Open House Public Meeting for

LA 3211@ Yokley Road Roundabout

State Project No. H.015587

Federal Aid Project No. H015587

Franklin Branch Library
206 Iberia St. Franklin, LA 70538

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Meeting Agenda

- In addition to this presentation, the following stations are available:
- A Sign-in and Handout Station
- An Exhibit Station to review layouts of the proposed roundabout and ask questions to project staff
- A Right-of-Way Station to discuss property acquisition with LADOTD Real Estate Section personnel
- A Comment Station for giving written and/or verbal comments (Written comments postmarked by January 3rd will be included in the transcript)
- **Project team members are available to assist you and receive your comments.**

Objective of Public Meeting

- Provide information about the proposed project area
- Solicit comments about the project from the public and other interested parties

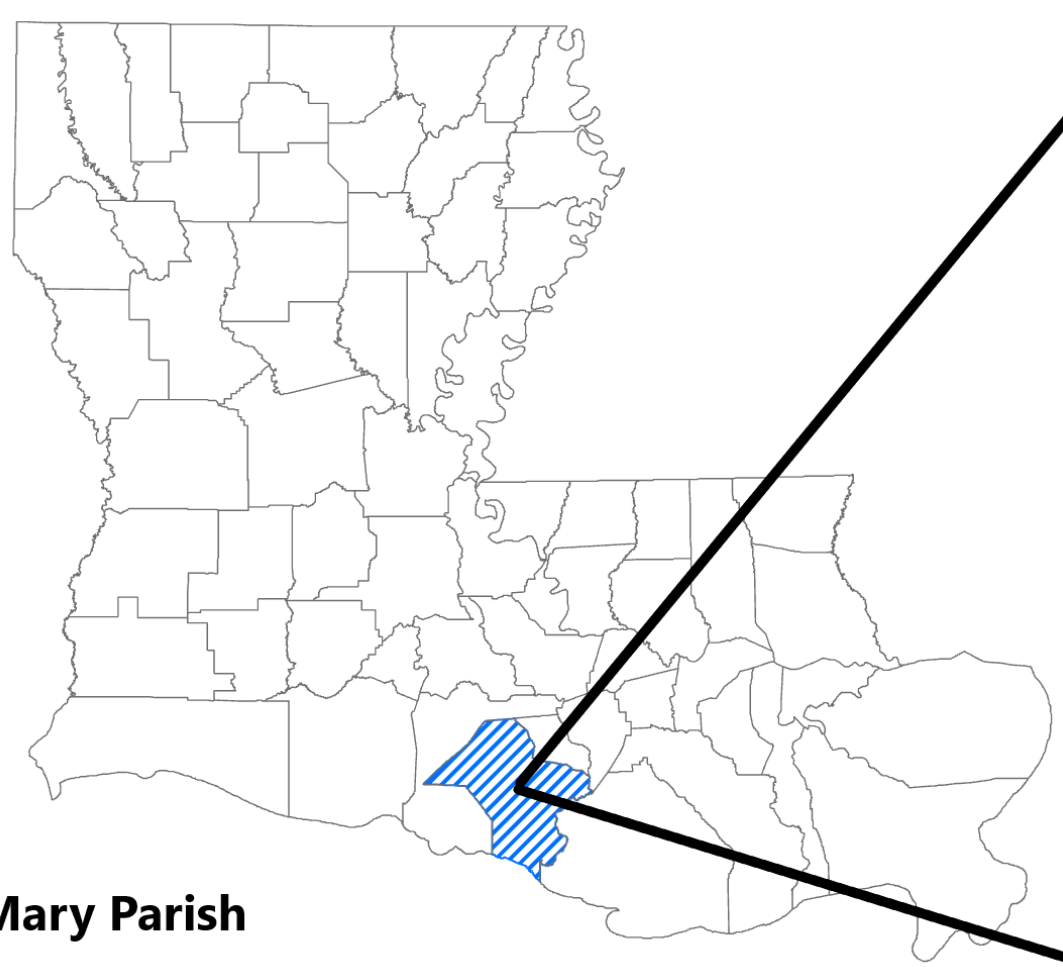
Project Description

- DOTD and FHWA propose the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of LA 3211 and Yokley Road in the Franklin in St. Mary Parish, LA.
- Additional required right-of-way is anticipated
- The roundabout will replace the existing 4 way caution signaled intersection with roundabout

