Thank you for attending this Open House Public Meeting for the proposed Interstate 12 (I-12) project. In this handout you will find information about the proposed project, including a preliminary project description, a location map, and typical sections. Also included is a comment form.

Project team members are stationed throughout the room to discuss the project and answer your questions. These individuals are easily identified by their name tags. Please take this opportunity to discuss the project with team members. **There will be no formal presentation.**

As you enter the room, you will see four stations:

**Station 1: Sign-in Table**
At this station, there are sign-in sheets for General Public, Elected and Other Officials, Agency Personnel, and News Media. Please sign in on the appropriate sheet.

**Station 2: Exhibits**
This station will consist of a series of maps that illustrate the potential limits of construction. The exhibits display the entire proposed project in large layouts.

**Station 3: Continuous PowerPoint Presentation**
This short presentation will provide an overview of the proposed I-12 widening project. The presentation lasts approximately 6 minutes and will re-start automatically after a two-minute intermission. The PowerPoint presentation and the exhibits shown tonight are available on the DOTD website at: [http://wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/administration/public_info/projects/home.aspx?key=108](http://wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/administration/public_info/projects/home.aspx?key=108)

**Station 4: Comment Table**
At this station, comments can be made verbally or in writing. A digital recorder is available at this table for verbal comments. The last page of this handout is a comment form that you may use. Comments can be turned in during this meeting or mailed to the address on the back of the form. Additional comment forms are also available to be taken with you. Please note that comments mailed after this meeting must be postmarked no later than April 17, 2019 to be included in the meeting transcript.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to provide input on the proposed I-12 widening project. Thank you for attending and participating in this meeting.
PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) initially proposed to widen Interstate 12 (I-12) from approximately 1.2 mile west of the Louisiana Highway 21 (LA 21) interchange continuing eastward to the US 190 interchange. DOTD held a public meeting on July 27, 2017, which provided information about the proposed components of the I-12 widening project between LA 21 and LA 59. To alleviate on/off ramp traffic at the LA 1077 interchange on I-12 the limit of the project has been extended to the LA 1077 interchange at 30.458, -90.179 DD (See Project Location Map).

Currently, I-12 consists of two travel lanes in each direction. Within the extended project area, the proposed widening would add one travel lane in each direction within the existing median. No additional right-of-way would be required. The widened Interstate would include six 12-foot travel lanes. Paved shoulders of 12 feet (outside) and 17 feet (inside) would be in each direction (Figure 1). The additional travel lane, increased shoulder, and a concrete center divider would replace the current vegetated median. The project would include widening the pavement surface into the median, overlaying the existing lanes with asphalt, and installing concrete median protection. Openings in the median would be located at interchanges, forested areas of the median, and at approved median crossings. Pavement striping, raised markers, and rumble strips would also be installed.

The project will also include auxiliary lanes connecting Pinnacle Parkway to US 190 in both directions, crossing the Tchefuncte River. Due to the addition of travel lanes and auxiliary lanes, a noise study was conducted. The noise study conducted found noise impacts from the addition of travel and auxiliary lanes, so noise abatement measures such as noise barriers have been considered. However noise barriers were not found to be reasonable and feasible.

Two lanes in each direction would remain open to traffic during construction. Any lane closures limiting traffic to less than two open lanes would occur at night and would not be continuous throughout the project corridor.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of, and need for, this project is to increase capacity and to rehabilitate the existing pavement.
Figure 1: Typical Section Drawing of Proposed Project: 6-lane Section of Interstate 12 with Median Barrier.
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 April 17, 2019 will become part of the transcript of this meeting.

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