

AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

LOUISIANA'S TRANSPORTATION STIMULUS

I-49 NORTH (LA 168 TO MYRA-MYRTIS ROAD)



The \$35 million construction of a new 4-lane, controlled-access Highway in north Caddo Parish will help to extend I-49 to the Arkansas State Line. Future extensions will provide access to the Midwest and Canada.

Notable Project Facts

- Can be let to construction in 120 days
- Project will be delayed in the regular highway program without ARRA funding
- Section B is part of I-49 from I-220 to the Arkansas State Line.
- Completion of I-49 North will extend the Interstate from Lafayette northward to Texarkana, Arkansas
- Ongoing work will complete I-49 from Shreveport to Kansas City, Missouri
- The completion of this work will close a 400-mile longitudinal gap in the Interstate System.
- Access north of Kansas City to Canada via existing I-29

Why do we need this?

I-49 North, first identified as the “North-South Expressway from Kansas City, Missouri to Shreveport, Louisiana” in the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA), is a new Interstate-class highway which closes a 400-mile longitudinal gap in the Interstate System between I-35 and I-55. Section B will continue construction of the highway in Louisiana from the Arkansas State Line to Shreveport. Section B is a 4.66 mile long segment of the highway from LA 168 (Rodessa—Ida Road) to Myra-Myrtis Road near the Town of Myra. Completion of I-49 in North Louisiana is one of the State’s highest priorities due to the economic impacts due to increased regional and national access for the movement of freight.

A solid investment...

Funding this project from ARRA will accelerate construction of additional Sections of I-49. Should this project be funded from ARRA, the current status of the overall project would be as follows:

Section A: Arkansas Line to LA 168– Under construction, Completion Date April 2010

Section B: LA 168 to Myra-Myrtis Rd.– To be Let to construction March 2009

Section C: Myra-Myrtis Rd. to LA 2– Under construction, Completion Date January 2010

Section D: LA 2 to US 71– To be Let to construction May 2009

Sections E, F, G, and H: US 71 to LA 173– To be Let to construction State FY 2009-2010

Project Selection for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)

La DOTD, in accordance with the parameters set forth by President Barack Obama’s economic stimulus, has identified projects which are “shovel ready” and can be let to construction in a very short timeframe. 50% of the ARRA funding must be obligated within 120 days of apportionment of the funds. Failure to obligate this funding within the prescribed time will result in reallocation of the balance of funds to other States.

