

# Open House Public Meeting for LA 20 Bayou Chevreuil Bridge Replacement and LA 20 Widening

State Project No. H.009481 and H.013116  
Federal Aid Project No. H009481 and H013116

St. James Parish Court House Annex  
2631 HWY 20  
Vacherie, LA 70090



August 2, 2018  
4:00 -7:00 p.m.



Welcome to the Open House Public Meeting for the LA 20 Bayou Chevreuil Bridge Replacement and LA 20 Widening projects located in St. James and Lafourche Parishes. The meeting is sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Federal Highway Administration.

## Objective of Public Meeting

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



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

## Location of Projects



- The LA 20 Widening project begins near the intersection of LA 20 and LA 307 in Lafourche Parish. It then proceeds northeast to its terminus along LA 20 in St. James Parish.
- The Bayou Chevreuil Bridge Replacement project is located at the LA 20 crossing of Bayou Chevreuil.

## Purpose and Need

- ▶ The purpose of the bridge replacement project is to provide safe and reliable crossing of Bayou Chevreuil on LA 20. This would be accomplished by improving the driver's line-of-sight by reducing the height of the bridge and increasing the bridge's length.
- ▶ The purpose of the proposed LA 20 widening project is to improve the safety and efficiency of LA 20 by enhancing motorists' safety along the existing LA 20 from LA 307 northward towards South Vacherie. The LA 20 widening project would provide shoulder improvements to aid in vehicle recovery and/or containment.



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## Project Description for Bayou Chevreuil Bridge Replacement

- ▶ Remove and replace bridge over Bayou Chevreuil along LA 20
- ▶ Construct temporary detour bridge on the east side of LA 20 to maintain traffic access during construction
- ▶ Re-align Bayou Chevreuil boat launch access driveway approximately 500 feet to the north of the existing location



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## Section 4(f)

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## Sequence of Construction

- ▶ A detour bridge will be constructed and utilized to the east of the current Bayou Chevreuil Bridge while the new bridge is under construction. This bridge will be removed after construction is complete.
- ▶ One of the launch slips of the Bayou Chevreuil boat launch will remain open throughout construction. However, the boat slip closest or nearest to the bridge will be closed for 2 to 3 months while the detour bridge is being constructed and then again the slip will be closed for 2 to 3 months while the detour bridge is deconstructed.
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## 4(f) Properties Temporary Use & De Minimis Beneficial Use

Impact to the west slip of the boat launch are considered a “Minimal temporary occupancy” according to 4(f), because:

- ▶ (1) duration of the occupancy must be temporary (less than time of construction);
- ▶ (2) scope of work must be minor (no physical changes to the boat slip, closure due to safety/proximity concerns);
- ▶ (3) there must be no anticipated permanent adverse physical impacts or interference with the protected activities (boat launch will remain open);
- ▶ (4) the land being used must be fully restored (property will be returned to pre-construction condition when the detour bridge is removed);
- ▶ (5) there must be documented agreement between the officials with jurisdiction and (DOTD owns of the property).

Impacts to the parking lot and driveway are considered De Minimis according to section 4(f), because the net result of the project would be beneficial for the boat launch parking lot and access drive for these reasons:

- ▶ The driveway entrance will be moved further north away from the bridge improving line-of-sight for turning vehicles.
- ▶ The installation of a permanent drive allowing access to the boat launch which would allow the desired expansion of the boat launch parking lot by St. James Parish



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## Construction Servitude for Bayou Chevreuil Bridge Replacement



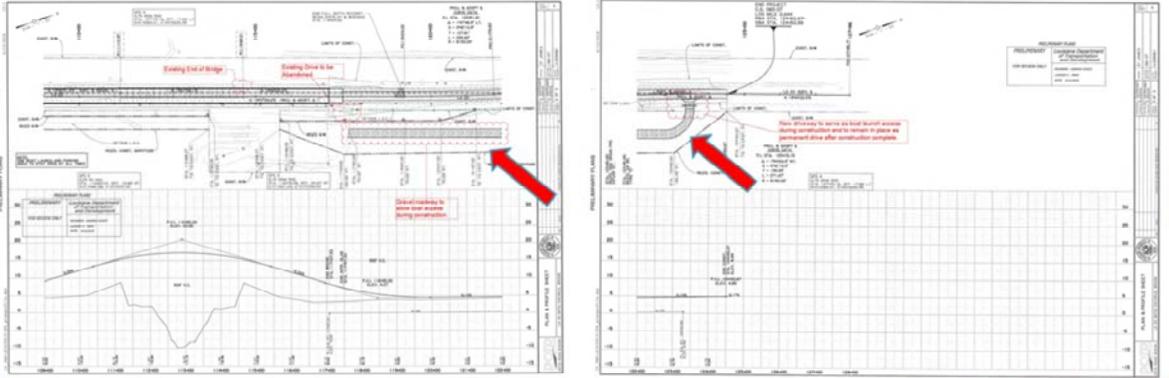
This aerial image shows the construction servitude required for construction of the temporary detour bridge at Bayou Chevreuil.

## 4(f) Properties Bayou Chevreuil Boat Launch & Parking Lot



This aerial image shows how the construction servitude would impact the Bayou Chevreuil boat launch and parking lot.

## 4(f) Property Bayou Chevreuil Boat Launch Improvements



As part of the new improvements to the Bayou Chevreuil boat launch, a driveway will be constructed with a new entrance north of the bridge on LA 20. This driveway will become a permanent addition to the boat launch after construction is complete.

## Project Description for LA 20 Widening

- ▶ Roadway widened up to 8 feet on the east side to provide for 40-foot clear width. Two 12-foot lanes and two 8-foot shoulders.
- ▶ Cross drains will be installed to improve water flow through wetlands.



- The proposed project widens LA 20 near LA 307 in Lafourche Parish to South Vacherie in St. James Parish.
- The proposed project would widen the roadway up to 8 feet on the east side to provide for 40-foot clear roadway width.
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## LA 20 Widening



This image depicts the proposed LA 20 widening and the placement of the shoulders and travel lanes.

## Right of Way Acquisition Information

- A Real Estate representative is here at the meeting to explain DOTD's right of way acquisition procedures.
- The DOTD Brochure explaining the Acquisition of Right of Way is available at Station 4.
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## Steps in the Acquisition Process

- DOTD's objective is to pay **Just Compensation** for all properties required for the project.
- Owners may be contacted by an appraiser(s) to evaluate their property.
- All evaluations will be approved by DOTD.
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## 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.



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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.



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Please provide your comments below regarding the project. When complete, please return this form to Station 6 - Comment Table. To read, fold the form in half with the address showing on the outside and seal. Comments received tonight or post marked by August 13, 2018 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.
- 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.
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This is the end of the presentation.

Thank you for your time. Please visit the remaining stations to view the exhibits and provide comments.



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