

FIGURE 5: Proposed Cane River Replacement Bridge Typical Section

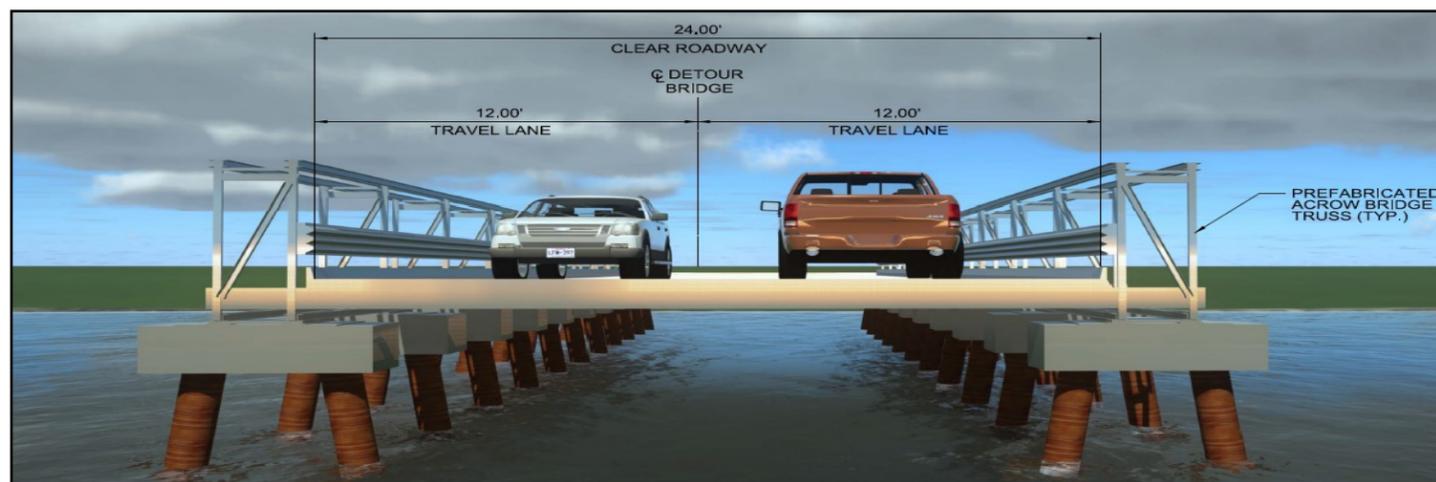


FIGURE 6: Proposed Temporary Bridge Typical Section

NEXT STEPS:

- Complete Environmental Inventory
- Develop Preferred Alternative
- Host Additional Public Meeting (If Necessary)
- Prepare Environmental Assessment (EA)
- Distribute EA for public and agency comments
- Host Public Hearing
- Prepare EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (If Appropriate)
- Issue Decision (FONSI or Notice of Intent to prepare EIS)

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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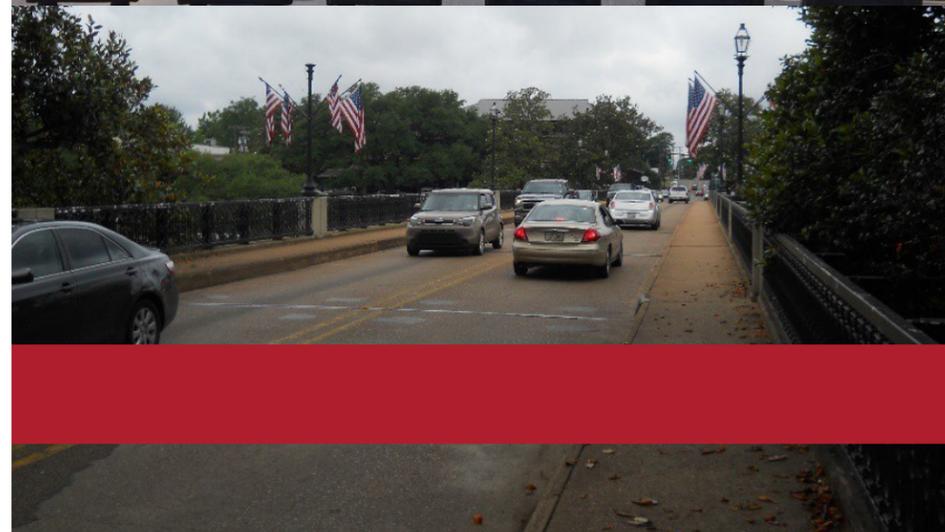
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Consulting Firms:



PUBLIC MEETING



CANE RIVER BRIDGE CHURCH STREET ROUTE LA 1-X

State Project No. H.001271
Federal Aid Project No. H001271
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

December 7, 2017
4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Natchitoches Events Center
McCullen Hall B
750 2nd Street
Natchitoches, LA 71457



Purpose of Public Meeting:

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is conducting this public meeting for the proposed replacement of Cane River Bridge on Church Street Route LA 1-X located in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information to the public and to obtain input on the proposed project.

Meeting Format:

This meeting will follow an open house format. There will be a continuous multi-media presentation about the project. Additional project exhibits are available for viewing. Representatives from LADOTD and its consultants are present at the open house to answer questions and discuss issues related to the project. Comments and suggestions are invited from all interested parties to help ensure that the study team addressed the full range of environmental issues during the Environmental Assessment process. Verbal comments can be recorded and written statements can be submitted at the comment station. Written statements can also be mailed to the address shown below, postmarked no later than December 18, 2017, to be included in the meeting transcript.

Mailing address

LADOTD
Environmental Engineer Administrator, Section 28
P.O. Box 94245
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

Meeting Stations:

The open house meeting format consist of five (5) stations to visit. Each station will have representatives present to guide you through the station. The following are the stations along with a brief description.

STATION NO. 1: SIGN IN

•Welcome and please sign in. A copy of the meeting handouts will be made available at this station.

STATION NO. 2: PRESENTATION

•Continuous audio/visual presentation about the proposed project.

STATION NO. 3: EXHIBITS

•Visit with team members and view the exhibits of the proposed project.

STATION NO. 4: RIGHT OF WAY

•Visit with team members to discuss LADOTD's acquisition of right of way and relocation assistance program.

STATION NO. 5: COMMENTS

•Please take a moment to provide any comments you may have. Either fill out the comment form provided with this handout and turn it in at Station No. 5 or record a verbal comment on the voice recorder found at this station. You may also mail your comment form to the address provided.

What is an Environmental Assessment (EA)?

An Environmental Assessment is a concise public document that a Federal agency prepares under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to provide sufficient evidence and analysis to determine whether a proposed agency action would require preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). It also includes a public involvement process.

Why is an Environmental Assessment being prepared?

This environment assessment (EA) is being prepared to assess potential impacts associated with the proposed replacement of the existing Cane River Bridge. The EA will analyze the following major issues and/or impacts to: wetlands, air and water quality, noise, floodplains, scenic streams, endangered and threatened species, historical and cultural resources, hazardous wastes (Phase I environmental site assessments), land use impacts, prime farmland soils, social impacts, environmental justice, relocation impacts, and economic impacts. The EA will also evaluate a range of alternatives to the proposed action, including the no action alternative (or No-Build). Information obtained following the public meeting will be considered in finalizing the array of alternatives to be evaluated in the EA.

Brief Project History:

The Cane River Bridge is located on Louisiana Highway 1-X (known locally as Church Street) over Cane River between LA 6 (Front Street) and LA 1224 (Williams Avenue) in the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana. The existing Cane River Bridge is a two-lane, 441-foot concrete girder span bridge. The bridge provides a vital transportation connection to the historical commercial downtown areas of Natchitoches along the west bank of Cane River and to the historical residential areas along the east bank of the river.

The following is an outline of significant events that have occurred related to the project:

1998	•Stage 1 environmental process was initiated
1999	•Public meeting was held
2001	•Natchitoches City Council passed resolution in favor of the project
2003	•The project was put on hold due to controversy
2015	•LADOTD proposed to re-start the Environmental Assessment
2016	•LADOTD solicited consultant teams for project •Natchitoches City Council unanimously voted to not contribute funds for a permanent bridge at Highland Park
2017	•LADOTD Contract awarded for Cane River Bridge Environmental Assessment

