



Open House Public Meeting for

US 167 ACCESS MANAGEMENT (LEFT TURN LANES)
From the Village of Maurice to Ambassador Caffery Parkway

Vermilion and Lafayette Parishes

State Project No. H.010353
Federal Aid Project No. H010353

Life Church
6408 Johnston Street
Lafayette, LA

August 31, 2017
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.



Welcome to the Open House Public Meeting for the US 167 Access Management project located in Lafayette and Vermilion Parishes. The meeting is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

Objective of Public Meeting

- ▶ Provide information about the proposed project
- ▶ Solicit comments about the project from the public and other interested parties

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to provide information about the proposed project and to solicit comments about the project from the public and other interested parties.

Preliminary Project Description

- ▶ Closure of median openings for control of access along US 167 from its intersection with Ambassador Caffery southward to the northern end of the Village of Maurice.
- ▶ Construct ten (10) U-Turns within the corridor
- ▶ Construct twenty-two (22) U & Left Turns within the corridor
- ▶ Construct three (3) Left Turns within the corridor
- ▶ Construct four (4) Right Turns within the corridor
- ▶ NO additional right-of-way is required

The proposed project includes the Closure of median openings for control of access along US 167 from its intersection with Ambassador Caffery southward to the northern end of the Village of Maurice.

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Four Right turns are proposed to be constructed within the corridor.

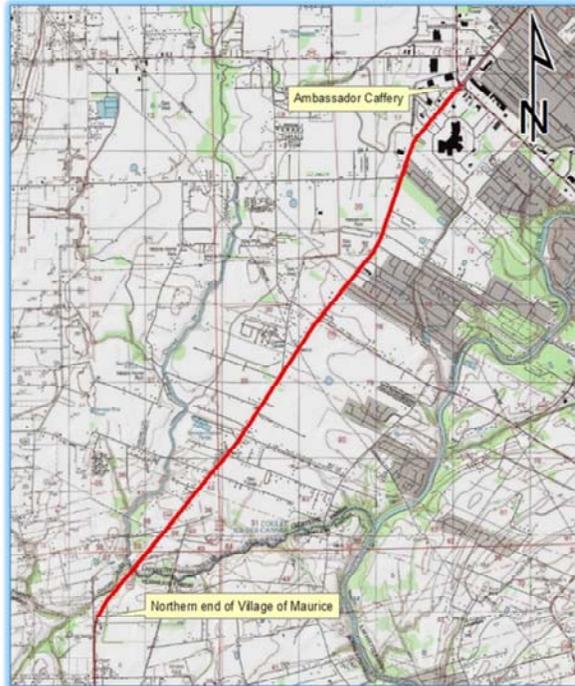
The entire project will be completed within the existing highway right of way, so no additional right-of-way is required.

Project Purpose and Need

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Project Location



The project is located on US 167 (Johnston Street), in Vermilion and Lafayette Parishes. The project limits extend from Ambassador Caffery Parkway to the northern end of the Village of Maurice.



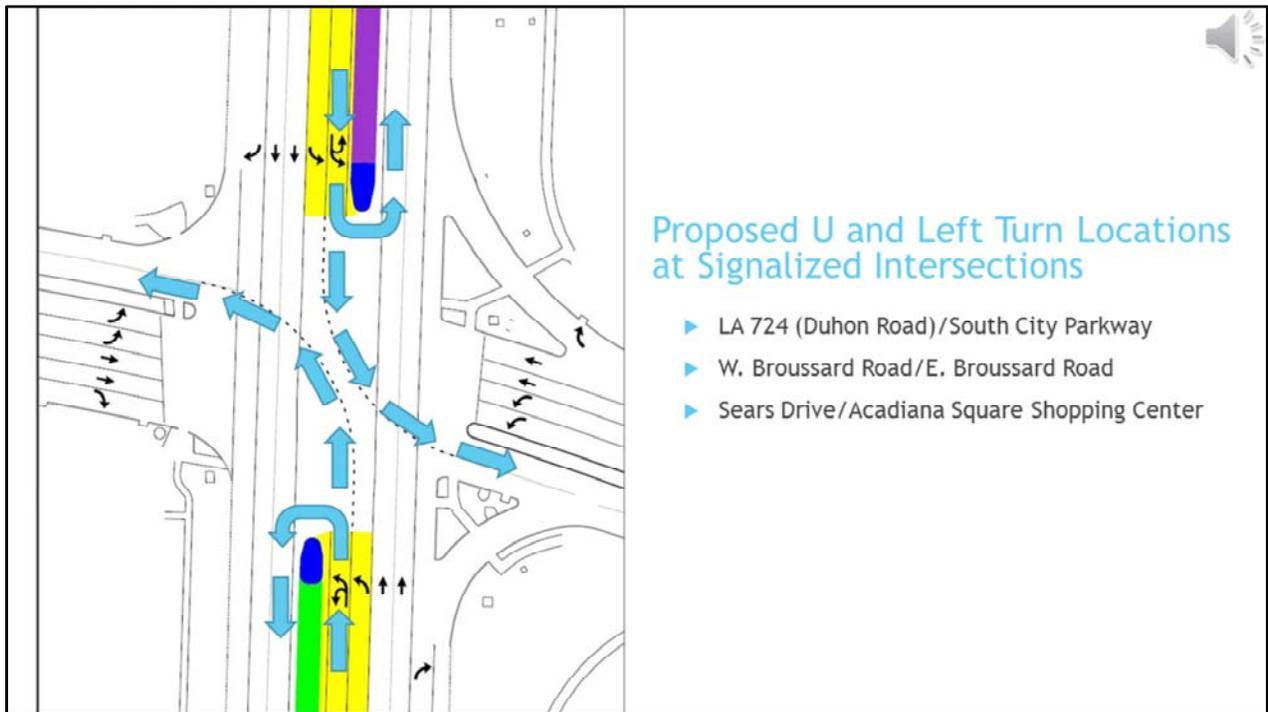
Full display maps of the proposed project are located in the lobby.

