



Draft Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Highway Priority Program

R.S. 48:229.1 requires the Department of Transportation to provide the Legislature and public with this program which lists projects to be constructed in the ensuing fiscal year and considers the anticipated revenues to be appropriated by the Legislature. The department also provides the Legislature a list of projects in various stages of planning and preparation.

In compliance with this statute, the attached Highway Priority Program identifies projects that are scheduled for construction letting in FY 2026-27, noted as being in Stage 4. Projects being developed in other stages are also included in the document.

Projects remaining to be let prior to the end of the current fiscal year are listed in this document as well. In the event any of these projects cannot be let as planned, they will become part of the FY 2026-27 construction program, and will be let as soon as possible. These projects, along with the Transit Program, are submitted to the Federal Highway Administration. The two programs together are referred to as the State Transportation Improvement Program. The Public Hearings held each year in each Highway District fulfill the state and federal requirements for public involvement regarding these programs.

DOTD has based this preliminary Highway Priority Program on anticipated revenues. If funding more than the expected amount is made available, it may be used on projects listed in Stages 0, 1, 2, or 3. Construction estimates are for informational purposes only and are subject to change.



"We promised to bring a new era of transparency and efficiency to state government, and that is exactly what we have delivered at DOTD. This Highway Priority Program is our commitment in action: a clear, accountable plan that turns taxpayer dollars into finished roads and bridges to build a stronger, more connected Louisiana."

- Governor Jeff Landry

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Letter From the Secretary



Dear Louisiana,

I am proud to share the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's plan for moving Louisiana forward through the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Highway Priority Program. This \$1.2 billion program is about more than just pavement and bridges: it is about strengthening our economy and making a critical investment in our communities. It also connects our highways with vital industries and our global system of ports and waterways that allow our farmers and industries to feed and fuel the world. Ultimately, this is our roadmap for a better, safer, more connected Louisiana.

This plan is a direct reflection of Governor Jeff Landry's commitment to transforming our agency into a more efficient and streamlined organization. Through his support and key legislation passed in 2025, we are well-positioned to make our actions more closely reflect our mission: to ensure the safety, security, and efficient operation of the state's transportation systems through proactive policies, community engagement, and collaboration.

Our commitment is not just a plan for the future; it is a promise we are delivering on today. Through our work, every corner of the state is seeing investments turn into tangible infrastructure improvements, resulting in a reliable system of well-maintained highways.

Significant progress is also being made on our vast network of bridges through efforts such as the Bridge Bundling Program, a collaborative effort with the newly established Office of Louisiana Highway Construction. Other bridge replacement efforts, like the recently completed work on five rural bridges in Winn Parish, are helping us provide our friends and neighbors throughout Louisiana with a safer, more reliable way to get to their homes, schools, and jobs.

These programs also allow us to make significant progress on major transportation projects in our metropolitan areas. In the Greater Baton Rouge region, we have taken a monumental step forward by advancing the Environmental Assessment for a new Mississippi River Bridge, a generational project that will fuel our state's economy for decades. Similarly, we continue to make great strides toward a new I-10 Calcasieu River bridge and widened corridor through Lake Charles. From the progress on the I-49 North Inner-City Connector in Shreveport to the improvements on the Claiborne Avenue Bridge in New Orleans, we are excited about the future of Louisiana.

Guided by our vision to move Louisiana forward, this Highway Priority Program is our pledge to you. We are building more than roads and bridges; we are building pathways for a better, safer, and more connected Louisiana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glenn Feldt Jr.".

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DOTD Transformation

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is undergoing a comprehensive transformation designed to enhance project delivery and restore public trust. This new chapter for the agency is built on three core pillars:

Landmark legislative reforms from the 2025 session that modernize our operations

The department-wide T4LA strategic plan and initiatives focused on transparency and efficiency

Strategic, high-impact investments through programs like the Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Fund

Together, these efforts are creating a more accountable and effective DOTD, poised to deliver critical infrastructure for Louisiana's future.

2025 Regular Legislative Session

The 2025 Regular Legislative Session marked a pivotal moment for transportation in Louisiana, ushering in a new era of efficiency, accountability, and accelerated project delivery for DOTD. Governor Landry and lawmakers championed a package of bills designed to modernize the department's structure and operations, maximizing taxpayer dollars to improve the state's network of roads and bridges. This comprehensive legislation provides DOTD with the necessary tools to enhance transparency and streamline the processes that take critical infrastructure projects from concept to completion.

This legislative success was the result of an effort to reform and empower DOTD to meet the evolving infrastructure needs of Louisiana. The passage of these key bills demonstrates a unified commitment not only to maintaining our transportation system but also to building a more resilient and economically competitive Louisiana for generations to come. The reforms enacted will lead to more effective project management, clearer communication with the public, and a more agile approach to addressing our state's most pressing transportation challenges.

- **HB 428:** This essential legislation formally recreates DOTD, extending its operational authority under Louisiana's sunset law. The passage of this bill was crucial for the continuation of all departmental functions and set the foundation for the other significant reforms of the session.
- **HB 528:** Focused on internal modernization, this bill reforms the organizational structure of DOTD to enhance efficiency and accountability. It establishes the Office of Transformation to drive improvements and an Office of Project Delivery to streamline the execution of projects. This restructuring is designed to foster a more performance-focused management approach and improve the department's overall operational effectiveness.
- **HB 556:** This legislation reforms various operational aspects of DOTD, with a primary focus on improving project transparency and overhauling administrative procedures. A key component of this bill is the establishment of more rigorous and transparent criteria for prioritizing projects, ensuring decisions are based on safety, economic development, and infrastructure efficiency. It also mandates the creation of an interactive online project monitoring system to keep the public better informed.
- **HB 640:** To fast track crucial infrastructure work, this bill establishes the Office of Louisiana Highway Construction. This new office is tasked with the specific responsibility of overseeing and delivering all aspects of nonfederal aid highway projects.





"The 2025 session was about a unified commitment to fixing our infrastructure, and I was proud to champion legislation that gives DOTD the modern structure and transparent processes it needs to succeed. We didn't just pass bills; we laid a new foundation for progress. It's incredibly rewarding to see the department already taking decisive steps to accomplish Governor Landry's vision and deliver the results the people of Louisiana deserve."

-Representative Ryan Bourriaque



Transforming Transportation with Transparency and Teamwork (T4LA)

T4LA is a comprehensive initiative launched by DOTD, born from an executive order by Governor Jeff Landry in April 2024. T4LA aims to fundamentally reshape how DOTD serves the citizens of Louisiana. The core mission of this initiative is to enhance the agency's internal and external operations, fostering greater transparency and accountability to drive economic growth and development throughout the state.

Under T4LA, several key initiatives are underway to improve the state's transportation infrastructure and the department's efficiency. These include optimizing program and project delivery through improved project prioritization and management.

The initiative also focuses on enhancing operations and maintenance by refining infrastructure assessments and resource allocation and leveraging new technology and tools such as a new Project Reporting System, an updated website with a Project Viewer, and a new Permit Portal to improve customer engagement and data accuracy. T4LA includes department-wide efforts to realign the organization for better efficiency, establish a robust data governance program, and conduct a comprehensive review of all policies and procedures.



Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Fund (LTIF)

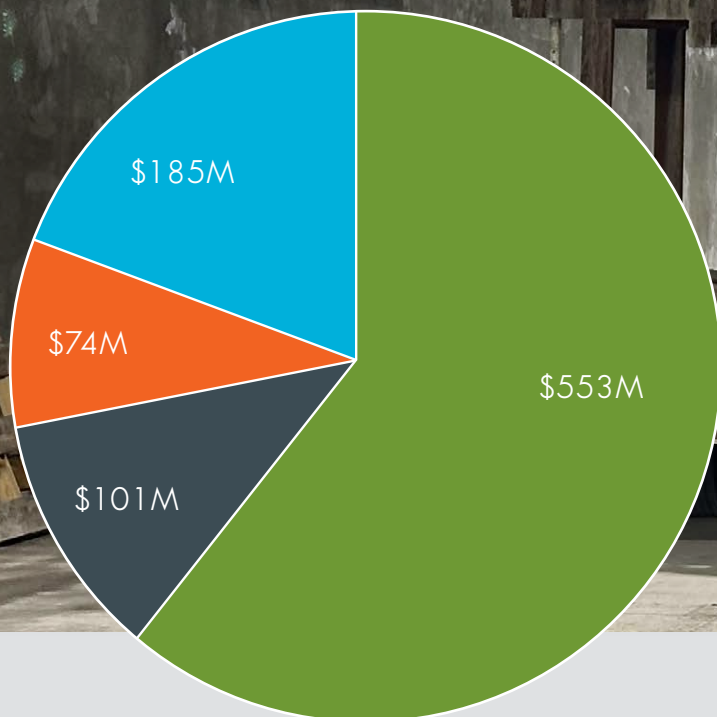
LTIF 1.0 = \$285M

LTIF 2.0 = \$249M

The Louisiana Transportation Infrastructure Fund program is a testament to the state's commitment to aggressively tackling its infrastructure challenges. Through two phases, LTIF 1.0 and 2.0 will set a powerful precedent by being successfully delivered in Fiscal Years 2024-25 and 2025-26. This remarkable program will be able to deliver more than \$500 million in critical projects under construction in two years, demonstrating an accelerated and effective model for improving Louisiana's transportation network. This success laid the essential groundwork for a continued, dedicated funding strategy to address the state's roadway needs.

Building on this momentum, LTIF 2.0 is now underway, receiving \$249 million specifically for roadway improvements in Fiscal Year 2026. This next phase will deliver 37 essential road projects statewide within a single year, directly enhancing safety and ride quality for citizens. DOTD is on schedule to obligate all funding efficiently, with projects being let throughout the year and a planned collaboration with the Office of Louisiana Highway Construction to ensure timely project delivery.

Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Construction Budget



\$913 Million

Investment in
Our Infrastructure



Preservation



Safety



Operations



Miscellaneous

FY 2026-2027 Budget Partition (Construction)

Category	Sub-Category	Proposed
Preservation	Non-Interstate (Pavement)(STP)	\$57 Million
	Non-Interstate (Pavement)(NHS)	\$98.5 Million
	Non-Interstate (Pavement)(Non-federal aid)	\$52.2 Million
	Road Preventive Maintenance	\$6.0 Million
	Interstate (Pavement)	\$43.6 Million
	Bridge (On System)	\$199.9 Million
	Bridge (Off System)	\$95.7 Million
	Sub-total	\$553.2 Million
Operations	ITS (regular & earmarks)	\$9.2 Million
	Traffic Control Devices	\$18.2 Million
	Roadway Flooding (Protect)	\$26.4 Million
	Weigh Stations	\$7.8 Million
	Transportation Systems Management	\$9.1 Million
	Interstate Lighting	\$3.6 Million
	Rest Areas	\$2.9 Million
	Access Management	\$9.4 Million
	Ferries/Major Repairs	\$5.5 Million
	Movable Bridge Preventive Maintenance	\$7.3 Million
	ADA Program	\$1.3 Million
	Sub-total	\$100.7 Million
Safety	HWY, Program	\$61.6 Million
	RR Crossing Upgrades & Separations	\$12.1 Million
	Sub-total	\$73.7 Million
Capacity	Regular Program	\$0.0 Million
	Megaprojects (BP Settlement, ARPA, STGEN, GARVEE, Federal)	\$0.0 Million
	Sub-total	\$0.0 Million
Miscellaneous	Transportation Alternatives Projects	\$15.0 Million
	Urban Systems, Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality, Local Road Safety Program, Safe Routes to Schools, Safe Routes to Public Places, Urban Transit, Demand Management, Carbon Reduction	\$103.4 Million
	Electric Vehicle*	\$16.1 Million
	Federal Earmarks (demo)	\$5.2 Million
	Other (Bonds, Tolls, Local)	\$13.9 Million
	Intermodal Connector	\$7.3 Million
	Road Transfer	\$24.0 Million
	Sub-total	\$184.9 Million
Grand Total		\$912.5 Million

*federally mandated program





Investing in Louisiana

Highway Priority Program

Louisiana's decisions on which roads to pave, which bridges to fix, or where to build new interchanges are guided by the Highway Priority Program (HPP). This program serves as the state's official, prioritized "to-do list" for transportation projects. It is a comprehensive plan created each year by DOTD that outlines which projects will be funded and scheduled for work, ensuring that the most critical needs of our roads and bridges are addressed in a fair and organized way.

Developed annually, this program details which projects are ready for construction in the upcoming year and which are still in the early stages of planning and design. It is the primary tool used to ensure taxpayer money is spent effectively on projects that provide the greatest benefit to the public.



"The Highway Priority Program is a major investment in Louisiana's future. By addressing infrastructure needs, we're creating a safer, more reliable transportation system that will connect our communities, support long-term economic growth, and improve the quality of life for all Louisianans."

- Senator Patrick Connick



HPP Project Status

Each year, the HPP outlines the future investments for Louisiana's highway infrastructure, grouping projects by how close they are to being constructed. This approach allows the public to follow a project's journey from a long-term goal to a construction-ready reality. Understanding these categories is key to seeing how DOTD prioritizes and delivers transportation improvements across Louisiana.

Scheduled for Letting

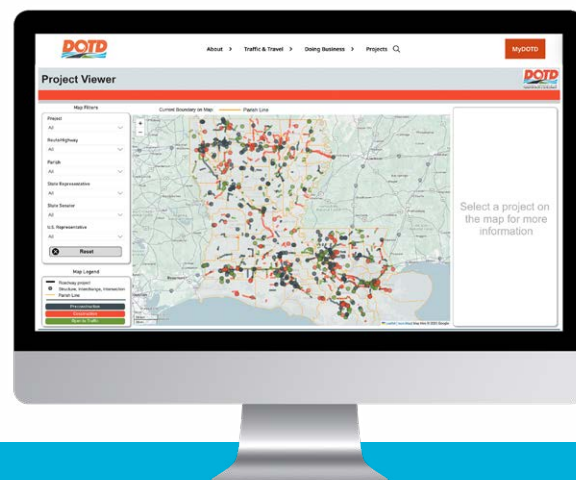
Projects in this category are scheduled to be designed, environmentally cleared, and ready for construction. The "letting" process is where DOTD advertises the work and awards a construction contract to a qualified company. Seeing this status means construction activity is expected to begin in the near future.

