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Indian Tribe Consultation Summary

**State Project No. H.971331.1**  
**Federal Project No. SPR-0010(034)**  
**Update of the Statewide Transportation Plan**  
**Louisiana**

NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBE COORDINATION SUMMARY

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) initiated coordination with Native American Tribes in Louisiana regarding the 2015 Statewide Transportation Plan (Plan) in the summer of 2013. On June 4, 2013, DOTD mailed letters to Louisiana's 27 federally and state recognized Native American Tribes explaining the purpose of the Statewide Transportation Plan. The letter included a Plan Overview and requested recommendations on transportation improvement projects as well as input on the preliminary Vision, Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures. DOTD received one response which is summarized below.

Native American Tribes Contacted

Letters were sent to the following list of federally and state recognized Native American Tribes and contacts [*Source: Louisiana Office of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism, Division of Archaeology, updated May 6, 2013*]:

FEDERAL

- Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana
- Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma
- Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians
- Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana
- Alabama Coushatta Tribe of Texas
- Caddo Nation
- Jena Band of Choctaw Indians
- Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
- Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
- Seminole Tribe of Florida

STATE

- Adai Caddo Indians of Louisiana
- Biloxi Chitimacha Confederation/Bayou Lafourche Band
- Choctaw-Apache Tribe of Ebarb
- Clifton Choctaw Tribe of Louisiana
- Four-Winds Cherokee Tribe
- United Houma Nation
- Point au Chien Tribe
- Isle de Jean Charles Band
- The Louisiana Choctaw Tribe
- Grand Caillou/Dulac Band

OTHER

- Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

- Inter-Tribal Council of Louisiana, Inc.
- Apalachee Talimali Band of Louisiana
- Atakapa-Ishak Nation
- Chahta Tribe
- Louisiana Choctaw Turtle Tribe

#### Comments Received

Ms. Johnnie L. Jacobs, NHPA Section 106 Coordinator, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, responded with comments via email on November 11, 2013. The information provided by the Choctaw Nation was taken into consideration in the development of the Plan. No correspondence was received from other tribes or contacts.

The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has a historic area of interest in several parishes in the state of Louisiana. Along with the Environmental Stewardship portion of the plan, the Tribe suggested including a separate portion for Historic Preservation. They also suggested adding the following Objectives and Performance Measures:

#### **Objectives:**

- Comply with all Federal and State historic preservation laws and regulations including other legal authorities such as Executive Orders.
- Minimize the impact to non-renewable cultural resources during the building, maintaining and operating of LA transportation system.
- Increase government to government relationships with federally recognized Tribes.

#### **Performance Measures:**

- Number of state historic sites impacted by DOTD projects.
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- Number of acres impacted by cultural resource sites.
- Number of consultations with federally recognized Tribes.
- Number of sites preserved due to mitigation measures of LADOTD.

#### Attachments

- Example letter from DOTD to Tribes with attachments:
  - Plan Overview
  - Draft Vision/Goals/Objectives document
- Response from Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma



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June 4, 2013

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana  
John Paul Darden, Chairman  
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Charenton, LA 70523

**SUBJECT:** Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan Update  
State of Louisiana  
State Project No. H. 971331.1

Dear Chairman John Paul Darden:

In December 2003, the Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan completed by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD) was adopted by the Louisiana Investment in Infrastructure for Economic Prosperity (LIEEP) Commission. The Plan, which included extensive participation and input from agencies and major stakeholders throughout the state, addressed multimodal transportation needs within the context of a growing economy. A few years later, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita redefined needs. As a result, a Review and Status report was completed in 2008 that considered the impacts of the storms and reported on the implementation status and updated construction costs of the 2003 Plan recommendations.

Since 2008, Louisiana has felt the consequences of the economic recession and limited transportation funding. It is time for a full update of the transportation plan to determine the most appropriate transportation investments and policies for Louisiana. This document will provide a comprehensive framework for addressing Louisiana's long term transportation needs under the influence of the current economic climate.

LADOTD would like to initiate coordination with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana for this project. The goal of the coordination is to identify any concerns early in the process and reach mutually agreeable decisions while taking into account the interests of both the Tribal, State, and Federal governments.

