
- 6% Improve entrance/exit ramps





Public Meeting #2: West Baton Rouge Community Center (September 1, 2015)

45 total responses:

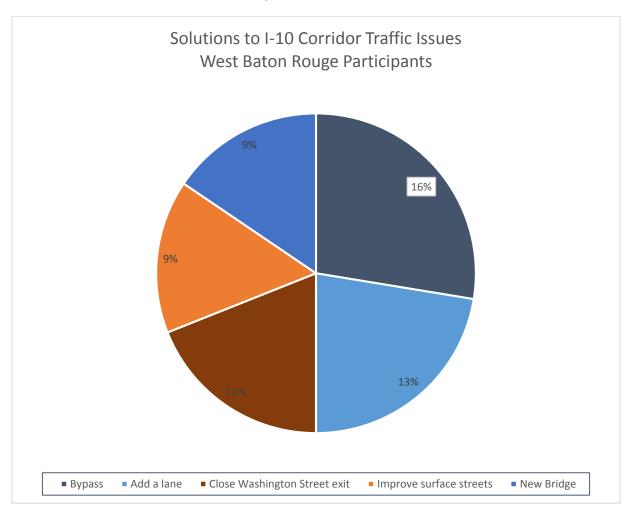
16% believe a bypass is the best solution to the traffic issues

13% - add a lane

11% - Close Washington Street exit

9% - Improve surface streets

9% - build a new Mississippi River bridge





Public Meeting #3: Crowne Plaza Hotel (September 3, 2015)

79 total responses:

16% believe that adding a lane is the best solution to the traffic issues

10% - create a bypass

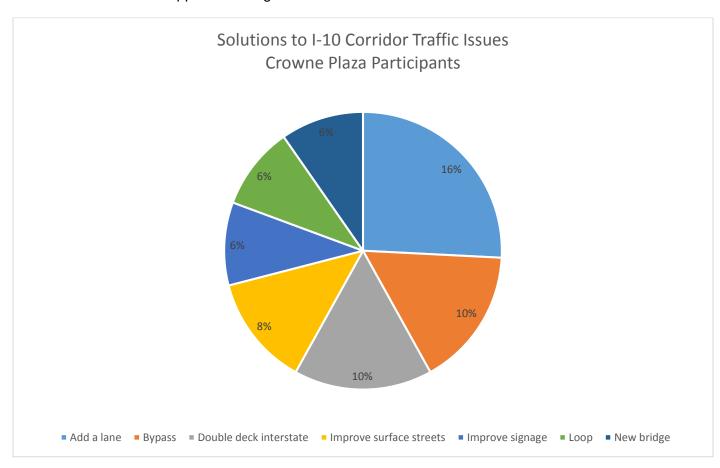
10% - double deck interstate

8% - improve surface streets

6% - improve signage

6% - build a loop

6% - build a new Mississippi River bridge





Suggestions for the Preliminary Purpose and Need Statement (From all three public meetings):

For exercise #4, participants suggested the information below to be added to the Preliminary Purpose and Need statement:

- Reduce pollution caused by congestion
- Improve the quality of life for Baton Rouge residents
- Improve the corridor without harming the environment
- Reduce congestion and traffic for safety purposes, to improve the economy
- Improve access sites along I-10, from LA 415 in West Baton Rouge parish to the Mississippi River Bridge
- Improve corridor traffic while taking care to protect/preserve the local culture
- Improve public transportation in the corridor area

^{**} Post education of meeting participants, via the corridor improvement feasibility study presentation.



D. Comments Received by E-mail, Mail, or at the Public Meetings

Total Number of Comments = 120