Projects in Development

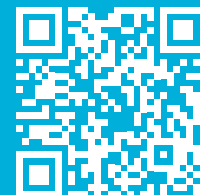
A project in this stage is actively in the planning, environmental review, or engineering design phase. DOTD's teams are drawing the blueprints, studying potential impacts, and preparing all necessary documents before it can be built. This is the critical behind-the-scenes work that turns an idea into a buildable project.

Waiting for Funding

These projects have been identified as important needs but do not have the dedicated money to move forward at this time.. They are effectively on hold until a specific source of state or federal funding can be allocated for their design and construction. DOTD continuously works to secure revenue to advance these necessary improvements.



Want to learn more about the current projects in your area? Check out the new Project Viewer on DOTD's website.



Goals and Objectives

Louisiana's highways serve many purposes: connecting families and communities, moving goods across the nation, supporting economic development and tourism, and ensuring safe evacuation during emergencies. Residents, business leaders, industry representatives, and local officials all bring unique perspectives to how these highways should function and grow. Recognizing these diverse needs, DOTD applies a structured, objective-based approach to selecting and implementing projects through the HPP.

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 48:229.1.(A), the program is guided by eight statutory objectives that align with DOTD's goals. These objectives focus on sustaining the system, operating it safely and efficiently, improving safety, expanding accessibility, supporting economic development, fostering multimodal travel, encouraging innovation, and protecting the environment. Together they provide a framework for prioritizing investments that strengthen communities and serve the state.

Goal 1: Preserve the System

- Brings the state highway system into a good state of repair and optimizes the usage and efficiency of existing transportation facilities.

Goal 2: Operate the System

- Supports resilience in the transportation system, including safe evacuation of populations when necessitated by catastrophic events such as hurricanes and floods.
- Encourages innovation and the use of technology.

Goal 3: Improve the Safety of the System

- Improves safety for motorized and non-motorized highway users and communities.

Goal 4: Expand the System

- Increases accessibility for people, goods, and services.
- Fosters diverse economic development and job growth, international and domestic commerce, and tourism.

Goal 5: Improve Quality of Life

- Fosters multi-modal commerce, promotes a variety of transportation and travel options, and encourages intermodal connectivity.
- Protects the environment, reduces emissions, and improves public health and quality of life.



Project Types



Preservation

Preservation projects address the repair and rehabilitation of existing roadways and bridges. Work includes pavement overlays, patching, and bridge maintenance to maintain the system in a state of good repair.



Operations

Operations projects focus on improving the efficiency and reliability of the transportation system. Typical activities include traffic signal upgrades, lighting, drainage repairs, and intelligent transportation system enhancements.



Safety

Safety projects are designed to reduce crashes and improve travel for all roadway users. Examples include intersection improvements, guardrail upgrades, pedestrian and bicycle accommodations, and installation of roundabouts.



Capacity

Capacity projects provide additional lanes or new roadway connections to improve traffic flow. These include roadway widening, new interchanges, and other improvements that expand system capacity and relieve congestion.



Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous projects cover items that do not fall into other categories. They may include smaller repair efforts, transfers of local roads, or other specialized work.







Progress & Plan

Fiscal Year

2026-2027

302
Projects

\$1.2 Billion
Infrastructure Investment

\$913 Million
Allocated for Construction

Preconstruction: \$220 Million
Contingency/Construction, Engineering,
& Inspection: \$70 Million

DOTD Investment in Action

By the numbers (From Fiscal Year 2024-2025)



305

Bridges repaired



400,000+

Potholes filled



500,000

Acres mowed



140,000

Acres treated
with herbicide



75,000

Cubic yards of
litter removed



19,000

Curb miles swept



300 miles
of ditches cleaned





District Overviews

District 02: Bridge City

District Overview



77

Interstate Miles



1,263

Bridges



978

Highway Miles

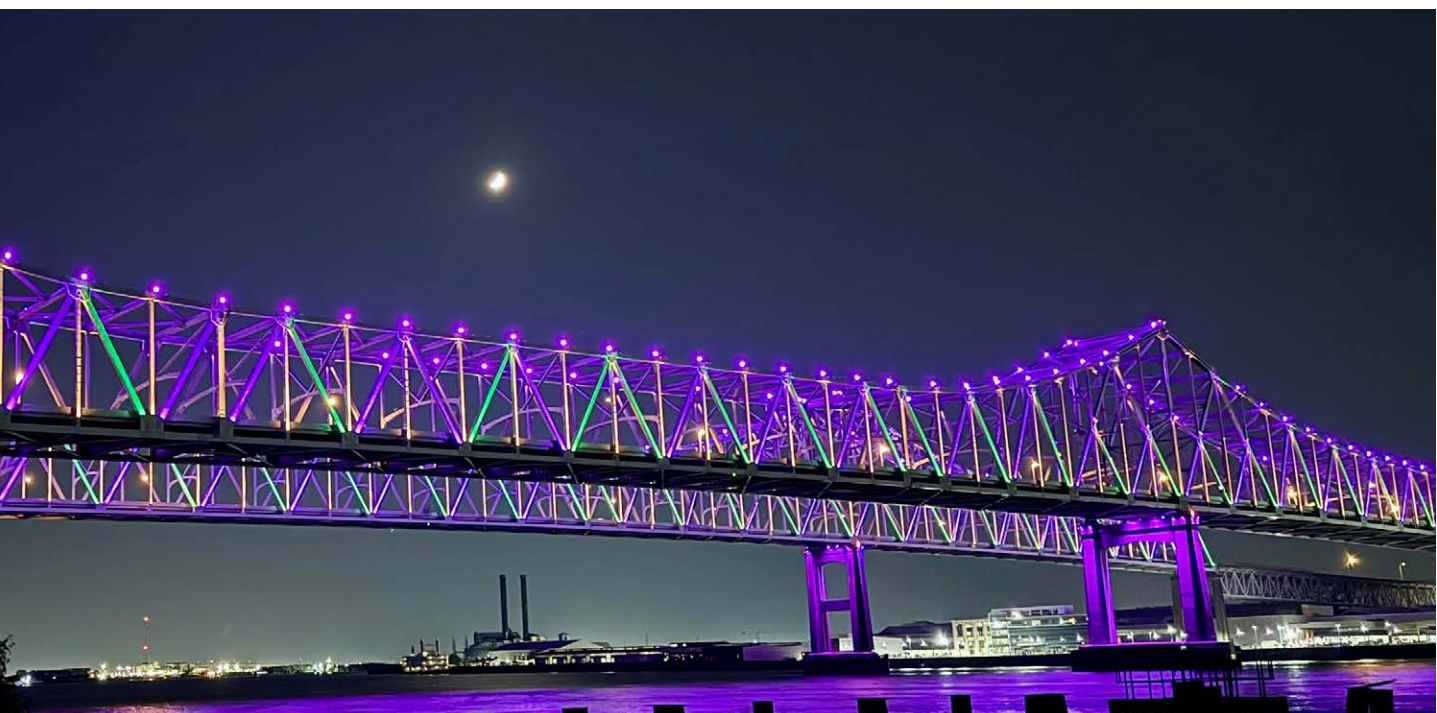
Jefferson
Lafourche
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard
St. Charles
Terrebonne



District Overview

The Bridge City District includes the greater New Orleans area, Louisiana's largest and most densely populated urban center, and a vital economic hub for the state and the nation. The region depends on a network of highways and bridges that serve its residents, major ports, and commercial centers. This network is centered around key corridors, including I-10, US 90, US 61, and LA 1's Gateway to the Gulf, which carry some of the highest traffic volumes in Louisiana and connect critical infrastructure. Two of the district's most notable bridges, the Crescent City Connection and the Huey P. Long Bridge, provide the two southernmost bridge crossings over the Mississippi River that connect communities and facilitate the flow of commerce.