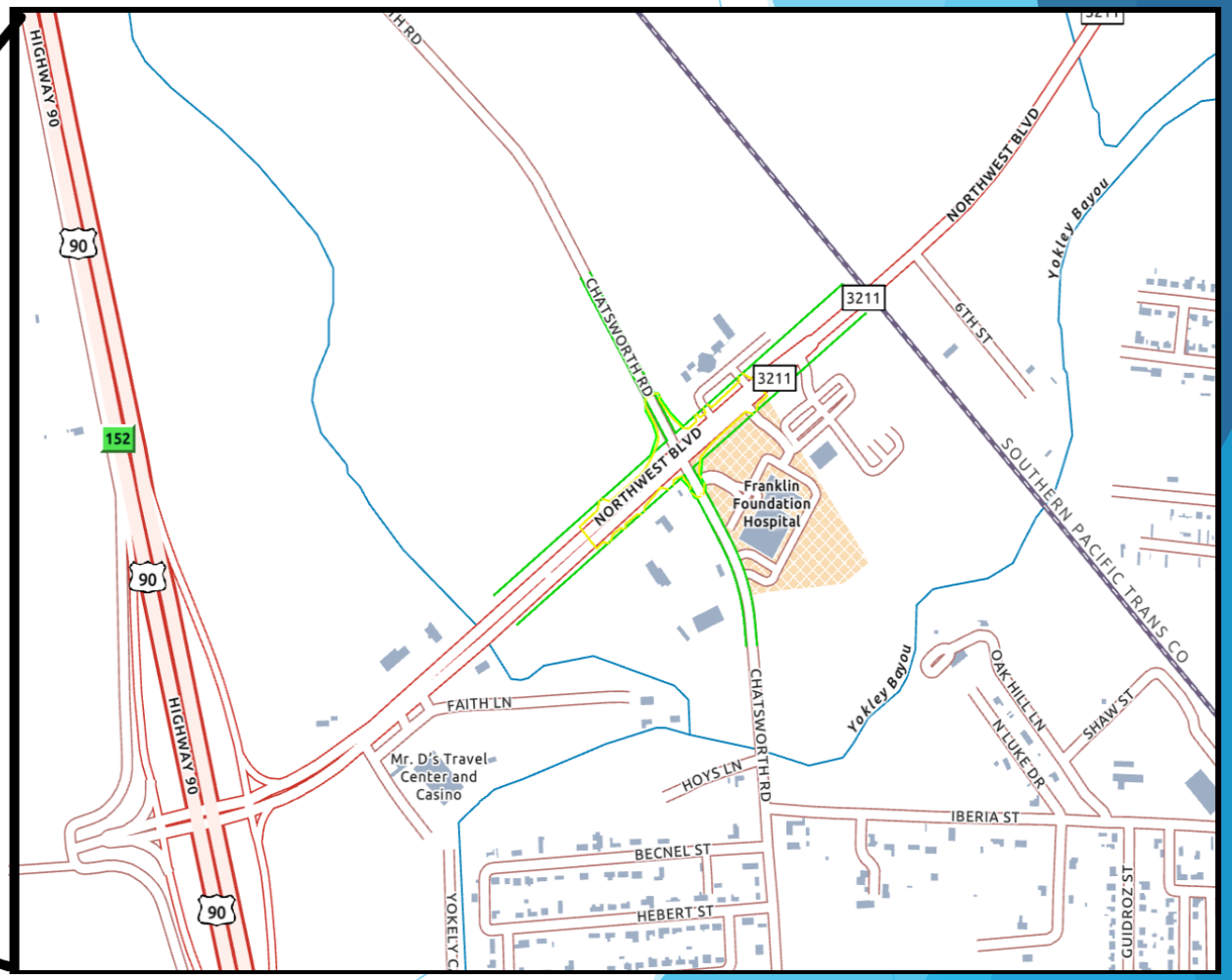
Project Purpose and Need

- The purpose and need of the project is to improve traffic flow, reduce congestion, and enhance safety at the intersection of LA 3211 (Northwest Blvd) and Yokley Road.

