

PUBLIC MEETING

STATE PROJECT NO. H.001799.2  
F.A.P NO. H.001799  
LA 531 OVERPASS  
ROUTE: I-20

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012  
520 BROADWAY STREET  
MINDEN CIVIC CENTER, MINDEN LA 71055  
WEBSTER PARISH

Thank you for attending the Open House Public Meeting for the LA 531 overpass reconstruction project.

In this handout, you will find information about the proposed project, including a preliminary project description and the location map. 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 a Project Team Member. There will be no formal presentation.

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

**STATION 1: SIGN-IN TABLE**

At this station, please sign in on the appropriate sheet.

**STATION 2: EXHIBITS**

This station consists of a series of maps that illustrate the potential limits of construction superimposed over aerial photographs and a graphic of the typical section that will be considered. The limits shown on the maps and typical section are based on the alternatives currently being considered. The actual roadway alignment to be studied will fall within this corridor width, but may not impact the entire area. The estimated right-of-way width is presented on the typical section graphic and on the aerial photograph.

**STATION 3: REAL ESTATE INFORMATION TABLE**

At this station, you will find information about the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) Acquisition of Right-of-way and Relocation Assistance Program, which is administered under Louisiana Law in compliance with the Federal Laws outlined in the "Uniform Relocation Assistance Act" as amended.

**STATION 4: COMMENT TABLE**

At this table, comments can be made verbally or in writing. The last page of this handout is a comment form which you may use. The comment form can be turned in tonight or mailed to the address on the form. Additional comment forms that you can take with you are also available. Please note that that comments sent in after the meeting must be postmarked on longer than 10 days after this meeting to be included as part of the open house transcript. The comment form is included as last page in this packet.

We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities to provide input on the proposed project. Thank you for attending this open house and providing input.

## LA 531 PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS

### Project description

#### Alternate 1 – LA 531 Interchange Improvements

Alternate 1 proposes replacing the existing two lane overpass with a widened structure. The widened overpass structure will accommodate one northbound lane, one southbound lane, and a left turn lane. LA 531, south of the I-20 eastbound ramp, will be widened to three lanes, adding a right turn lane onto the eastbound I-20 ramp. Two frontage roads will also be installed south of the I-20 and LA 531 interchange to allow safe access to the businesses near the interchange. North of the overpass, LA 531 will be widened to four lanes, and after Industrial Drive, LA 531 interchanges would remain as through lanes and a center two-way left turn lane. The I-20 and LA 531 interchanges would remain as stopped controlled and the LA 531 and Industrial Drive intersection would remain as signal controlled.

#### Alternate 1A – LA 531 and Industrial Drive Roundabout

Alternate 1A proposes the same improvements as Alternate 1 with the exception of installing a roundabout at the intersection of LA 531 and Industrial Drive instead of a signal controlled intersection.

#### Alternate 2 – LA 531 Roundabouts

Alternate 2 proposes replacing the existing two lane overpass with a four lane overpass and installing multi-lane roundabouts at the following intersections: LA 531 and I-20 eastbound ramp, LA 531 and the I-20 westbound ramp, and LA 531 and Industrial Drive. South of the overpass, two frontage roads on each side of LA 531 will be installed to allow safe access to the businesses near the LA 531 and I-20 eastbound ramp interchange and to improve control of access for the I-20 ramps. North of the overpass, LA 531 will be widened to four lanes, and after Industrial Drive, LA 531 will be widened to three lanes, two through lanes and a center two-way left turn lane.

#### Alternate 3 – No BUILD

Alternate 3 – No work will be done to the current bridge or the project corridor.