- ▶ The following slides provide illustrations of certain access improvements and their proposed locations within the US 167 corridor.
- ▶ For information about specific turn locations, please refer to the maps located in the lobby.
- ▶ A team member can help identify and explain the proposed access improvements near your property's location.

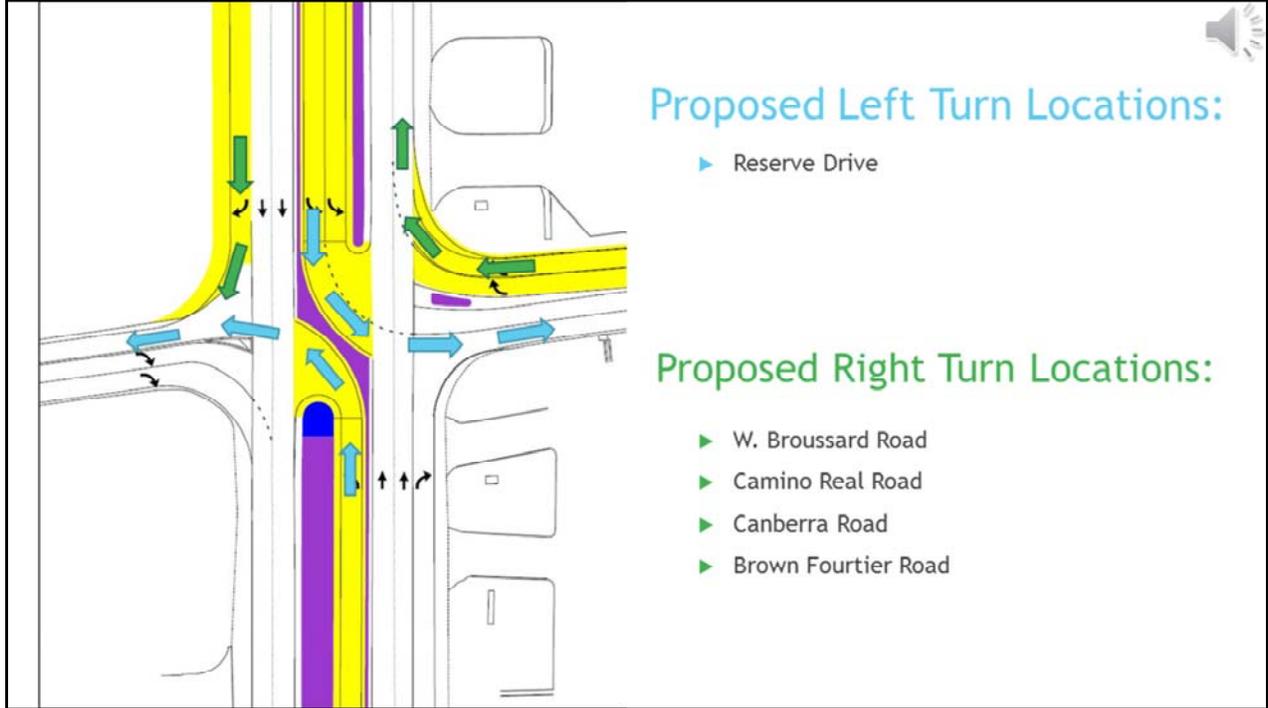
The following slides provide illustrations of certain access improvements and their proposed locations within the US 167 corridor. For information about specific locations, please refer to the project area map located in the lobby. A team member can help identify and explain the proposed access improvements near your property location.



