

**OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING  
FOR**

**I-12: LA 21 TO US 190**

**I-12: US 190 TO LA 59**


**ST. TAMMANY PARISH**

State Project Nos. H.011137 & H.011152

Federal Aid Project No. H011137 & H011152




Welcome to the public meeting for the proposed Interstate 12 widening and pavement rehabilitation project from LA 21 (Covington/Madisonville Exit) to LA 59 (Abita Springs/Mandeville Exit) in St. Tammany Parish. These projects are jointly funded by the Federal Highway Administration and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.




## Project Description

- ❖ DOTD and FHWA propose widening of I-12 within the existing median to 3 lanes in each direction; the existing 4 lanes of I-12 would be cold planed and paved with asphalt; and a concrete median barrier would be constructed.
- ❖ An auxiliary lane would also be added between LA 21 and US 190. Providing 4 lanes in each direction.
- ❖ Sections where the existing pavement is sagging would receive a full-depth replacement of pavement.
- ❖ All mainline I-12 bridges and overpasses within the project limits would also be widened.




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## Meeting Agenda

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As shown on this vicinity map, the proposed project is located along the I-12 corridor in St. Tammany Parish from the LA 21 Interchange (Covington/Madisonville Exit) to just east of the LA 59 Interchange (Abita Springs/Mandeville Exit).

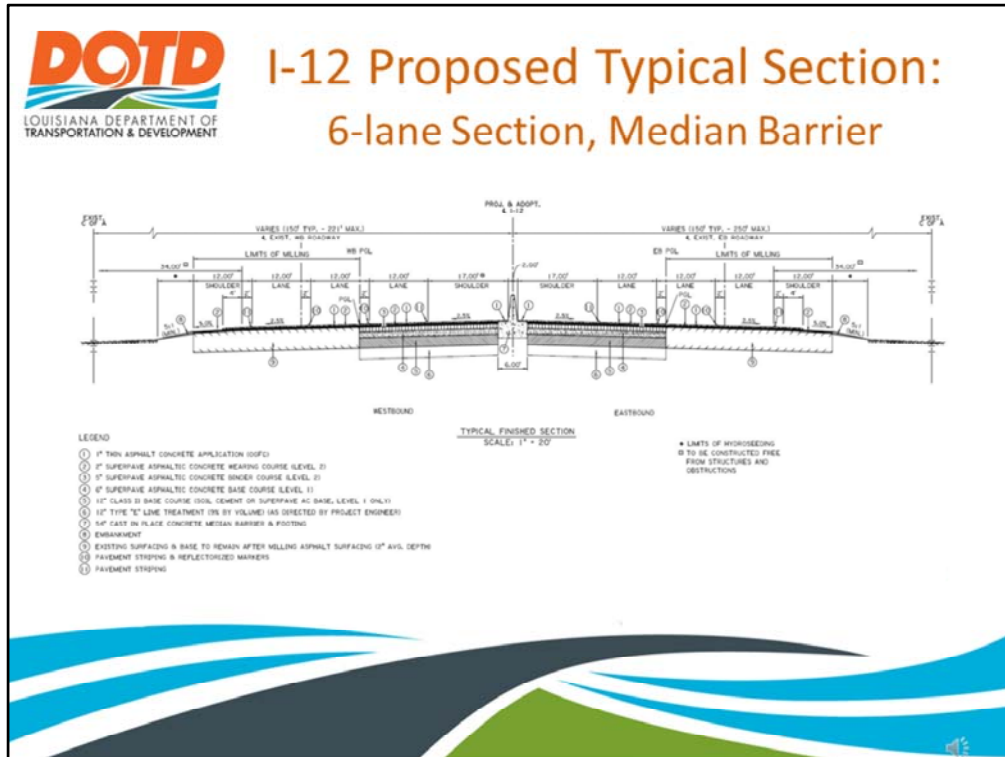


## Proposed Action

The project would include:

- Widening I-12 within the existing median to 3 lanes in each direction;
- The existing 4 lanes of I-12 would be cold planed and paved with asphalt;
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- An auxiliary lane would be added between LA 21 and US 190, providing 4 lanes in each direction;
- Sections where the existing pavement is sagging would receive a full-depth replacement of pavement;
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- Pavement striping, raised markers, and rumble strips would also be installed.

