

Open House Public Meeting for US 165 @ US 84: J-TURNS

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Tullos First Baptist Church
9970 Main Street
Tullos, LA

November 7, 2017
4:00 -7:00 p.m.



Welcome to the Open House Public Meeting for the US 165 @ US 84: J-Turns project located in LaSalle Parish. The meeting is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and Federal Highway Administration.

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.

Project Description

- ▶ Construct two (2) J-Turns at the intersection of US 165 and US 84
- ▶ Modify two (2) crossovers on US 165 near the intersection of US 165 and US 84
- ▶ NO additional right-of-way is required

The proposed project is to construct two J-Turns at the intersection of US 165 and US 84 and to modify two crossovers on US 165 near the intersection. The entire project will be completed within the existing right of way, so no additional right-of-way is required.

Project Purpose and Need

- ▶ To Improve Traffic Flow and Safety at the intersection of US 165 and US 84 in LaSalle Parish.
- ▶ To reduce the potential for high-speed, severe crashes at the intersection of US 165 and US 84.
- ▶ Provide vehicles a safe place to queue when making a left turn or J-turn at the median crossovers.

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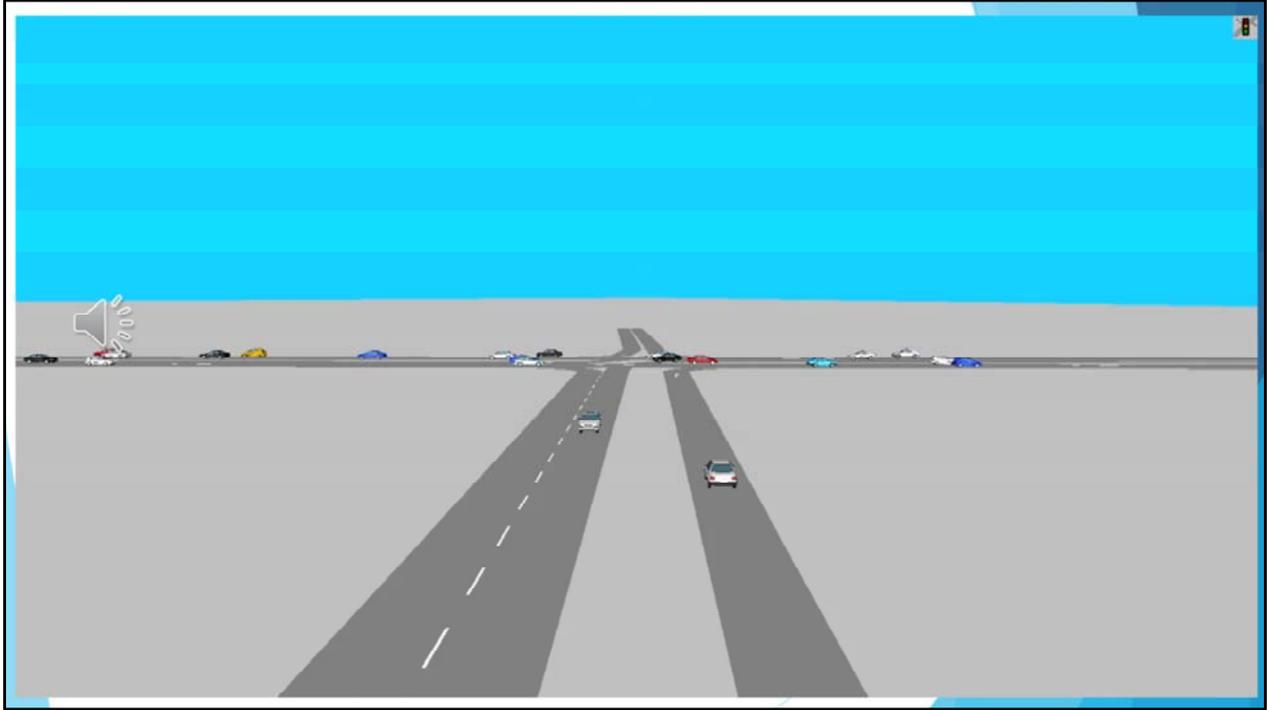
To reduce the potential for high-speed, severe crashes at the intersection.

Provide vehicles a safe place to queue or line-up when making a left turn or J-turn at the median crossovers.

Project Location



The project is located at the intersection of US 165 and US 84, in LaSalle Parish.



This video depicts a vehicle using a J-Turn to safely cross a 4-lane highway. Right turn at the intersection, merge to the left lane, enter the left turn lane, turn left and finally turn right.

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

DOTD has adopted an Access Management Policy.

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The policy would be implemented through the use of guard rail median barriers; right-in / right-out only 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-turns and J-turns.

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How You Can Help

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- ▶ Speak with a team member about your property location and concerns.
- ▶ Provide us with your written or recorded comments.



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Why Comment?

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

The image shows a screenshot of a public meeting comment form. At the top, it reads "US 565 @ US 84 J-TURNS OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING" with logos for the Department of Transportation and DOTD. Below this, it specifies "STATE PROJECT NO. 14-00000 FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. 14-00000 US 565 @ US 84 J-TURNS LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA". A note states: "Please provide your comments during the project. When complete, please return this form to Station # - Comment Table. To read, Add the form to cart with the address showing on the outside and seal. Comments received tonight or post marked by November 21, 2017 will become part of the transcript of this meeting." The form consists of several horizontal lines for writing, followed by fields for "NAME" and "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.

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 November 21 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.