

SULLIVAN ROAD WIDENING OPEN HOUSE PUBLIC MEETING



STATE PROJECT NO. H.002320
FEDERAL AID PROJECT H002320
SULLIVAN ROAD WIDENING
WAX ROAD TO HOOPER ROAD
EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH, LOUISIANA

Central Intermediate School August 19, 2014 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Thank you for attending this Open House Public Meeting for the proposed widening of Sullivan Road. In this handout you will find information about the proposed project, including a preliminary project description, a location map, aerial exhibits, 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 five 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 super-imposed over aerial photographs and several graphics of the typical design section that is proposed. The exhibit, located in the center of the room, displays the entire proposed project in one large layout, including the preliminary required right-of-way for the proposed widening. Potential relocations have been identified early on in the planning for the project and are shown on the project exhibits displayed this evening.

Station 3: Continuous PowerPoint Presentation

This short presentation will explain the Environmental Assessment (EA) Process and provide an overview of the proposed Sullivan Road Widening Project. The presentation lasts approximately 10 minutes and will re-start automatically after a one-minute intermission.

Station 4: Real Estate Information Table

At this station, you will find information about the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LDOTD) 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. If you do not have the brochure explaining the Acquisition of Right-of-Way and Relocation Assistance Program, it is available at this station or you can obtain one from the LDOTD Real Estate Section, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245, telephone number 225.242.4593

Station 5: Comment Table

At this station, comments can be made verbally or in writing. A tape 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 September 2, 2014 to be included as part of the meeting transcript.

We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to provide input on the proposed widening of Sullivan Road. Thank you for attending this meeting and for providing input.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) using federal funds, is proposing to widen LA 3034 (Sullivan Road) from Central Woods Avenue to just past Hooper Road in East Baton Rouge Parish. The proposed project begins on Sullivan Road just north of Wax Road (Lat. 30.543958, Long. -91.028835 DD) and proceeds northwest to the intersection of Hooper Road (Lat. 30.555376, Long. -91.037629 DD). The proposed project is located in Sections 5 & 68 of Township 06S Range 02E (see Figure 1).

LA 3034 (Sullivan Road) would remain open, and through and local traffic will be maintained at all times. Overall project length would be approximately 1.16 miles. Average Daily Traffic values for LA 3034 are 26,775 vehicles per day for 2012 and are projected to be 37,869 for 2032. LA 3034 is classified as an urban arterial collector (UA-2). Additional right-of-way would be required. Relocations are anticipated.

The existing roadway consists of two 10-foot wide lanes with shoulders, open ditches, and no median. The proposed widening project would be constructed to the east and west of the existing center line of the roadway. The new roadway would have a 106-foot clear roadway consisting of four 12-foot travel lanes; a 10-foot wide (maximum) raised median with J-turns; and a 24-foot clear zone consisting of 8-foot shoulders (including 6-foot sidewalks) and a 16-foot clear area on each side of the roadway. The new roadway would be constructed with concrete curbs, gutter drains, and a subsurface drainage system (gravity drainage collection system). Intersection improvements to LA 408 (Hooper Road) are also proposed to approximately 750 feet west of the Sullivan Road intersection, which includes widening to accommodate turn lanes. In addition to the subsurface drainage system, a gravity sanitary sewer and wastewater pump station, is planned. All sewer work is to be funded by the city.

The logical termini of the proposed project is LA 3034 (Sullivan Road) at Wax Road and LA 3034 (Sullivan Road) at LA 408 (Hooper Road). As part of the Environmental Assessment, LADOTD will include an environmental inventory of Sullivan Road from Joor Road to Hooper Road in order to identify any sensitive areas along this corridor. In addition, the Environmental Assessment will also include information on future City/Parish plans for the area including possible widening Sullivan Road from Hooper Road to Joor Road.

It is anticipated that this project would be environmentally processed as an Environmental Assessment.

