



Initial Issues

This listing is for discussion purposes and does not represent a complete list of issues. During the Advisory Council meeting, you will use this list as a starting point and add, delete, modify issues as appropriate.

Funding

- Understand why Louisiana funding is in trouble
 - Infrastructure costs continue to rise (labor and materials)
 - Additives drive the cost up (everything from sidewalks to computerized traffic control, access management, environmental protection, wildlife, drainage, safety measures)
 - Right of way costs have increased exponentially
 - Federal support is soft and unpredictable
 - Most every toll-worthy facility has already been tolled – no major facility can be financed 100% by tolls
 - State user fees have not increased to keep pace
 - Political focus on expensive, complex projects compared to public focus on maintaining what have
- What are truly viable options?

Governance

- Local governments, MPOs and State are interdependent, cooperation can be improved.
 - Growth management
 - Shifting responsibility from State to local government
 - Additional revenue for maintenance and improvement of local road system (local option)
- What else?

Other High-Level, Global Issues?