DOTD has a long history of addressing the challenges this district has faced through major investments, including the complete reconstruction of the I-10 twin span following Hurricane Katrina and the lane expansion of the Huey P. Long Bridge and elevating LA 1 to provide a resilient connection to Port Fourchon and Grand Isle. Future work outlined in the Highway Priority Program will continue these investments, prioritizing projects that reduce congestion, improve roadway safety, and strengthen the transportation network against environmental threats.



The Crescent City Connection bridge lit up to celebrate Mardi Gras

District 02: Bridge City



Danziger Bridge over the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal

Danziger Bridge Rehabilitation (H.014283)

US 90: IHNC MB Rehab PH. 2 (Danziger)

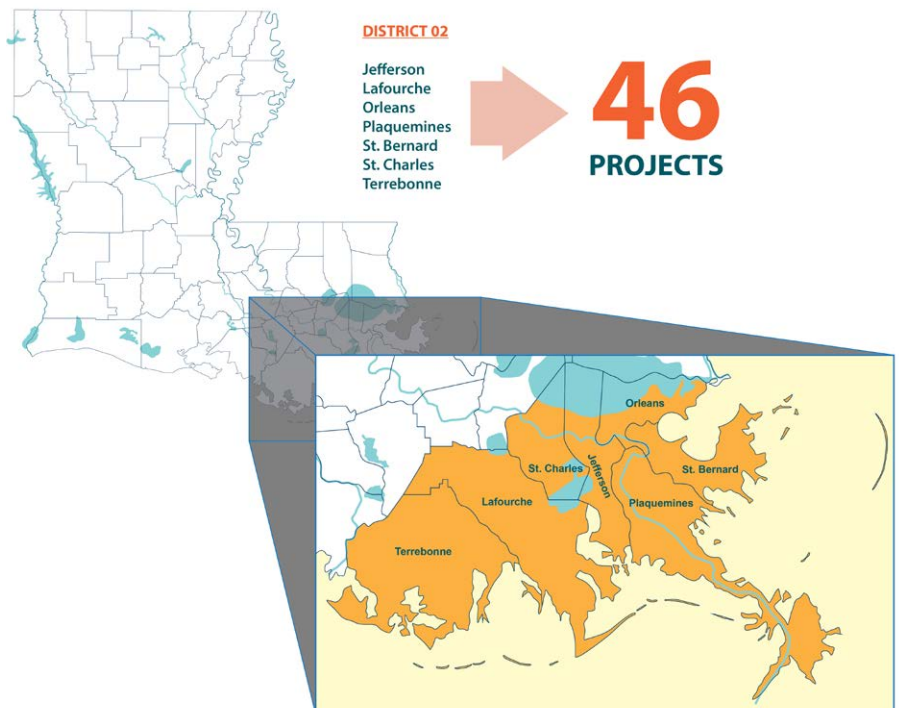
The US 90: Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Movable Bridge Rehab Phase 2, also known as the Danziger Bridge Rehabilitation, is a major investment by DOTD to extend the life of one of Louisiana's most significant waterway crossings. Located in Orleans Parish, the Danziger Bridge is the widest vertical lift bridge in the state and one of the widest in the world, carrying thousands of vehicles daily over the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal while also accommodating vital marine traffic through the waterway. To ensure the bridge remains safe and functional, DOTD will complete a comprehensive rehabilitation of its structural, mechanical, electrical, and architectural systems.

The project will completely replace aging mechanical and electrical components while modernizing the bridge's core operating systems. This work is critical to prevent failures that could disrupt both marine and vehicular traffic along this vital corridor. Improvements will also include upgraded pedestrian railings, traffic signals, pedestrian and traffic gates, and installation of a new CCTV camera system to enhance visibility and safety for operators, drivers, and marine traffic. These upgrades will improve reliability for an additional 30 to 40 years with regular maintenance.

This investment will benefit the thousands of drivers who rely on the US 90 corridor daily, the commercial vessels that depend on consistent marine access, and the general public through improved safety measures. While the construction timeline is still being determined, the project represents a significant step toward strengthening the region's infrastructure and ensuring a reliable, modern crossing that supports both commerce and community needs in New Orleans.



District 02 FY 26-27:



District 03: Lafayette

District Overview



107
Interstate Miles



1,733
Bridges



1,598
Highway Miles

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
St. Mary
Vermilion



District Overview

The Lafayette District is the heart of Louisiana's Acadiana region, a diverse area rooted in energy, agriculture, and an emerging medical and technology sector. The district's transportation network is centered around Lafayette, where two of the state's most critical corridors, I-10 and I-49, converge. This junction is a primary crossroad for both passenger and freight movement throughout Louisiana. The network is further supported by vital arteries such as the east-west US 90 corridor, which serves the district's southern industrial and coastal communities and is the focus of the long-term plan to complete I-49 between Lafayette and New Orleans.

The primary transportation challenge in the district is the traffic congestion in and around Lafayette, driven by regional growth and high commuter volumes that strain I-10 and other major local roadways. DOTD's main investments in the area are the multiyear project to widen and improve the I-10 corridor in the city and the continued construction of the I-49 South Connector. Future work outlined in the HPP will continue to address this congestion while also advancing the goal of upgrading the US 90 corridor to interstate guidelines.



District 03: Lafayette



Similar roundabout constructed by DOTD in Scott, Louisiana.

Landry Road Roundabout (H.013941)

LA 724: ROUNDABOUT AT LANDRY RD

DOTD will modify the existing four way stop controlled intersection of LA 724 and Landry Road in Lafayette Parish to a four-leg, single-lane roundabout.

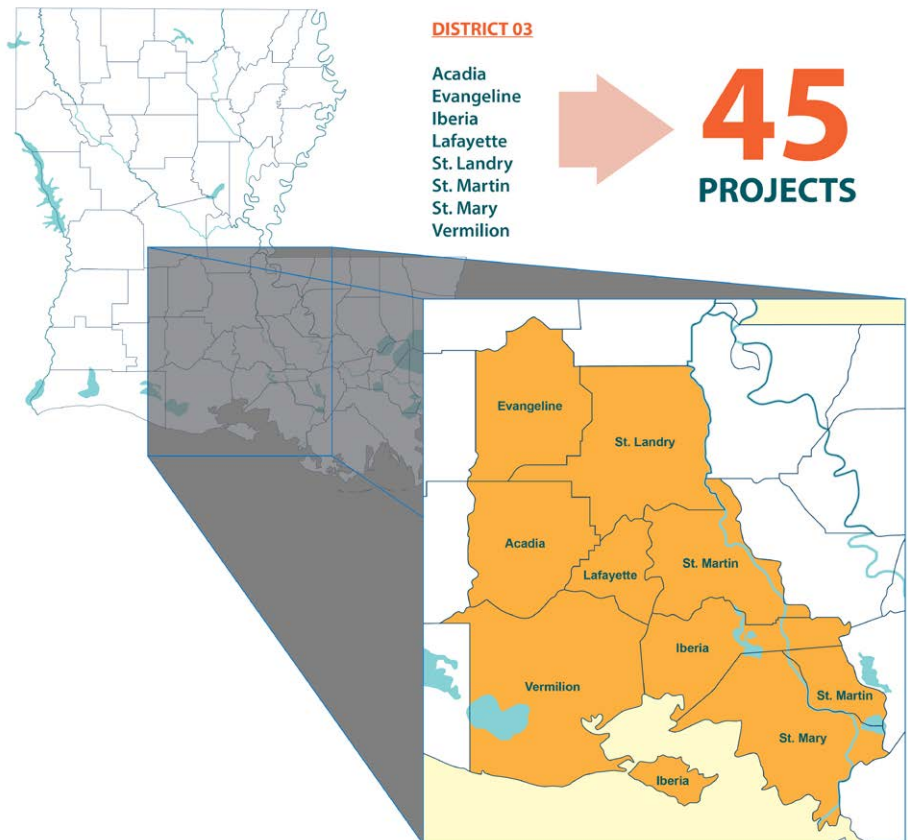
The goal of this project is to improve flow at an intersection already experiencing heavy congestion during peak traffic periods. With significant anticipated growth in traffic volumes at this location, the project is a necessary investment to optimize operational transportation efficiency.