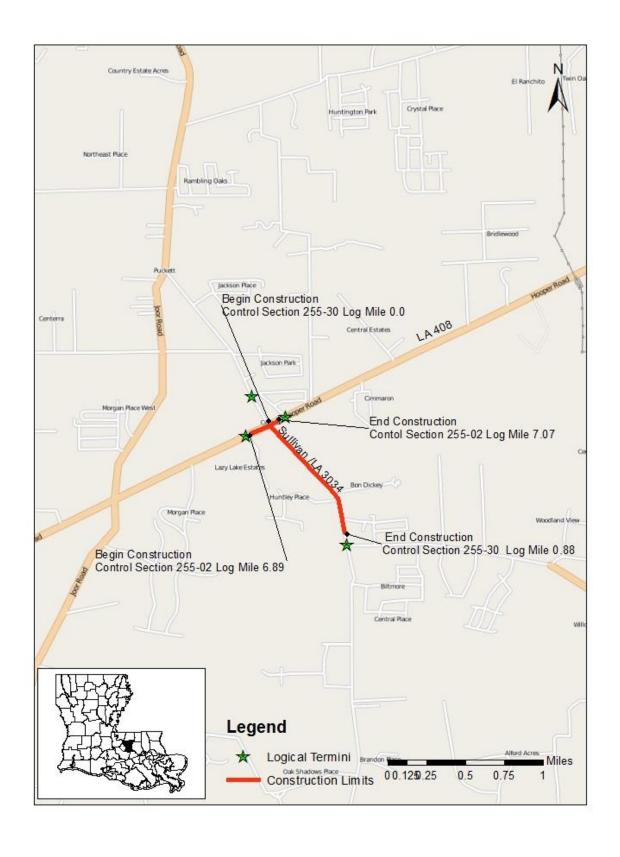


Figure 1: Project Vicinity Map

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

A Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) document is being prepared for this project. There are several steps involved in the preparation of an EA:

- **✓DONE** 1. Document Purpose and Need of Project
- **ONGOING** 2. Develop Reasonable and Feasible Build Alternative to Address Need
- **ONGOING** 3. Evaluate Effects of Build Alternative to Community and Environment
- **ONGOING** 4. Summarize Evaluation in Draft EA
 - **NEXT** 5. Hold Public Hearing on Draft EA
 - **NEXT** 6. Prepare Final EA / Decision (Finding of No Significant Impact)

PURPOSE AND NEED

The Purpose and Need of the project is to upgrade the capacity of Sullivan Road from two lanes to four lanes to connect the existing four-lane section of the Central Throughway from Wax Road to Hooper Road and to continue the development of a network of roadways to reduce existing traffic congestion.

BUILD ALTERNATIVE

Currently, one Build Alternative is being proposed to move forward for further consideration.

Sullivan Road would be widened from two lanes to four lanes with a 10-foot wide raised median with J-turns. Five-foot sidewalks are included on both sides of roadway.

Other project features:

- LA 408 (Hooper Road) would be widened to accommodate turn lanes as it approaches the new intersection with Sullivan Road.
- Curb and gutter gravity subsurface drainage system.

COMPLETE STREETS AND ACCESS MANAGEMENT

LDOTD has adopted a new Complete Streets Policy and a new Access Management Policy for the State of Louisiana for the construction of new roadways.

COMPLETE STREETS

According to the provisions of the Complete Streets Policy, on all new and reconstruction roadway projects, LDOTD will plan, fund, and design sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities determined by the context of the roadway and LDOTD will provide bicycle accommodations appropriate to the context of the roadway.

The benefits of adopting the Complete Streets Policy include safety improvement, mobility and safety for children, mobility for disabled Americans, mobility for older Americans, promotion of active living, support of environmental policies aimed at reducing emissions, support for economic development, and lower household transportation costs.

ACCESS MANAGEMENT

Access Management is the careful planning of access connections to roadways and highways. Access connections can include driveways, streets, and other means of connecting to a roadway.

The policy would be implemented through the use of a raised median and right-in/right-out only turns (i.e. no left-out turns) from connecting streets, business driveways, and personal driveways onto Sullivan Road. R-cuts would be constructed along the route.

ATTENTION

The information presented at this meeting represents a conceptual plan. The build alternative as presented may be modified and other alternatives may be developed for consideration.

Your comments tonight will help us carry the project forward through the Environmental Assessment process.

The continuous PowerPoint presentation and the exhibits shown tonight are available on the LDOTD website at

http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Environmental/Pages/default.aspx

The following pages present aerial plan views and typical section drawings for the proposed project.

A comment form is also attached.

