



## Welcome! Thank you for attending today's public meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide information and solicit comments on the P3 project proposal. Your comments will be provided to both the House and Senate Transportation, Highways and Public Works committees who will determine whether to move forward with the P3 contract in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 48:250.4(A)(2).

### **Open House To Do List:**

- ✓ Sign in
- ✓ View presentation
- ✓ Visit each station
- ✓ Ask questions
- ✓ Provide comments

### **Station Checklist:**

- Station 1 – Welcome & Sign-In
- Station 2 – Presentation
- Station 3 – Project Overview
- Station 4 – Schedule & Sequence
- Station 5 – Tolling
- Station 6 – Real Estate
- Station 7 – Workforce Development
- Station 8 – Comment

Feel free to visit each station at your convenience between 4 pm and 6 pm and provide written or verbal comments at the comment station. A panel question and answer (Q&A) session will follow the open house session. If you would like to ask a question of the panel, return the panel questionnaire form to the comment station with your question clearly written on the form. During the panel session, a panel moderator will read questions to the panel. The panel Q&A session will end at 7 pm. Any unanswered questions will be responded to in the meeting record which will be posted on DOTD's website.

### *Alternate ways to provide comments after the meeting:*

#### **Send a letter to:**

DOTD Section 28  
P.O. Box 94245  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

#### **Send an email to:**

CalcasieuP3@la.gov

Comments received by September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, will be included in the record of the meeting.

# COMMENT FORM

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You may drop your comment form at the comment station; mail it or a letter to DOTD Section 28, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245; or email [CalcasieuP3@la.gov](mailto:CalcasieuP3@la.gov). Comments received by Sept. 7, 2023, will be included in the meeting record.



# CALCASIEU RIVER BRIDGE



The Calcasieu River Bridge project is a \$2.1 billion endeavor to replace the existing I-10 bridge over the Calcasieu River and add extra traffic capacity. The 5.5-mile project is a public-private partnership (P3) and includes I-10 from near Ryan Street in Lake Charles to the I-210 and I-10 interchange on the west side of Lake Charles.

Calcasieu Bridge Partners (CBP) was selected for the P3. CBP is a joint venture of Plenary Americas US Holdings, Inc., Sacyr Infrastructure USA LLC, and Acciona Concesiones S.L.

In addition to a new bridge and approaches, the project includes the interstate roadways and ramps, the I-10 service roads, and interchanges at PPG Drive, Sampson Street, and North Lakeshore/Ryan Street that connect the interstate to state roads and local streets. Sampson Street will be elevated over the railroad tracks to eliminate blockages from trains.

alignment of Sampson Street, which will reduce the anticipated closure of Sampson Street from 18 months to fewer than nine months.

The bridge will be partially funded by tolls; without tolls, a new bridge would not be financially feasible. Toll rates will vary based on vehicle type and whether or not the vehicle uses a reduced rate toll tag. Toll tags will be available at no cost to the public. Only vehicles crossing the Calcasieu River Bridge will be subject to the toll. Tolling will not begin until the new bridge is open to traffic. Toll rates are set at 2023 dollars and will be adjusted over time based upon the Consumer Price Index. The tolls have been minimized because funding for this project will be combined with \$800 million from a variety of sources.



Construction could start in late 2024 and is anticipated to last approximately seven years. The new bridge will be lower and less steep, and it will have more lanes, full shoulders, and roadway lighting.

The design proposed seeks to minimize the impact on traffic during construction. Part of the plan calls for shifting the

## QUICK FACTS

Completed:	<b>1952</b>
Carries:	<b>I-10</b> (formerly U.S. 90 before the Interstate Highway System)
Original lifespan:	<b>~50 years</b> (kept open and safe through frequent inspection and maintenance)
Average daily traffic:	<b>~65,000</b> (current)
Projected daily traffic:	<b>110,000</b> (2042)