



**LOUISIANA STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENHANCEMENT
RECOMMENDATIONS – FEBRUARY 2014**

Community Development and Enhancement Recommendations

Goal	No.	Recommendation	Revenue Scenario Budgeted Total ¹ (\$millions)				Cost ²	Ranking
			1B	2B	3B	4B		
CDE	2	Educate elected officials about the need for, and benefits of, public transportation.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
CDE	3	Coordinate implementation of federal funding sources for specialized transit. Develop Task Force of Statewide agencies using federal funds for human services transportation and public transportation. Regional coordination plans and a statewide coordination plan should be developed.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
CDE	4	All MPOs develop a comprehensive transit master plan.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
CDE	5	Planning, administration, design and implementation of Complete Streets policy.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
CDE	6	Develop and implement statewide bicycle goals map.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
CDE	7	Continue to fund transportation demand management for MPOs.	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	--	High
CDE	8	Evaluate emerging issue of connection of rural & urban transit and job access.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
CDE	9	Establish a program to fund local comprehensive plans to include land use, public buildings/facilities, public infrastructure including stormwater management, transportation, drainage, utilities, etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
CDE	10	State agencies should convene annually to identify, coordinate, and prioritize state infrastructure investments including LA DOTD, LA Housing Corporation (LHC), LA Dept. of Economic Development (LED), LA Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ), LA Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS), LA Dept. of Children and Family Services (DCFS), LA Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR), LA Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism (CRT), LA Dept. of Veterans Affairs (DVA), LA division of Health and Hospitals (DHH), and LA Dept. of Administration (DOA).	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
CDE	11	Increase state assistance in transportation planning for non-metro areas.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High



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CDE	12	Provide continued financial support for the Southern Rail Commission (SRC).	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	13	Develop a state-administered Local Assistance Program to rehab/reconstruct locally-owned roads. Local match to be required that may vary according to transportation planning criteria.			✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	14	Continue to study existing and potential intercity passenger rail corridors where ridership levels can be sustained or increased.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	15	Market/promote public transportation illustrating support from the DOTD. Specific promotions should be developed for the aging population and transportation options, and for the benefits of public transportation and its effect on healthy walkable communities.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	16	Promote and develop connectivity between public transportation systems and other transportation modes.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	17	Evaluate the feasibility of an Airport to New Orleans CBD bus rapid transit.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	18	Support the re-establishment of the Amtrak Sunset Limited route.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	19	Continue to update/maintain statewide bicycle suitability map.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	20	Identify abandoned rail corridors for potential conversion to recreational trails.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	21	Define, designate and implement the AASHTO national bike route system through Louisiana – US Bicycle Routes 90, US 45 and US 51.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Medium
CDE	22	Develop programs to enhance public transportation systems through ITS. Statewide ITS Plan should include statewide goals for linkages among transit agencies and in the development of regional call centers.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Medium	Low
CDE	23	Promote the National Passenger Rail System (Amtrak long distance lines).	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Low
CDE	24	Provide \$8.5M per year for rural transit operating expenses to meet the current & future expansion needs.	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$237	\$254	--	--
CDE	25	Conduct an assessment of publicly-supported statewide intercity bus needs and establish task force to oversee study.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	Low
CDE	26	Promote urban transit. Increase urban transit share of Parish Transportation Fund to its historical level of 15% (\$5M annual capital funds).			✓	✓	Low	Low



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EC	6	Implement Baton Rouge to New Orleans Passenger Rail.				✓ ³	High	High
EC	7	Implement Dallas to Shreveport/Bossier Passenger Rail. ⁴					High	Medium
ES	1	Conduct environmental study for the Baton Rouge to New Orleans Passenger Rail Corridor– including individual projects along the corridor - independent utility.				✓	Low	High
ES	2	Work with congressional delegation to create wetland mitigation credits for preserving existing wetlands.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High
ES	3	Preserve buffers, preferably as wetlands mitigation, to provide separation or appearance of separation between adjacent communities.	✓	✓	✓	✓	Low	High

¹ Forecasted budgeted total in nominal dollars.

² Cost categories: Low = Less than \$50 million, Medium = \$50-100 million; and High = Greater than \$100 million.

³ EC-6 is a Priority B megaproject. Priority B megaprojects are funded in Scenario 4B.

⁴ EC-7 is a Priority C megaproject. Priority C and D megaprojects are not currently funded through the revenue scenarios.

LEGEND:

CDE – Community Development & Enhancement Goal

EC – Economic Competitiveness Goal

ES – Environmental Stewardship Goal