Roundabouts allow free-flow traffic movement, providing numerous benefits to drivers, including fewer stops, fewer hard accelerations, and reductions in idling time. Additionally, roundabouts reduce the number of conflict points and operate at slower speeds, so when crashes do occur, severity is lessened.

Construction is estimated to begin mid-2027 with anticipated completion in mid-2028.



District 03 FY 26-27:



District 04: Bossier City

District Overview



174
Interstate Miles



1,737
Bridges



1,447
Highway Miles

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Red River
Webster



District Overview

The Bossier City District serves Shreveport and Bossier City, Louisiana's third and eighth-most populous cities, respectively. This northwest corner of the state supports a diverse economy of both urban and rural sectors, including manufacturing, oil and gas, healthcare, agriculture, and forestry.

The district's business environment is supported by a robust transportation network that includes two major interstates: I-20, north Louisiana's east-west corridor, and I-49, which connects the region to I-10 in Lafayette and stretches north into Arkansas. The district also includes US 71, multiple rail lines, and the Jimmie Davis Bridge (LA 511), which spans the Red River between Caddo and Bossier parishes. DOTD is currently replacing the bridge with a wider, four-lane bridge north of the existing structure to improve access and flow. Along with the bridge replacement, DOTD is focusing on extensive reconstruction and repair work on I-20.



District 04: Bossier City



Current state of bridges near Shongaloo

Bridge Replacements near Shongaloo (H.014228)

LA 159: BRIDGES NEAR SHONGALOO

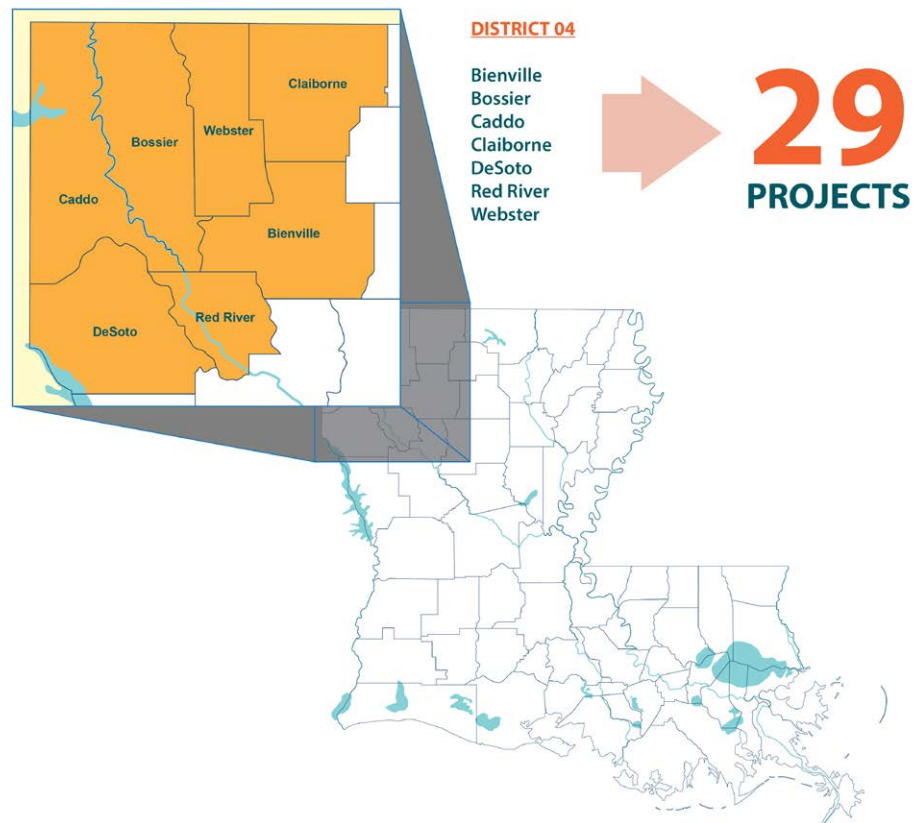
DOTD's LA 159: Bridges Near Shongaloo project, located between the Arkansas border and LA 157, will replace four aging slab span bridges in poor condition and posted for limited loads. These crossings over Leonard Branch, Indian Creek, Cypress Bayou Relief, and Cypress Creek serve as important connections for residents and commerce, but their current state restricts travel and daily use.

The project will replace three of the structures with new slab span bridges and one with a box culvert. Each new crossing will include two 11-foot lanes with 5-foot shoulders, improving safety and access for all vehicles. Construction will take place one site at a time, requiring temporary road closures and detours, but access to all residences will be maintained during construction.

The work is expected to take an average of six months per structure for a total construction period of about two years. Once complete, the project will remove posted load restrictions, provide safer and more reliable crossings, and deliver long-term benefits for the Webster Parish communities that depend on LA 159.



District 04 FY 26-27:



District 05: Monroe

District Overview



118
Interstate Miles



1,371
Bridges



1,239
Highway Miles

East Carroll
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Union
West Carroll



District Overview

District 05 is anchored in Monroe and includes the parishes of northeastern Louisiana. The district's rural economy is supported by healthcare, education, agriculture, construction, and transportation.

As a major transportation hub for northeastern Louisiana, the district benefits from its location at the junction of I-20, US 165, and US 80, along with bridges crossing the Mississippi River, Ouachita River, and smaller bayous throughout the district. Future work outlined in the HPP includes continuing construction on overlay and rehabilitation work on the Mississippi River Bridge at Vicksburg, as well as multiple maintenance projects on state routes that cross parishes throughout the district and into neighboring districts.