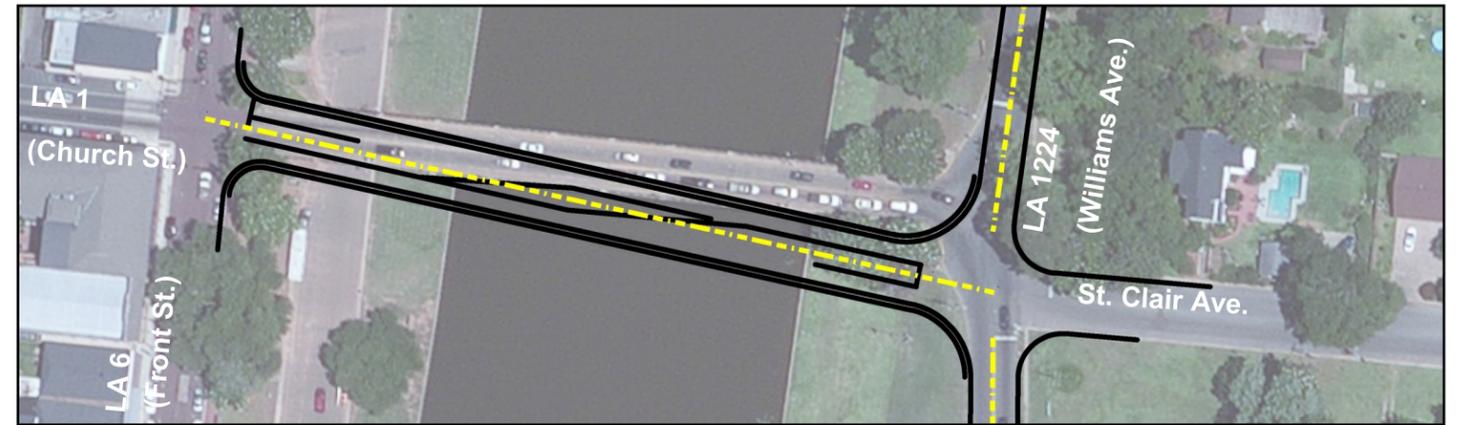


FIGURE 1: Proposed Cane River Replacement Bridge on Skewed Alignment

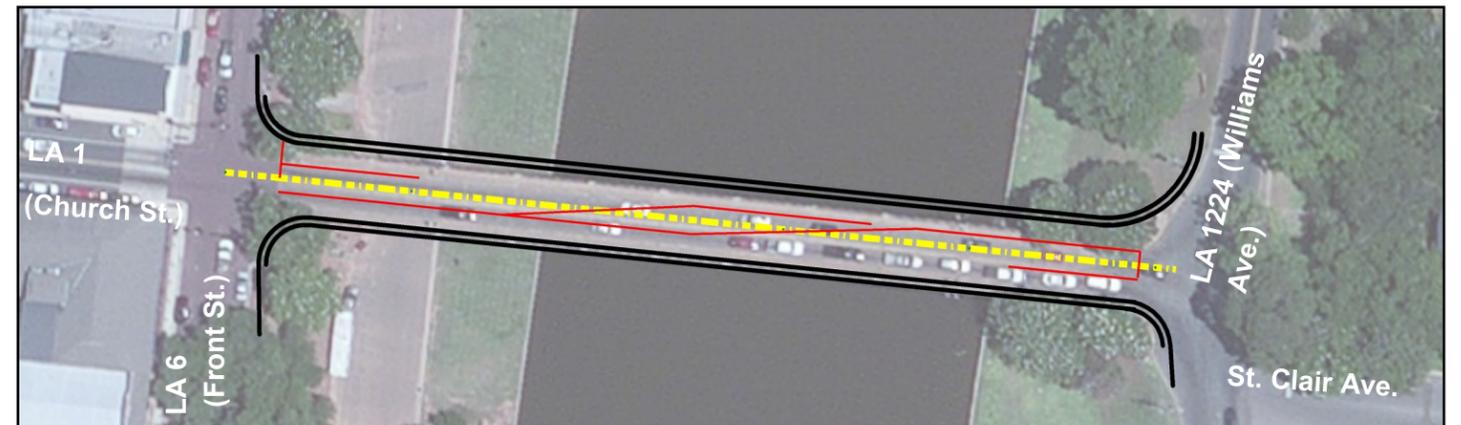


FIGURE 2: Proposed Cane River Replacement Bridge on Existing Alignment