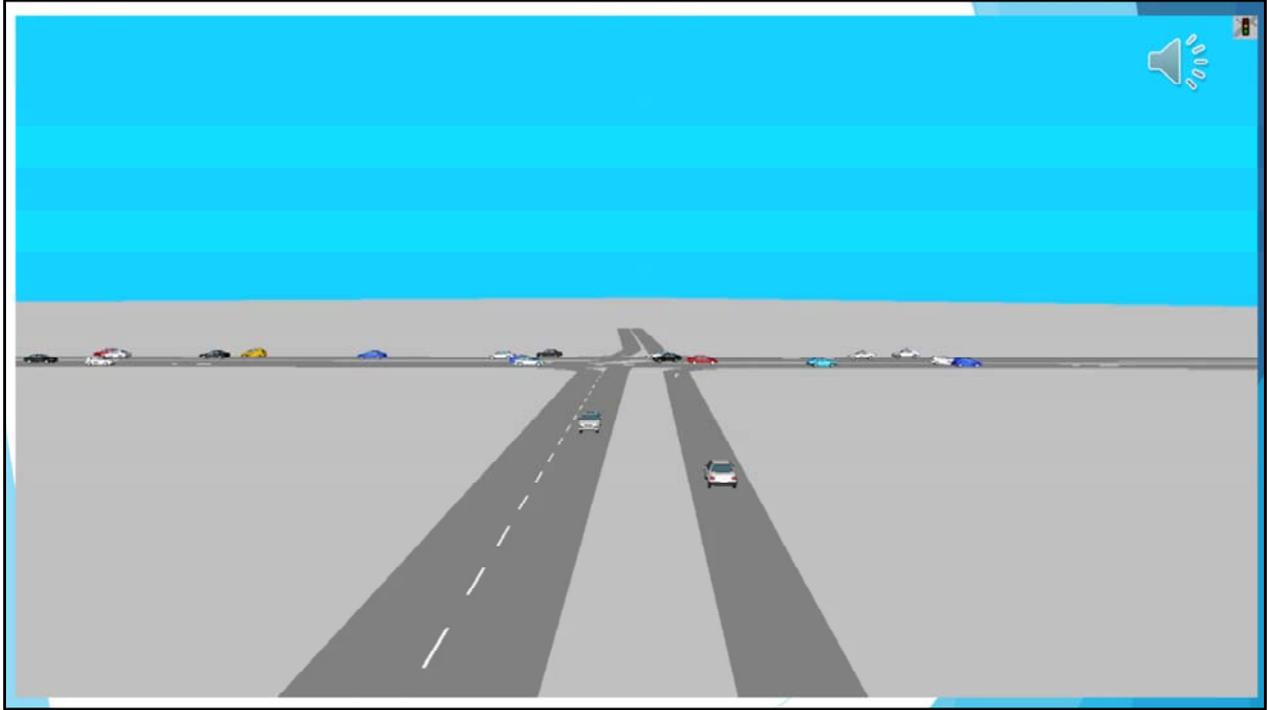
Locations proposed to have combined U and Left Turns include Allister Road, Leblanc Road, E. LeBlanc Road, Bourque Road, Teljean Road, Malveaux Drive, Elias G. Road, Touchet Road, Aqueduct Drive, Driftwood Street, Bellevue Plantation Road, Pentecostals of Lafayette, Crestlawn Drive, Brown Fourtier Road, Guidry Road, Town Center Parkway, and Middlepark Drive. Signalized U and Left Turns are proposed at Fountain Bend Drive.



The intersections of LA 724 (Duhon Road)/South City Parkway, W Broussard Road/E. Broussard Road, and Sears Drive/Acadiana Square Shopping Center are also proposed to have U and Left Turns.



A Left Turn lane is proposed for Reserve Drive. Right Turn Locations are proposed at W. Broussard Road, Camino Real Road, Canberra Road, and Brown Fourtier Road.



This brief video depicts how median U-turns are used.

What is Access Management?

- ▶ Access management is defined as the proper planning and design of access roadways to ensure smoother traffic flow with fewer crashes.
 - ▶ This proper planning and design that make roadways more **efficient and safe**.
 - ▶ Access management refers to the design, implementation, and control of entry and exit points along a roadway
 - ▶ Includes intersections with other roads and driveways that serve adjacent properties

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The policy would be implemented through the use of a guard rail median barrier; right-in / right-out only (i.e. no left-out turns) from driveways and adjacent roadways. Only right turns would be permitted from connecting streets and driveways. Other turning movements would be routed through designated left-turn/J-turns.

