



## I-10: LA 328 TO LA 347 OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING



STATE PROJECT NO. H.010601  
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I-10: LA 328 TO LA 347  
ST. MARTIN PARISH, LOUISIANA

Breaux Bridge City Hall  
101 Berard Street  
Breaux Bridge, LA 70517  
January 25, 2018  
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Thank you for attending this Open House Public Meeting for the proposed Interstate 10 (I-10) project. In this handout you will find information about the proposed project, including a preliminary project description, a location map, and typical sections. Also included is a comment form.

Project team members are stationed throughout the room to discuss the project and answer your questions. These individuals are easily identified by their name tags. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with team members. **There will be no formal presentation.**

As you enter the room, you will see four stations:

### Station 1: Sign-in Table

At this station, there are sign-in sheets for General Public, Elected and Other Officials, Agency Personnel, and News Media. Please sign in on the appropriate sheet.

### Station 2: Exhibits

This station will consist of a series of maps that illustrate the potential limits of construction super-imposed over aerial photographs and graphics of the typical design section that is proposed. The exhibit displays the entire proposed project in one large layout.

### Station 3: Continuous PowerPoint Presentation

This short presentation will explain the environmental process and provide an overview of the proposed I-10 widening project. The presentation lasts approximately 10 minutes and will re-start automatically after a one-minute intermission. **This presentation and the exhibits shown tonight are available on the project's website at:**

**[http://wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/administration/public\\_info/projects/home.aspx?key=105](http://wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/administration/public_info/projects/home.aspx?key=105)**

### Station 4: Real Estate

Representatives from DOTD Real Estate are available to answer your questions about the right-of-way acquisition process. Please review the exhibits provided showing the location of required right-of-way for this project and speak to the representatives regarding your concerns. Extra copies of DOTD's Right-of-Way Acquisition Brochure are available for review or download at the project's website:

**[http://wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/administration/public\\_info/projects/home.aspx?key=105](http://wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/administration/public_info/projects/home.aspx?key=105)**

## Station 5: Comment Table

At this station, comments can be made orally or in writing. A tape recorder is available at this table for oral comments. The last page of this handout is a comment form that you may use. Comments can be turned in during this meeting or mailed to the address on the back of the form. Additional comment forms are also available to be taken with you. **Please note that comments mailed after this meeting must be postmarked no later than February 6, 2018 to be included as part of the meeting transcript.**

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to provide input on the proposed I-10 pavement rehabilitation and widening project. Thank you for attending this meeting and for providing input.

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) proposes pavement rehabilitation and widening within the existing right-of-way of Interstate 10 (I-10) from the LA 328 interchange continuing eastward to the LA 347 interchange in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana using federal funding. The project area begins at 30.295987, -91.912586 and ends at 30.314838, -91.83515. See enclosed Project Location Map.

The purpose of the project is to improve traffic flow and alleviate congestion by increasing capacity via additional through-traffic lanes. I-10 would then have 6 lanes of through-traffic between the interchanges at LA 328 and LA 347 (Figure 1).

As originally planned for this project, DOTD proposed widening the I-10 overpasses (Structure Numbers 4500606681 and 4500606682) over an abandoned railroad line and Melvin Dupuis Road (located at 30.312880, -91.845690, Project Detail Map). However, during the preliminary design process, significant cost savings were identified by removing the two I-10 overpass bridges and constructing the main-line I-10 on ground level (at grade) and by re-designing Melvin Dupuis Road as an overpass bridge over I-10.

In order to implement these proposed project changes, DOTD suggests the following sequence:

- Close the existing Melvin Dupuis crossing at I-10, remove the existing pavement within the I-10 right-of-way;
- Construct temporary pavement in the median of I-10 for west bound I-10 traffic;
- Remove the west bound I-10 bridge structure and earthen embankments associated with the approach ramps, and construct 3 travel lanes and associated shoulders at grade on existing west bound alignment;
- Move west bound traffic to new west bound at grade pavement and east bound traffic to median pavement;
- Remove the east bound I-10 bridge structure and earthen embankments associated with the approach ramps, and construct 3 travel lanes and associated shoulders at grade on existing east bound alignment;
- Construct the Melvin Dupuis bridge structure (two 11-foot lanes with 5-foot outside shoulders) and approach embankments on new alignment (Figure 2);
- Remove temporary pavement in I-10 median and construct median barrier.

Two lanes in each direction on I-10 would remain open to traffic during construction. Any lane closures limiting traffic on I-10 to less than two open lanes would occur at night and would not be continuous throughout the project corridor. Melvin Dupuis Road would be closed at the I-10 crossing until the overpass would be built. Access to Melvin Dupuis is available from LA 328 and LA 347.

Approximately 1.8 acre of right-of-way is required for the Melvin Dupuis Road realignment see enclosed Project Detail Map.