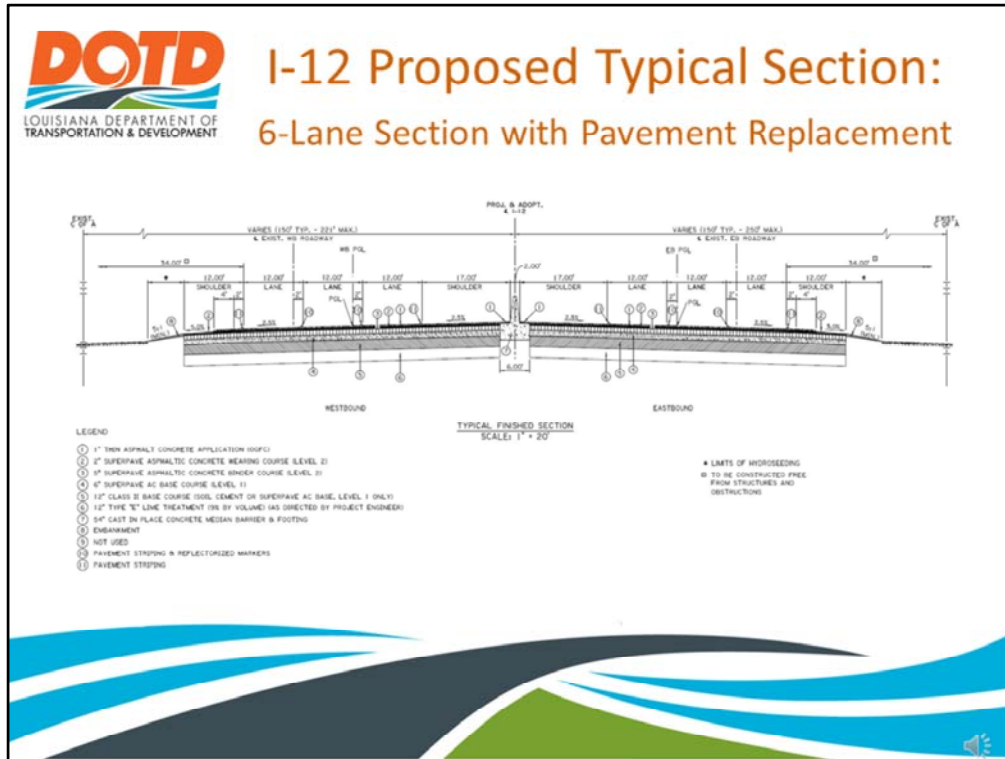
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Here is a typical section of what I-12 will look like over most of the project area, post construction.

Both the west bound and east bound sides of I-12 would have three 12-foot wide travel lanes, with a 17-foot inside shoulder, and a 12-foot outside shoulder. A median barrier would separate the east bound and west bound lanes. The dark gray hatching shows the new lanes and inside shoulders.