What are the benefits of Access Management?

- ▶ Some of the benefits associated with access management are:
 - ▶ Increases roadway capacity
 - ▶ Reduces crashes
 - ▶ Shortens travel time for motorists

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Reduction of crashes and the severity of incidents

And Shortened travel time for motorists

How You Can Help

- ▶ Sign-in tonight and review all materials.
- ▶ Speak with a team member about your property location and concerns.
- ▶ Provide us with your written or recorded comments.

So, how can you help?

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Why Comment?

- ▶ Community concerns and preferences are factors that are considered
- ▶ All comments must be considered in this environmental process
- ▶ We need to know if there are any resolvable issues or opportunities with the project.

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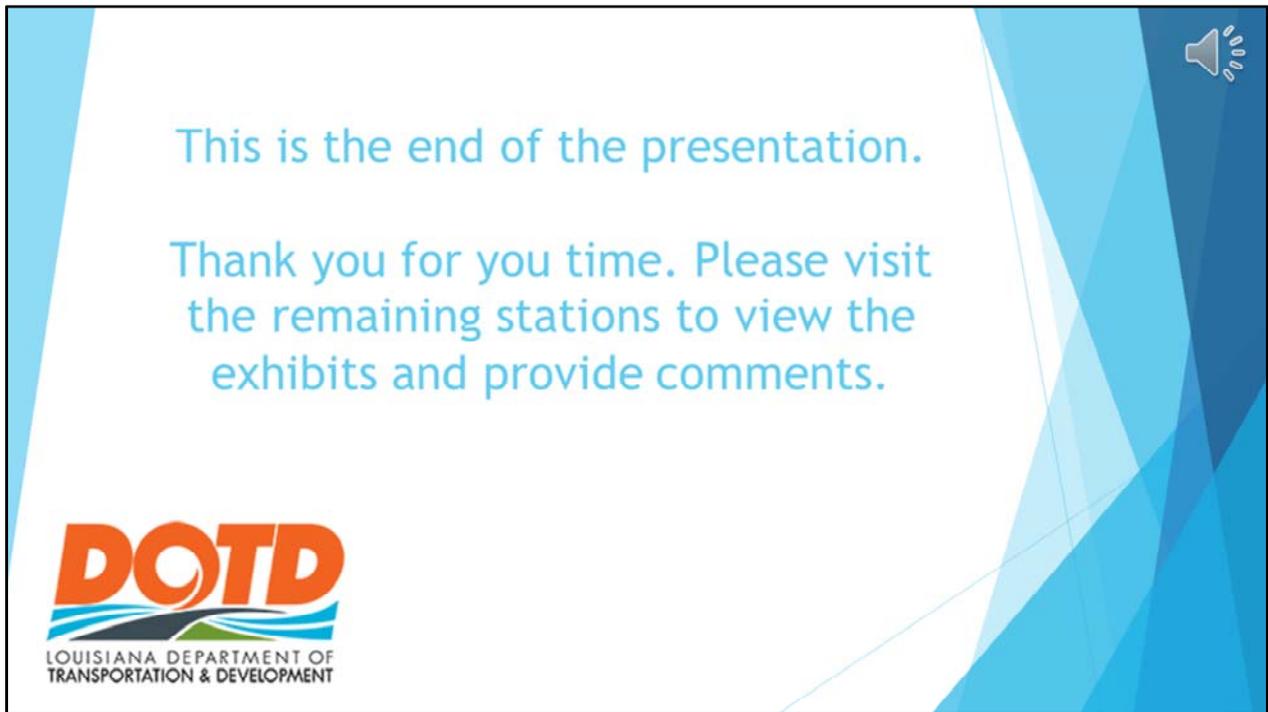
Please provide your comments below regarding the project, the alternative being considered, and the issues that the Project Team should evaluate for this study. When complete, please return this form to Station 4 - Comment Table. To mail, fold the form in half with the address showing on the outside and seal. Comments received tonight or post marked by September 12, 2017 will become part of the transcript of this meeting.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

Thank you for your interest in tonight's meeting. If you wish to make a comment, verbal or written, please see a staff member at the Comment Table. Comment forms are provided as the last page of your meeting handout. Additional forms are located at the comment table as well.

Your comments are important because community concerns and preferences are factors that are considered in this project. We need to know if there are any issues or opportunities with the project as proposed.

Comments received tonight or post-marked by September 12 will be part of the official transcript of this public meeting.



Again, thank you for your participation in this Public Meeting. Please visit the remaining stations to view the exhibits and provide your comments.



Welcome

The presentation will be repeated throughout tonight's meeting and will begin shortly.