District 05: Monroe



Current Bayou Maçon Bridge operating with a single lane

Bayou Maçon Bridge (H.015909)

US 80: BAYOU MAÇON BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

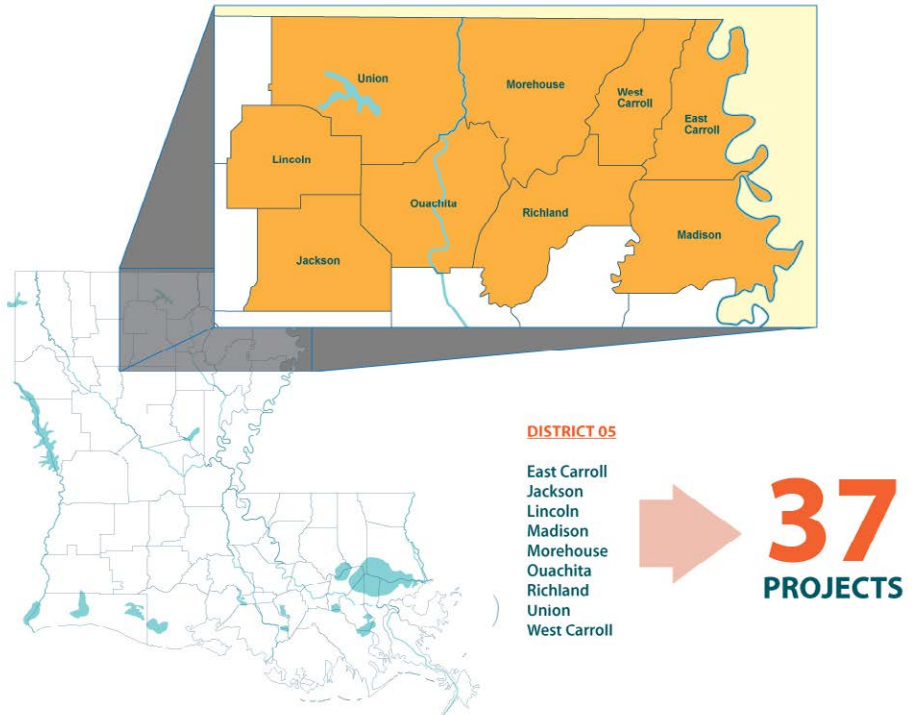
DOTD's US 80 Bayou Maçon Bridge Replacement Project will address a structurally deficient bridge in East Carroll Parish. The existing crossing has been reduced to a single lane and is controlled by a temporary signal, creating delays for the traveling public. With an estimated construction cost of \$8.5 million, the project will deliver a new, modern structure that restores full capacity to this important corridor.

US 80 serves as a key detour route for I-20 and provides vital access for emergency services, commuter traffic, and freight movement across the region. Replacing the bridge will allow the corridor to remain a reliable alternative in the event of an I-20 closure and will improve safety and efficiency for daily travelers. The new structure will be built to current design guidelines, supporting long-term mobility and connectivity for the surrounding communities.

The project is scheduled to be let in September 2026. Once complete, the new bridge will remove existing restrictions, provide a safer and more dependable crossing and strengthen the resilience of the region's highway network.



District 05 FY 26-27:



District 07: Lake Charles District Overview



80

Interstate Miles



1,171

Bridges



923

Highway Miles

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis



District Overview

District 07, centered in Lake Charles, consists of five parishes throughout Southwest Louisiana. The economy is fueled by a mix of traditional sectors, including manufacturing, agriculture, and forestry, and the emerging industry of liquefied natural gas. Major recent investments in this sector highlight the area's entry into the global energy market. The district is home to the Calcasieu Ship Channel, a critical conduit for the Port of Lake Charles, with access to the Gulf of America that connects to the nation's energy network.

The interstate system in the district consists of I-10, a vital east-west corridor, and I-210, a loop serving the Lake Charles area. Major highways include US 90, LA 1143, LA 14, and LA 82, a coastal highway with ongoing improvement projects.

DOTD manages the ferry system that connects the east and west sides of Cameron Parish. As of late 2025, DOTD projects in progress or planned for District 07 include the expansion and reconstruction of major highways such as I-10, the Calcasieu River Bridge on I-10, and multiple road improvement and preservation projects.



District 07: Lake Charles



Interstate guardrail improvements, similar to those to be completed on I-210

Lake Charles Corridor Improvements (H.016576)

I-210: COVE LANE TO RYAN STREET

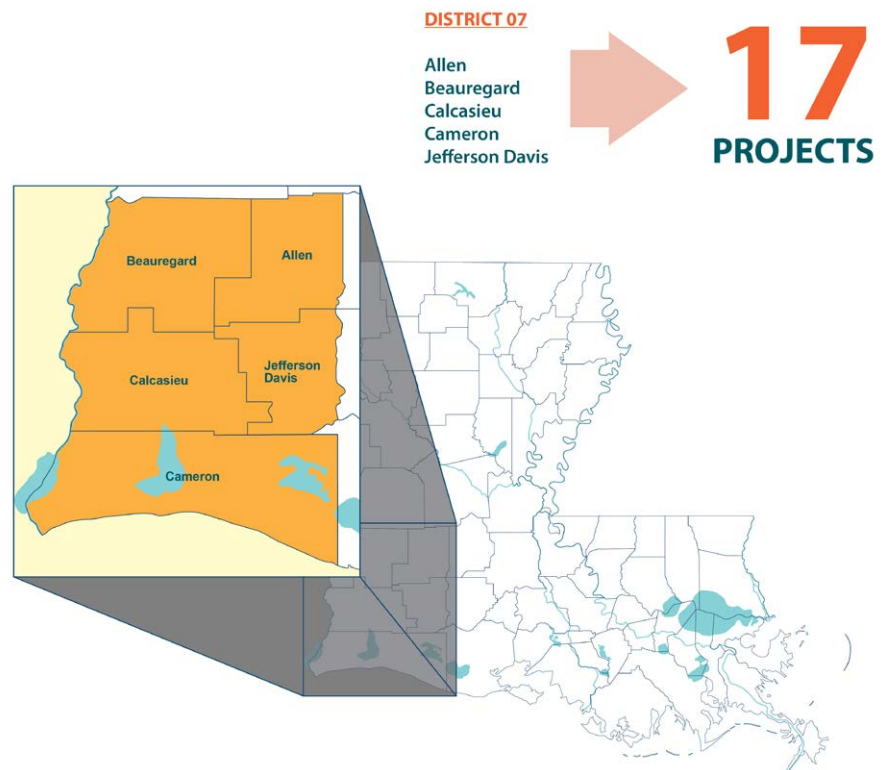
The I-210: Cove Lane to Ryan Street project is a \$5 million investment by DOTD to build on a prior project that upgraded an adjacent section of I-210. Both address needs across a critical corridor in Lake Charles. This project will install median cable barriers, apply an open-graded friction course overlay in both directions, and replace outdated guardrails throughout the project limits.

Bringing roadside hardware up to current guidelines is expected to reduce the risk of cross-median crashes. Preserving pavement through a new friction surface overlay will serve a dual function of improving vehicle control in wet conditions through skid resistance and providing a smoother ride for motorists.

Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2027 with completion in winter 2027. Funded with \$3 million in preservation funds and \$2 million in safety funds, the project represents a continuation of DOTD's efforts to improve I-210 and deliver long-term benefits for drivers in Lake Charles and surrounding communities.



District 07 FY 26-27:



District 08: Alexandria

District Overview



113
Interstate Miles



1,752
Bridges



1,683
Highway Miles

Avoyelles
Grant
Natchitoches
Rapides
Sabine
Vernon
Winn



District Overview

The Alexandria District includes seven parishes and is central to Louisiana's geography and economy, with the Alexandria-Pineville metro area acting as the district hub. The district is easily accessible via I-49, which connects central Louisiana to I-20 to the north and I-10 to the south. Other major corridors include US 165 and US 71, which converge at Alexandria's south traffic circle, and LA 28, which provides important military access to Alexandria International Airport from the U.S. Army's Fort Polk. These routes serve urban, suburban, and rural communities and support a wide range of people and industries.