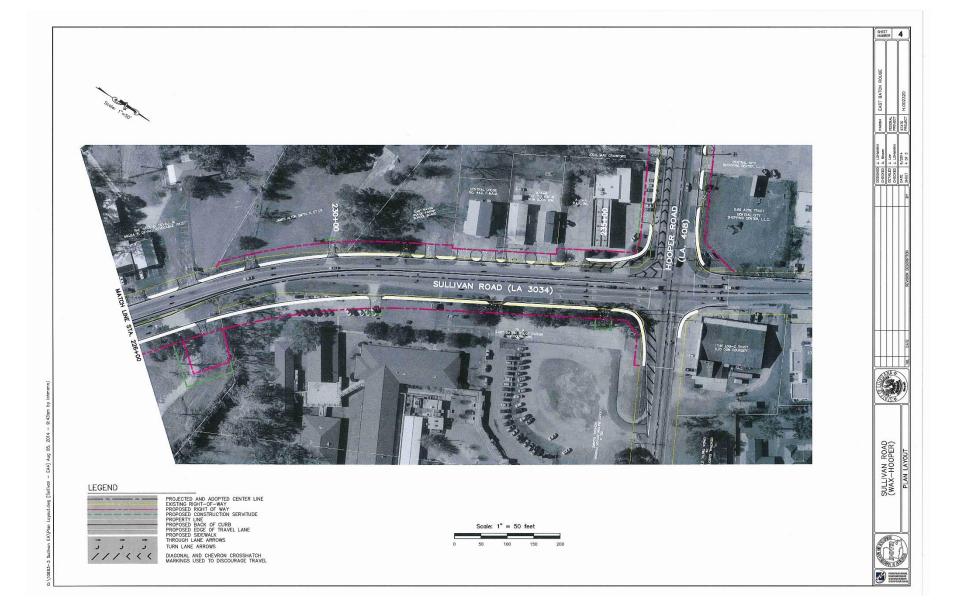
Sullivan Road Widened to Four Lanes

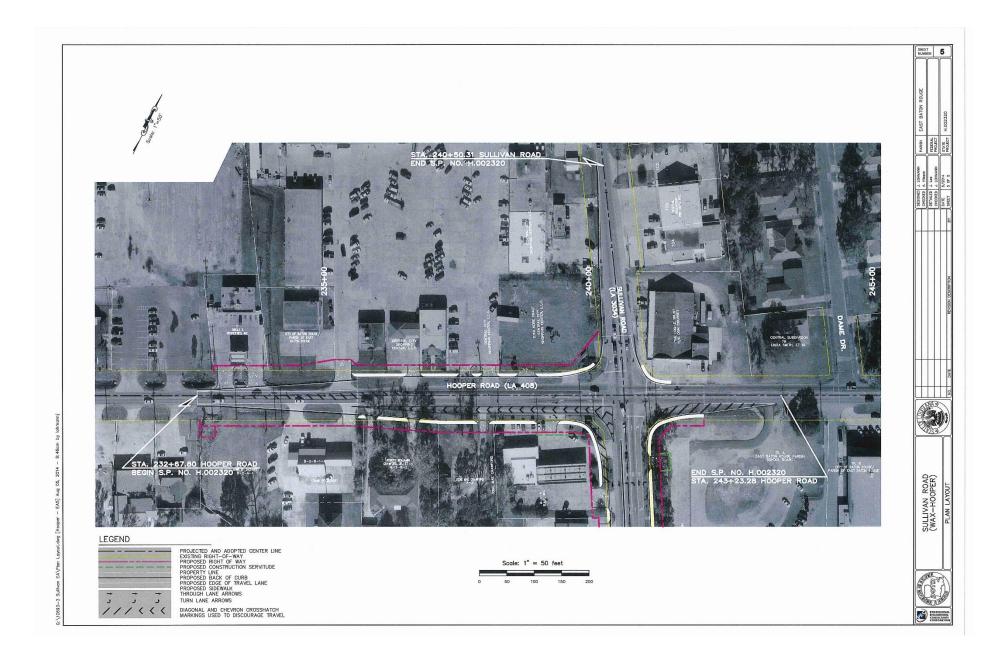
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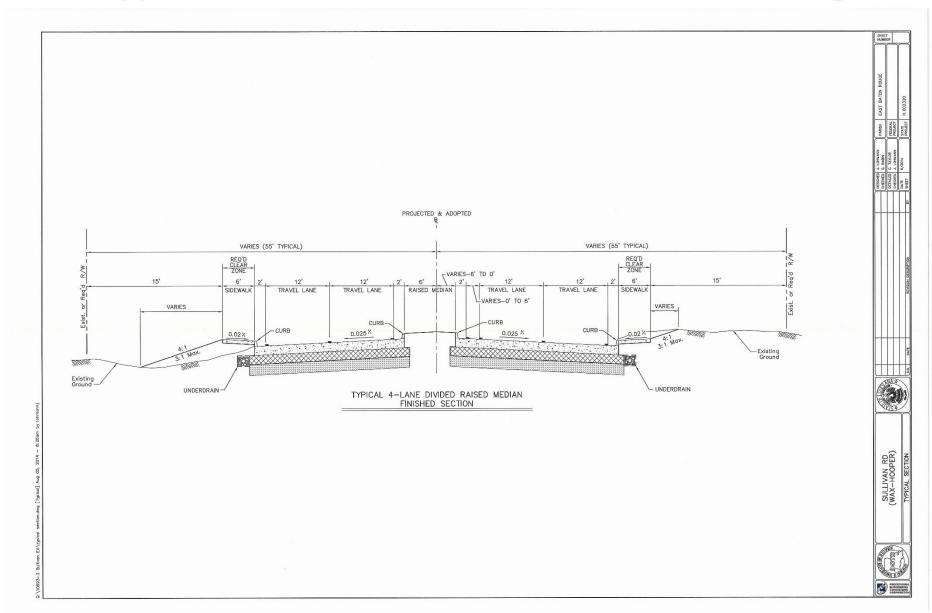








Typical Section Sullivan Road Widening





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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 5 – Comment Table . To mail, fold the form in half with the address showing on the outside an seal. Comments received tonight or post marked by September 2, 2014 will become part of the record of this meeting.	o d
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