LADOTD would very much appreciate your input. Please accept this letter as a formal request for you or a designated representative of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana to provide us with input on any transportation related issues or projects that you think the Plan should address. LADOTD is also updating the Plan's Vision, Goals and Objectives as well as identifying Performance Measures. This draft document is enclosed for your review and comment.

Information about the Plan can be accessed at the LADOTD website by following this link: <http://www.dotd.la.gov/study/>. The website will be updated periodically with Plan documents as the project progresses. We have enclosed the Plan Overview for your convenience.



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If you have any questions concerning the project, or if you would like to meet in person regarding the Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan Update, please contact Dan Broussard, DOTD Project Manager at (225) 379-1924. You may also submit any issues or comments to Dan Broussard at Dan.Broussard@la.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Decker", is written over a horizontal line.

Dennis Decker  
Assistant Secretary  
Office of Multimodal Planning

Enclosure:

Draft Vision, Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures  
Statewide Transportation Plan Update Overview

## Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan Overview

### Purpose

Everyone in Louisiana relies on transportation. Whether it is to move products to market, to fly into a city to attend a conference, to travel to work, or ride a bike to a park, transportation is involved. In the next 30 years, Louisiana's economic health and quality of life may be at risk because of transportation funding challenges. Costs of providing infrastructure and services are up, but revenue is down. Maintaining what already exists continues to take a larger portion of available funds, leaving limited opportunities for addressing other significant transportation needs. This situation calls for a comprehensive look at how transportation can best address Louisiana's needs in the long-term under the influence of the current economic climate. In short, what type of transportation investments will best serve Louisiana?

### Background

In December 2003 the Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan completed by the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) was adopted by the Louisiana Investment in Infrastructure for Economic Prosperity (LIIEP) Commission. The Plan, which included extensive participation and input from agencies and major stakeholders throughout the state, addressed multimodal transportation needs within the context of a growing economy. A few years later, Hurricanes Katrina and Rita redefined needs. As a result, a Review and Status report was completed in 2008 that considered the impacts of the storms and reported on the implementation status and updated construction costs of the 2003 Plan recommendations.

Since then, Louisiana, as well as the rest of the United States, has felt the consequences of the economic recession and limited transportation funding. It is time for a full update of the transportation plan to determine the most appropriate transportation investments and policies for Louisiana.

**Scope of Current Plan**

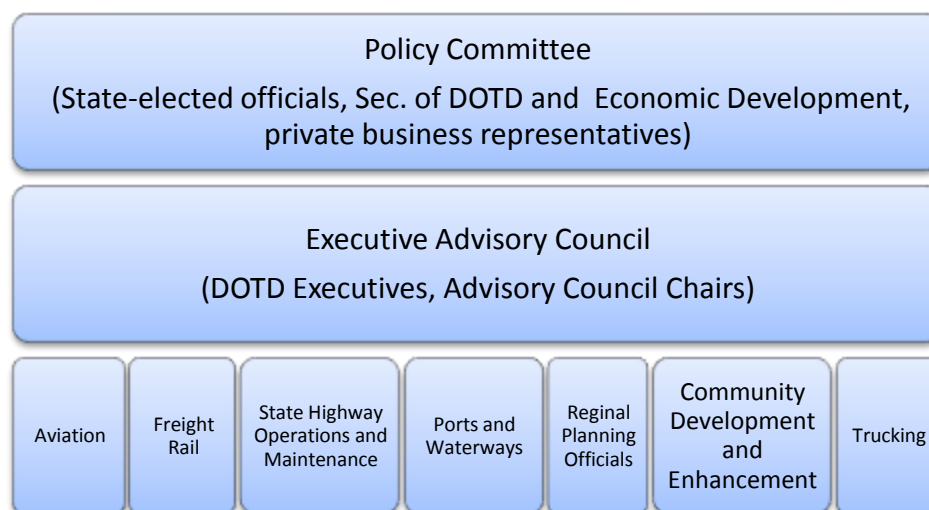
A series of technical tasks will be performed to answer the following key questions:

Key Questions	Associated Major Tasks
What Should Transportation Do for Louisiana?	Vision, goals, and objectives
	Public involvement (see next section for examples)
How is it Performing Now?	Performance measures
	Existing Conditions Analysis (highway, trucking, aviation, freight rail, ports and waterways, surface transportation, intermodal facilities, intelligent transportation systems)
	Issue Analysis (safety, climate change, energy consumption, sustainability/livability, access management, complete streets)
	Public involvement (same as above)
What are Options for the Future?	Financial analysis
	Needs assessment (including detailed aviation and rail plans)
	Project and program prioritization
	Public involvement (same as above)
	Statewide travel demand model update
What are the Investments and Policies that will Move Louisiana Toward the Vision?	Draft and final plan
	Public involvement (see next section for examples)
	Final plan economic analysis

**Public Involvement Activities**

Public involvement activities will help shape the responses to all four key plan questions. Examples of methods to be used include:

- Advisory Councils and Policy Committee** – the following structure of councils made up of public and private sector stakeholders representing all modes of transportation will be used to provide technical/policy input throughout the process



- **Public Opinion Telephone Poll** – early in the process to provide input on vision, values, assessment of conditions, and willingness to pay for transportation improvements
- **Legislative Questionnaire** – questionnaire circulated early in the process to the Legislature on transportation funding issues
- **Advocate Presentation Meetings** – held approximately mid-way through the process to hear advocates present projects for consideration in evaluation and prioritization
- **Plan Review Period** – held when the draft plan is available for comment – details to be determined

### **How to Stay in Touch**

A web page is being developed within the DOTD web site ([dotd.louisiana.gov](http://dotd.louisiana.gov))

### **Overall Schedule**

The Plan is to be completed and adopted by early 2014. A conceptual schedule will be available on the web site.



## **DRAFT VISION, GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES MAY 2013**

### **DRAFT VISION**

Louisianans enjoy the quality of life offered by both the urban and rural areas of the state. Louisiana will nurture and support a continuation of small and medium-sized towns and cities with open space between them. There will be a prosperous economy due in large part to an integrated, connected, safe and secure, well-maintained, balanced transportation system that moves people and freight effectively from, within, and between Louisiana's urban and rural areas via land, water, and air.

Louisiana recognizes that while a majority of the State's residents prefer to live and work in small and medium-sized communities, some of the State's citizens also desire to live and work in more dense or compact urban environments. Both futures require more local decision-making and responsibility regarding transportation investments and local land use planning, along with an increased emphasis on quality of life and passenger travel choices, in partnership with DOTD.

Louisiana will continue to support its extractive and other key industries (agribusiness, mining, heavy manufacturing, transshipment and other port related activities, etc.) as the major economic drivers in the State. However, the potential for increased economic activity associated with arts and entertainment, retirement, tourism, and research and technology in select areas also will be reflected in freight and passenger transportation services and infrastructure investments.

**INFRASTRUCTURE PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Goal	Objectives	Performance Measures
<p>Preserve Louisiana’s multimodal infrastructure in a state of good repair through timely maintenance of existing infrastructure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep Louisiana’s highway pavement, bridges, and highway-related assets in good condition</li> <li>• Assist modal partners in achieving state-of-good repair for aviation, port, rail, transit, and navigable waterway infrastructure.</li> </ul>	<p>DIRECT MEASURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percent of State Highway System meeting pavement condition targets, by system tier (Interstate, NHS, Other state system)</li> <li>• Percent of structurally deficient bridges by by deck area for each tier</li> <li>• Place holder for any MAP-21 preservation requirements developed by FHWA</li> </ul> <p>INDIRECT MEASURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percent of Public-Owned Airports meeting the State standard</li> <li>• Percent of transit fleets meeting applicable condition standards</li> <li>• Percent of navigable waterway miles maintained to target dimensions</li> </ul>

**SAFETY**

Goal	Objectives	Performance Measures
<p>Provide safe and secure travel conditions across all transportation modes through physical infrastructure improvements, operational controls, programs, and public education and awareness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce number and rate of highway-related crashes, fatalities and serious injuries</li> <li>• Reduce number of pedestrian and bicycle crashes</li> <li>• Assist modal partners in achieving safe and secure aviation, port, rail, transit, and waterway performance</li> </ul>	<p>DIRECT MEASURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highway fatalities and serious injuries (number and rate)</li> <li>• Crashes involving trucks (number and rate)</li> <li>• Number of crashes involving transit vehicles</li> <li>• Number of crashes at rail crossings</li> <li>• Number of crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists</li> <li>• Place holder for any MAP-21 safety measurement requirements developed by FHWA</li> </ul> <p>INDIRECT MEASURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of collisions on waterways</li> <li>• Percent of public airports meeting or exceeding federal/state safety standards</li> </ul>

**ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS**

Goal	Objectives	Performance Measures
<p>Economic Competitiveness Provide a transportation system that fosters diverse economic and job growth, international and domestic commerce, and tourism</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the efficiency of freight transportation and the capacity of freight-related infrastructure throughout Louisiana</li> <li>• Improve access to intermodal facilities and the efficiency of intermodal transfers</li> <li>• Provide predictable, reliable travel times throughout Louisiana</li> <li>• Ensure small urban areas (5000+ population) are well connected with one another and with large urban employment centers</li> </ul>	<p><b>DIRECT MEASURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percent of principal arterial highways with acceptable V/C ratios</li> <li>• Annual hours of delay from incidents on freeways</li> </ul> <p><b>INDIRECT MEASURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of freight bottlenecks addressed</li> <li>• Place holder for any MAP-21 freight efficiency measurement requirements developed by FHWA</li> <li>• Percent of highways connecting urban areas (small and large) that meet minimum state standards</li> <li>• Annual tonnage and value of freight moved at Louisiana ports</li> <li>• Percent of shortline freight rail system capable of supporting 286K lb cars</li> <li>• Percent of navigable waterway miles maintained to targeted dimensions.</li> </ul>

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT**

Goal	Objectives	Performance Measures
Provide support for community transportation planning, infrastructure and services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cooperate with and support MPOs, State planning and development districts, and local governments with the establishment and refinement of land use, transportation, and community development plans</li> <li>• Increase options available to local governments to seek sustainable revenue for local transportation needs</li> <li>• Reduce barriers to state and local collaboration</li> <li>• Enhance access to jobs for both urban and rural populations</li> <li>• Improve modal options associated with supporting the economy and quality of life, regardless of age, disability, or income</li> <li>• Identify methods to preserve the integrity and character of “town centers” and preserve open space, or the appearance of open space, between them</li> </ul>	DIRECT MEASURES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percent of parishes and municipalities with local comprehensive plans</li> <li>• Number of parishes with elderly and handicapped transit service</li> <li>• Number of parishes with general transit service</li> </ul>

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP**

Goal	Objectives	Performance Measures
Environmental Stewardship Ensure transportation policies and investments are sensitive to Louisiana’s environment, history, and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimize the environmental impacts of building, maintaining, and operating Louisiana’s transportation system</li> <li>• Comply with all federal and state environmental regulations</li> </ul>	DIRECT MEASURES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of parishes that have met NAAQS mobile source emissions standards</li> <li>• Acres of wetlands impacted by DOTD or DOTD-funded projects.</li> <li>• Percent of DOTD fleet converted to alternative fuels</li> <li>• Number of state historic sites impacted by DOTD or DOTD-funded projects</li> <li>• Number of state cultural resource sites impacted by DOTD or DOTD-funded projects</li> </ul> INDIRECT MEASURES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Percent of public fleets converted to alternative fuels</li> </ul>

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**Subject:** FW: LADOT, State Project H.971331.1, LA Statewide Transportation Plan Update, multiple parishes, LA  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2013 8:14:45 AM

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Please see email below from the Choctaw Nation, received yesterday.

Thanks,  
Dan

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**From:** Johnnie L. Jacobs [mailto:[jjacobs@choctawnation.com](mailto:jjacobs@choctawnation.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 11, 2013 10:52 PM  
**To:** Dan Broussard  
**Subject:** LADOT, State Project H.971331.1, LA Statewide Transportation Plan Update, multiple parishes, LA

Dar Mr. Broussard,

Thank you for the correspondence regarding the above referenced plan. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma has a historic area of interest in several parishes in the state of Louisiana. We appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this plan.

Along with the Environmental Stewardship portion of the plan, we would suggest that there be a separate portion for Historic Preservation. We have found many cases in which agency staff often are confused about the requirements of NEPA versus the National Historic Preservation Act. We would suggest some of the following objectives and performance measures.

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Thank you for providing us this opportunity to provide comment. If you have any further questions, please let us know.

Thank you,

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