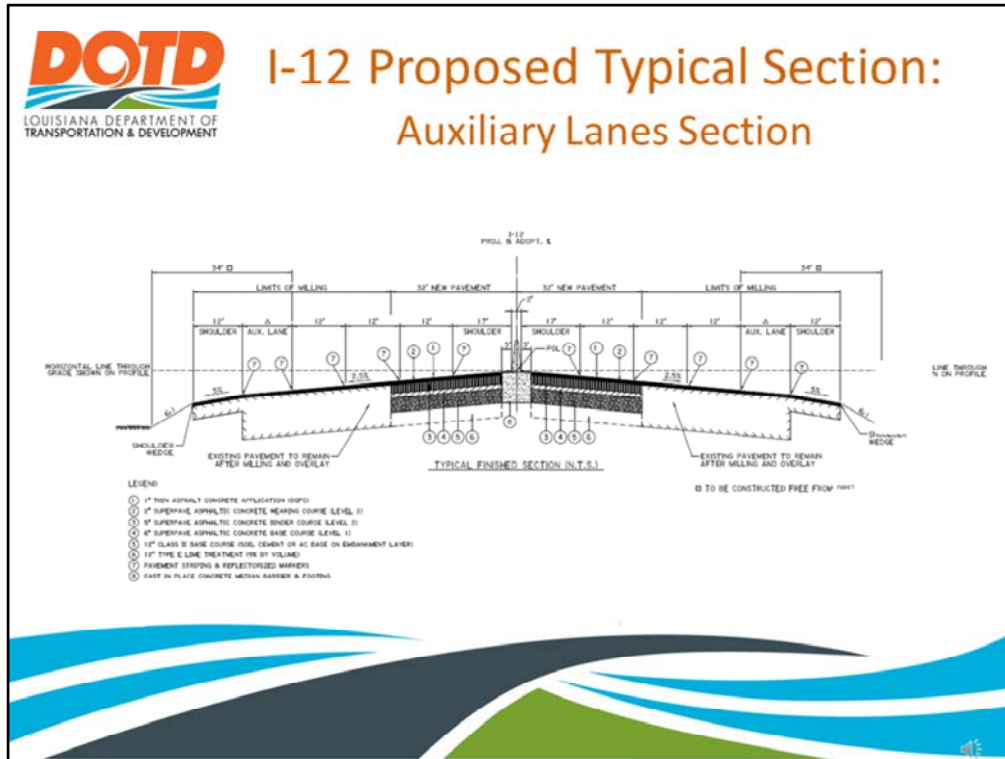


Here is a typical section of what would occur during construction on I-12 in areas identified with sagging pavement.

The full depth of the existing pavement would be removed to the base and replaced with new material (as shown by the dark cross hatching on the figure).

Replacing sagging sections would provide for a smoother ride.





Here is a typical section of what I-12 will look like between LA 21 and US 190 with the Auxiliary Lane, post construction.

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## I-12 Crossing Tchefuncte River



What will the bridge over the Tchefuncte River look like? This rendering provides an idea of how the widened bridge would fit within the existing footprint. The view is from the southwest near the Brewster Rd/Pinnacle Parkway loops. The vertical clearance under the bridge will be designed to match the current clearance for no foreseeable change to boat traffic. All work within the River will be permitted and coordinated with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the US Coast Guard. The Tchefuncte River is also listed as a scenic stream, so permitting will be completed with LA Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries prior to construction.



## I-12 Crossing Tammany Trace



This rendering provides an idea of how the widened bridge would fit within the existing footprint. Temporary impacts to the Trace are expected during construction. Impacts will be minimized through planning and coordination with St. Tammany Parish Government.



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## Expected Project Impacts

Resource	Units or Measure	Impacts
Required Right-of-Way	Acres	0
Cultural Resources, Historic Properties, Archaeological Sites	Properties/Sites	1 site No Adverse Effects
4(f)/6(f) Properties (Parks, Recreation Areas, Wildlife Refuges, Historic Sites, Land & Water Conservation Properties)	Properties/Sites	Tammany Trace Temporary Use <i>de minimis</i> impact
Wetlands	Acres	3.88
-Herbaceous Wetlands		(1.2)
-Forested Wetlands		(2.68)
Other Waters of the U.S.		62.65
-Section 10 (Navigable)		12.48
-Section 404		50.17
Threatened, Endangered, or Rare Species		No Effect
Noise Abatement Walls Proposed	Yes/No	No

Impacts from the project on resources are presented here. Wetlands and other waters of the U.S. are the most impacted resources. Approximately 1.2 acre of herbaceous wetlands, 2.68 acres of forested wetlands, and 62.65 acres of other waters were observed within the project's right-of-way and may be impacted. During bridge construction over the Tammany Trace, there may be temporary closures of the Trace for public safety. Design and construction will be coordinated with St. Tammany Parish Government to avoid or minimize potential impacts to the Trace. After construction, the Trace will be open for normal use. No noise abatement walls are proposed, and no residential or commercial relocations are expected.



## How Can You Help?

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