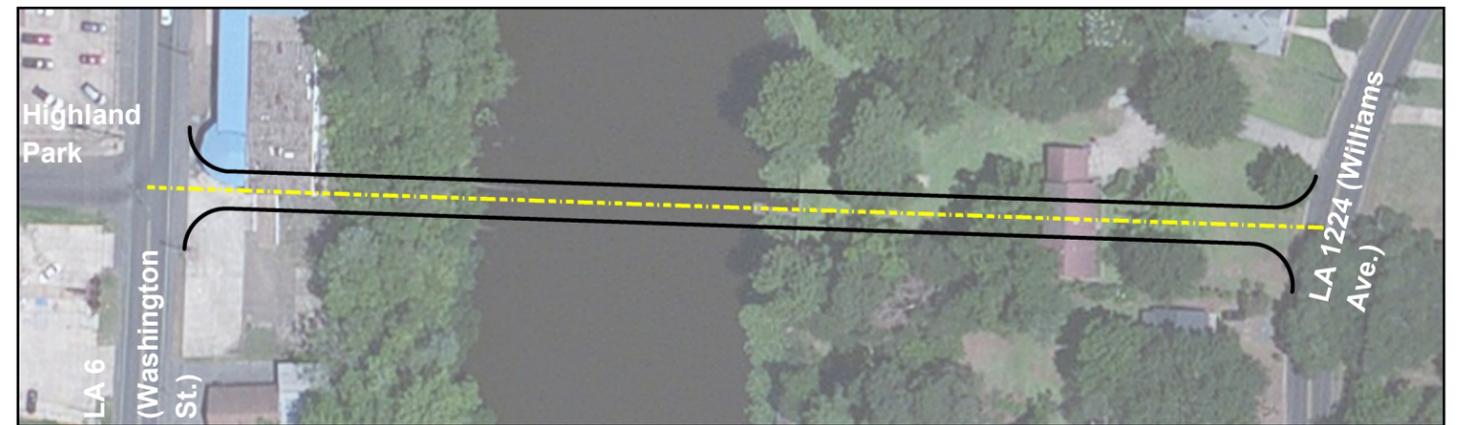


FIGURE 3: Proposed Temporary Bridge at Highland Park

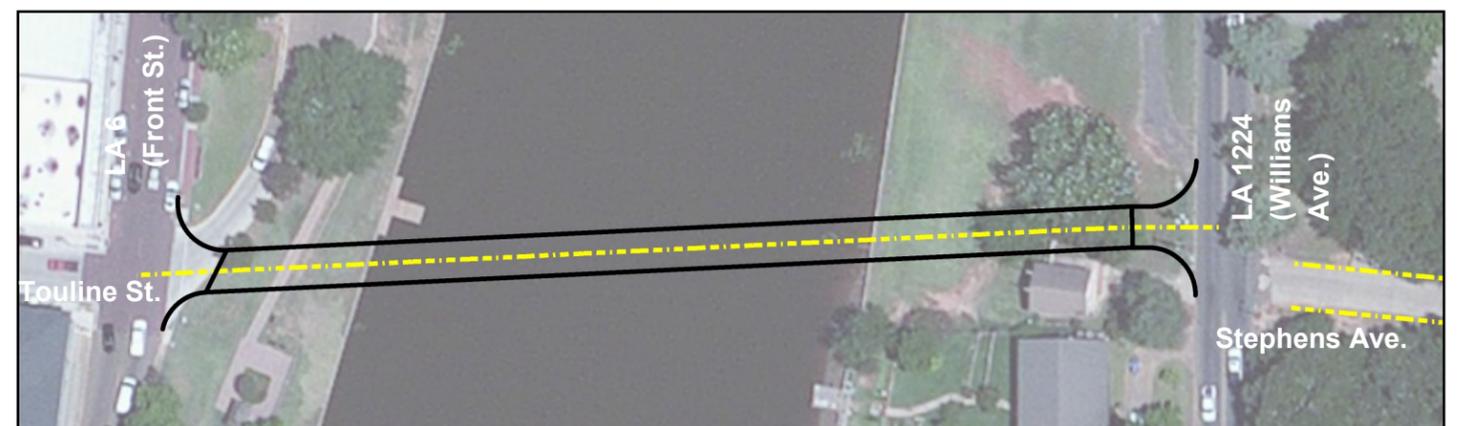


FIGURE 4: Proposed Temporary Bridge at Toulaine Street