Estimated future Average Daily Traffic values for I-10 within the project area are 62,446 vehicles per day in 2015 and 92,791 vehicles per day in 2035. The project corridor is approximately 4.5 miles long and covers approximately 158.6 acres.

## PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of and need for this project is to rehabilitate the existing pavement and increase capacity.

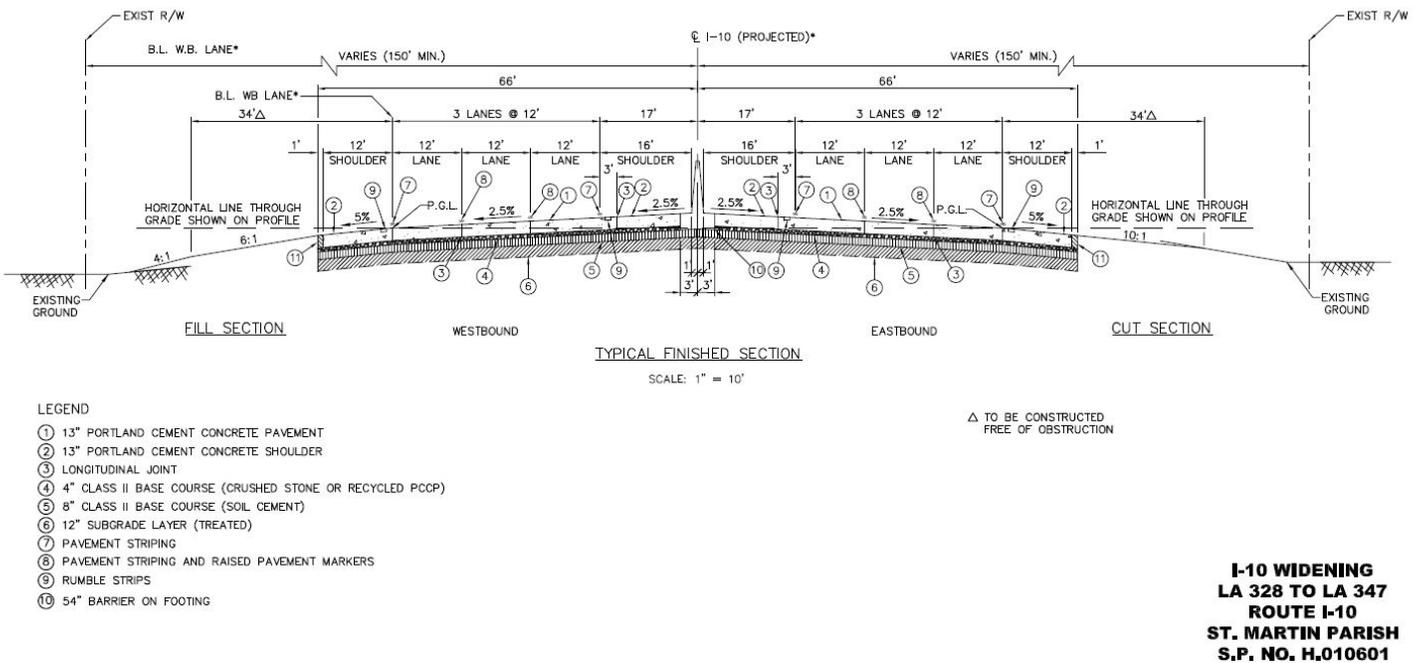


Figure 1: Typical Section Drawing of Proposed I-10 Widening

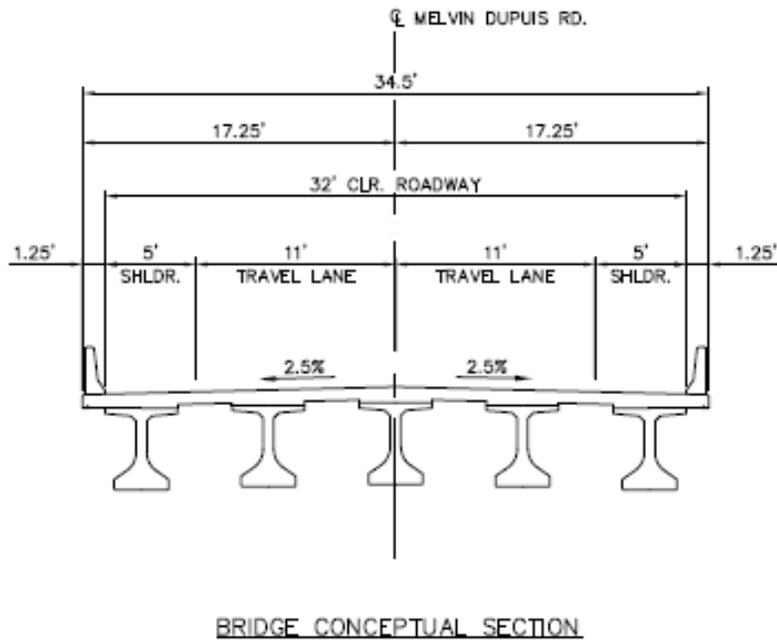
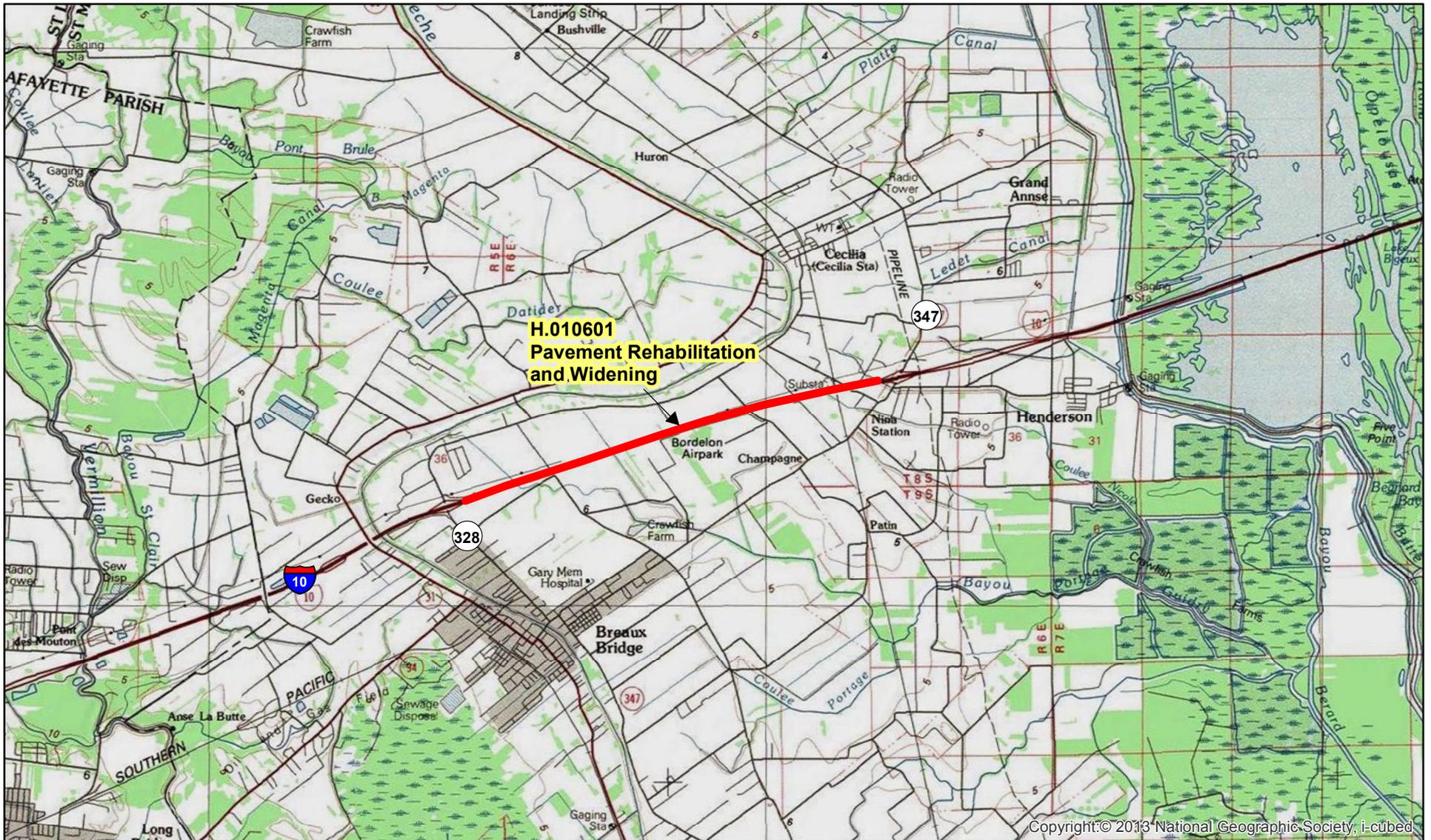
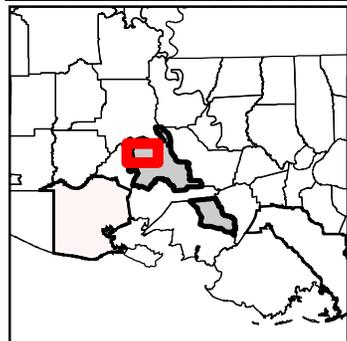


Figure 2. Typical Section Drawing of Proposed Melvin Dupuis Road, bridge structure.