The district faces challenges in managing traffic in the Alexandria-Pineville metro area, maintaining bridges, and preserving highways through forested and rural terrain. DOTD priorities include freeway and expressway maintenance, bridge repairs, traffic safety improvements, and interchange upgrades designed to improve mobility and reduce congestion in urban zones.



District 08: Alexandria



Bridge replacement being constructed by DOTD

Winn Parish Bridge Replacements (H.001711)

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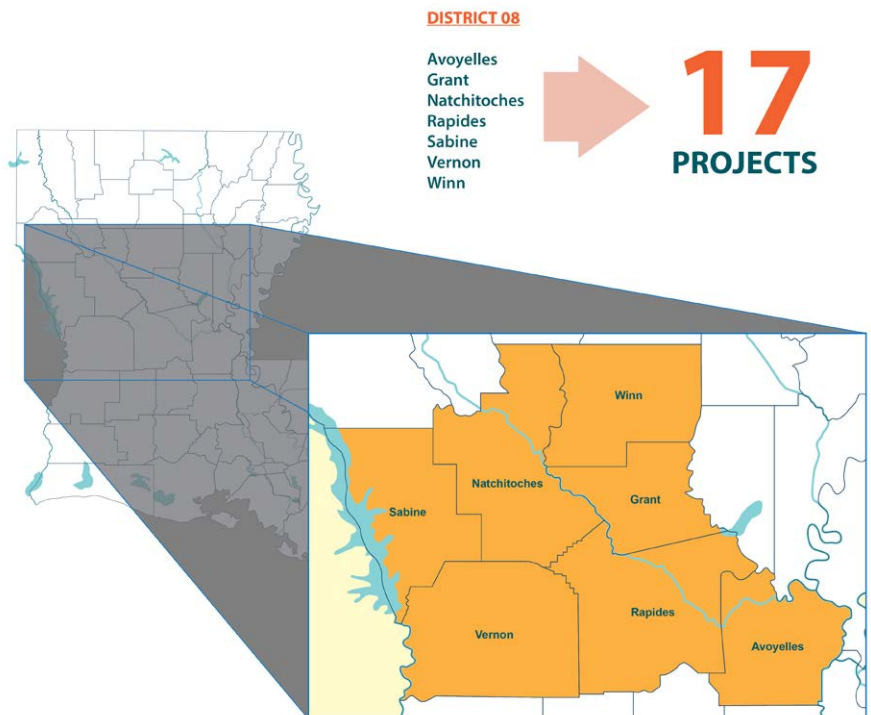
The LA 126 Bridge Replacement Project is a key investment by DOTD to strengthen safety and reliable access for residents of Winn Parish. Three aging bridges along Saline Bayou are in serious to poor condition and no longer meet modern guidelines. At one of the sites, the original bridge has already been removed and a temporary structure is in place, creating an urgent need to replace these crossings with permanent improvements.

Two of the bridges will be replaced on their existing alignments, while the third will be built on a new alignment to provide a safer and more stable design. Each new structure will provide improved access for everyday drivers, school buses, freight movement, and emergency services that rely on this route. The project will remove the risks tied to deteriorating bridges and create dependable crossings that better serve the community.

Construction is expected to take about 18 months. Once complete, the project will deliver long-term benefits by ensuring Winn Parish has safe, modern bridges that support residents, local commerce, and reliable transportation.



District 08 FY 26-27:



District 58: Chase

District Overview



609
Bridges



721
Highway Miles

Caldwell
Catahoula
Concordia
Franklin
LaSalle
Tensas



District Overview

The Chase District comprises seven rural parishes in east-central Louisiana along the Mississippi River. It serves as a largely rural corridor where transportation routes carry a mix of agricultural goods, local freight, and long-distance travel. Key highways include LA 15, US 65, and US 425, which provide north-south access through multiple parishes.

The district's primary challenges are maintaining roadway conditions in remote areas, ensuring reliable connectivity across rivers and waterways, and supporting agricultural and freight traffic. DOTD's focus in the district is preserving existing routes, improving safety, replacing critical bridges, and maintaining connectivity, especially during extreme weather events.



District 58: Chase



Tensas River Bridge at Clayton. (Photo Credit: Louisiana Trust for Historic Preservation)

Tensas River Bridge Improvements (H.012736)

US 425: TENSAS RIVER BRIDGE AT CLAYTON

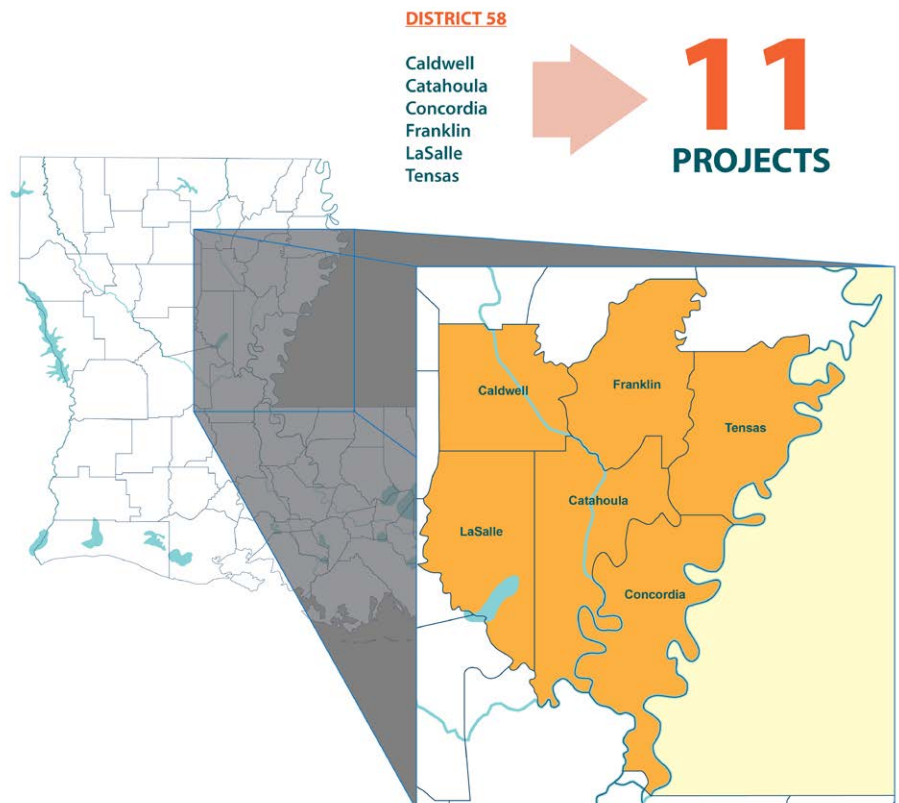
US 425 is a designated truck route that plays a vital role in regional commerce within and beyond Concordia and Catahoula parishes. Built in 1971, the US 425 Tensas River Bridge consists of a 578-foot steel tower vertical lift that has been classified in poor condition, with deficiencies in the deck, superstructure, and bearings. Additionally, its narrow roadway width of 30 feet and vertical clearance of 17 feet fall below DOTD's minimum design guidelines, creating limitations for drivers and heavy trucks along this key route.

This project will replace the structure with a new prestressed concrete bridge built on the existing alignment, minimizing impacts to nearby businesses, residences, and recreation areas. The new bridge will provide 40 feet of clear roadway width and 20 feet of vertical clearance, meeting current design guidelines and improving safety for all vehicles.

Construction is estimated at \$12 million and is expected to be completed by June 2029. Once complete, the project will deliver a safer, modern crossing that supports freight movement and provides reliable access for residents and businesses in Concordia and Catahoula parishes.



District 58 FY 26-27:



District 61: Baton Rouge District Overview



88

Interstate Miles



1,322

Bridges



1,256

Highway Miles

Ascension
Assumption
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
St. James
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana



District Overview

The Baton Rouge District includes eight parishes and supports Louisiana's capital region, hosting major economic sectors including energy, government, and higher education. I-10 and I-12 connect the region to the greater New Orleans area and the Northshore. I-110 provides critical access from north Baton Rouge, including the Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport. US 61 and US 190, as well as state routes like LA 30 and LA 42, connect suburban, rural, and industrial areas throughout the district and beyond.

Key transportation challenges include congestion and aging infrastructure in the urban core, particularly on I-10 and major crossings of the Mississippi River. DOTD is widening I-10, reconstructing critical interchanges, preserving river crossings, repairing bridges, and overlaying highways. Future projects focus on expanding capacity, improving roadway safety, and strengthening resilience for events such as hurricanes and flooding.



District 61: Baton Rouge



US 190 in Pointe Coupee Parish

US 190 Improvements (H.013192)

US 190: LA 976 – EAST ATCHAFALAYA RIVER BRIDGE

US 190 is a major artery for the Baton Rouge area, serving as a crucial east-west corridor connecting the city to West Baton Rouge across the Mississippi River via the Huey P. Long Bridge. The highway also provides access through some of the most remote and natural parts of the state, including the Atchafalaya Basin and the Morganza Spillway, serving as a key evacuation route during tropical weather events and an alternative to I-10 to Acadiana with direct access to I-49.

This improvement project aims to address deteriorating road conditions, safety concerns, and infrastructure wear along this critical roadway. Planned improvements involve overlay, patching, and shoulder rehabilitation at an estimated cost of \$10 million. Guardrail replacements may also be included as part of the project.

The work is expected to begin in March 2027 with anticipated completion in the second quarter of 2028.

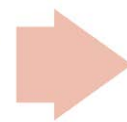


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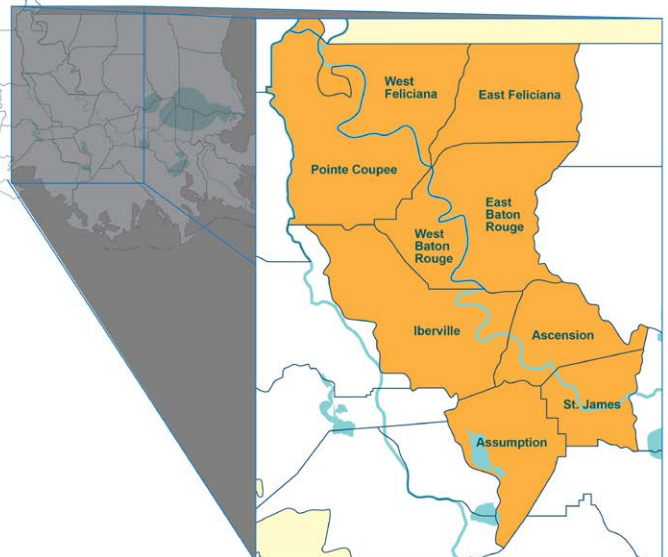


DISTRICT 61

Ascension
Assumption
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
St. James
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana



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PROJECTS



District 62: Hammond

District Overview



188
Interstate Miles



1,566
Bridges



1,269
Highway Miles

Livingston
St. Helena
St. John the Baptist
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington



District Overview

The Hammond District's transportation network is anchored by I-12, which provides an east-west route between Baton Rouge and Slidell, and I-55, which connects north to Mississippi and south to New Orleans. The network is further supported by I-59, US 190, and state highways that serve rural communities and growing suburban areas.

The key transportation challenge in the district is congestion on I-12, where heavy commuter and freight traffic meet. Bottlenecks also occur at the I-12 and I-55 interchange. DOTD's investments in the area include multiyear widening projects on I-12, bridge preservation, and roadway rehabilitation. Future work outlined in the HPP will continue to expand capacity, improve safety, and support reliable routes throughout the Northshore.



District 62: Hammond



Previous phases of construction on LA 3241 near I-12.

Tammany to Washington Corridor Improvements (H.004957)

LA 3241: I-12/LA 434 INTERCHANGE TO LA 36

DOTD is advancing the LA 3241 Segment 1 Project, a \$101 million effort continuing on the progress of Segments 2 and 3 to deliver a safer and more reliable connection between St. Tammany and Washington parishes. The project will construct a new four-lane divided highway from I-12 to LA 36 on a new alignment near Lacombe. The new route is designed to provide an alternative north-south connection, easing congestion on existing highways, while offering drivers a safer and more efficient path from I-12 to LA 36.

The project includes the construction of five roundabouts to improve traffic flow, along with the widening and replacement of the LA 434 overpass at I-12 and improvements to the westbound entrance ramp. Additional features include new bridges, upgraded drainage systems, and energy-efficient lighting at intersections and ramps. By modernizing infrastructure and creating new connections, the project will reduce delays, lower the risk of accidents on overburdened routes, and support economic development opportunities in northern St. Tammany and Washington parishes.

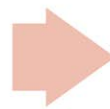
Construction is anticipated to take about four years, similar to Segments 2 and 3, which are now substantially complete. With clearing and grubbing work expected to wrap up this fall and utility relocations soon to begin, Segment 1 will continue the progress already made on the new LA 3241 corridor, providing long-term benefits for residents, businesses, and commuters throughout the region.



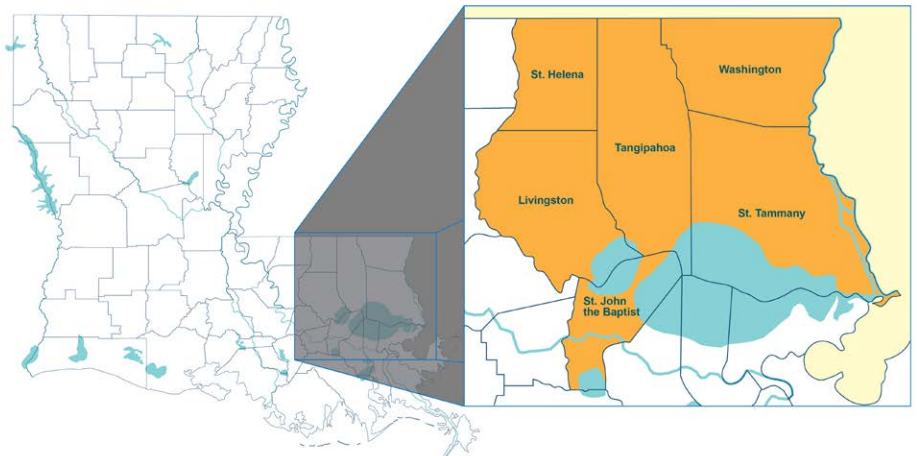
District 62 FY 26-27:

DISTRICT 62

Livingston
St. Helena
St. John the Baptist
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington



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PROJECTS



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