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 Project Location



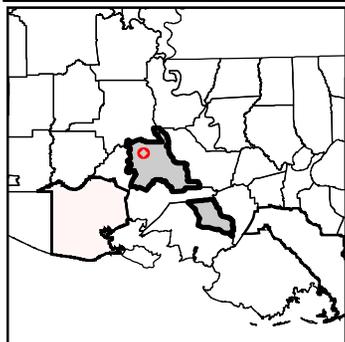
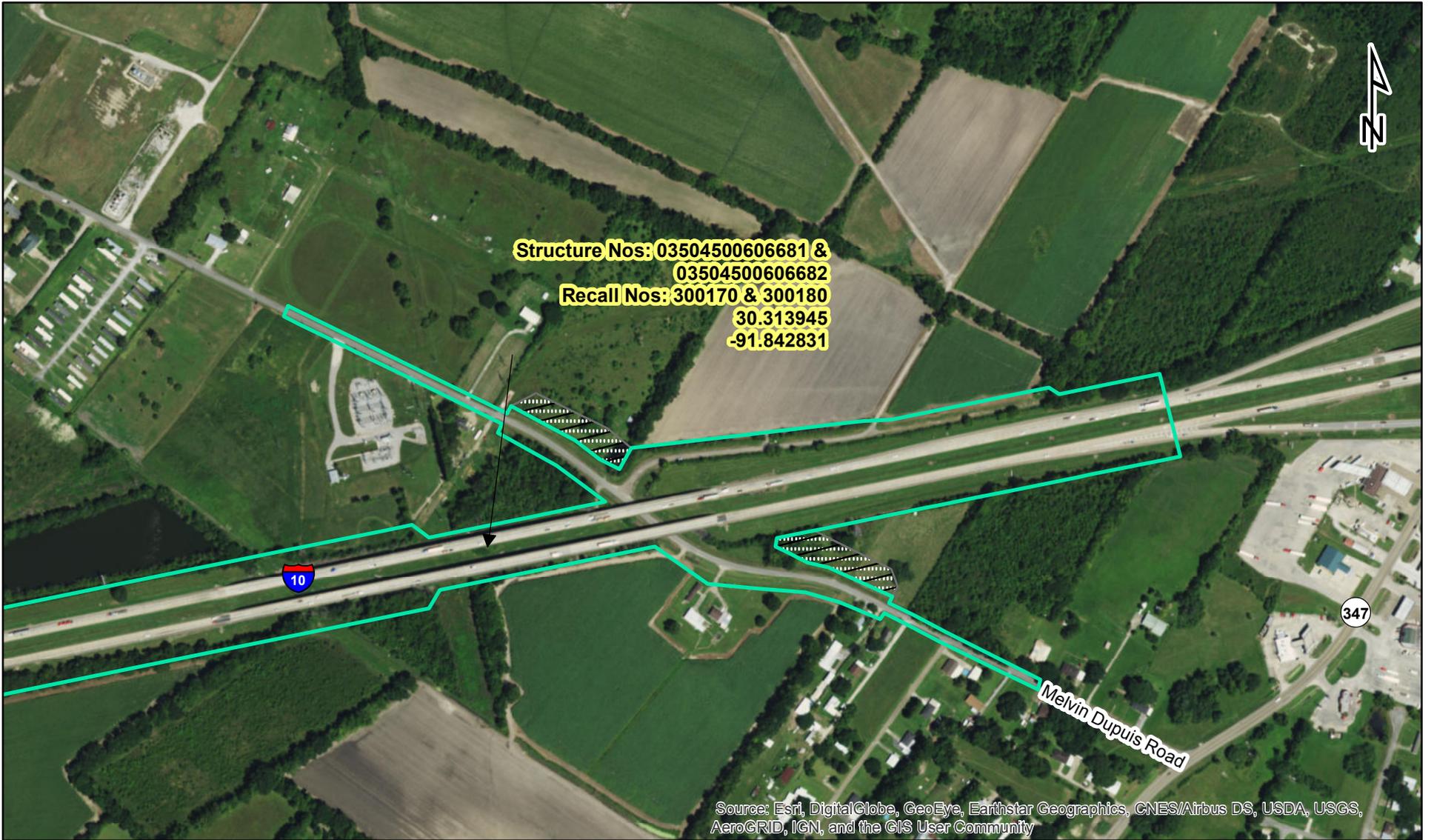
## PROJECT LOCATION MAP

SOURCE: USGS 1:100,000 TOPOGRAPHIC MAP  
- BATON ROUGE QUADRANGLE

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- Existing Right-of-Way
- Required Right-of-Way



## PROJECT DETAIL MAP

I-10 @ MELVIN DUPUIS ROAD

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