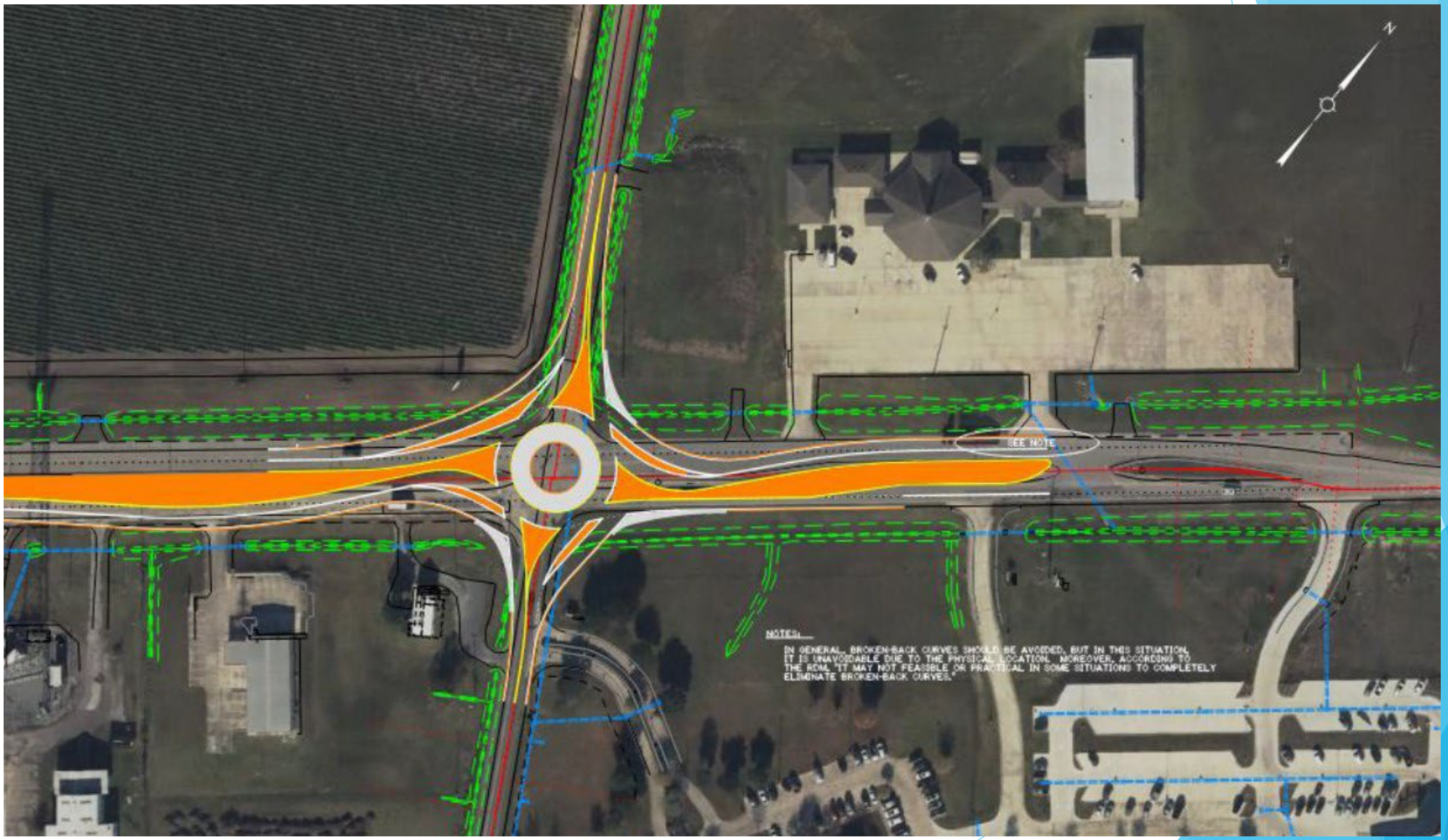
Project Location



St. Mary Parish

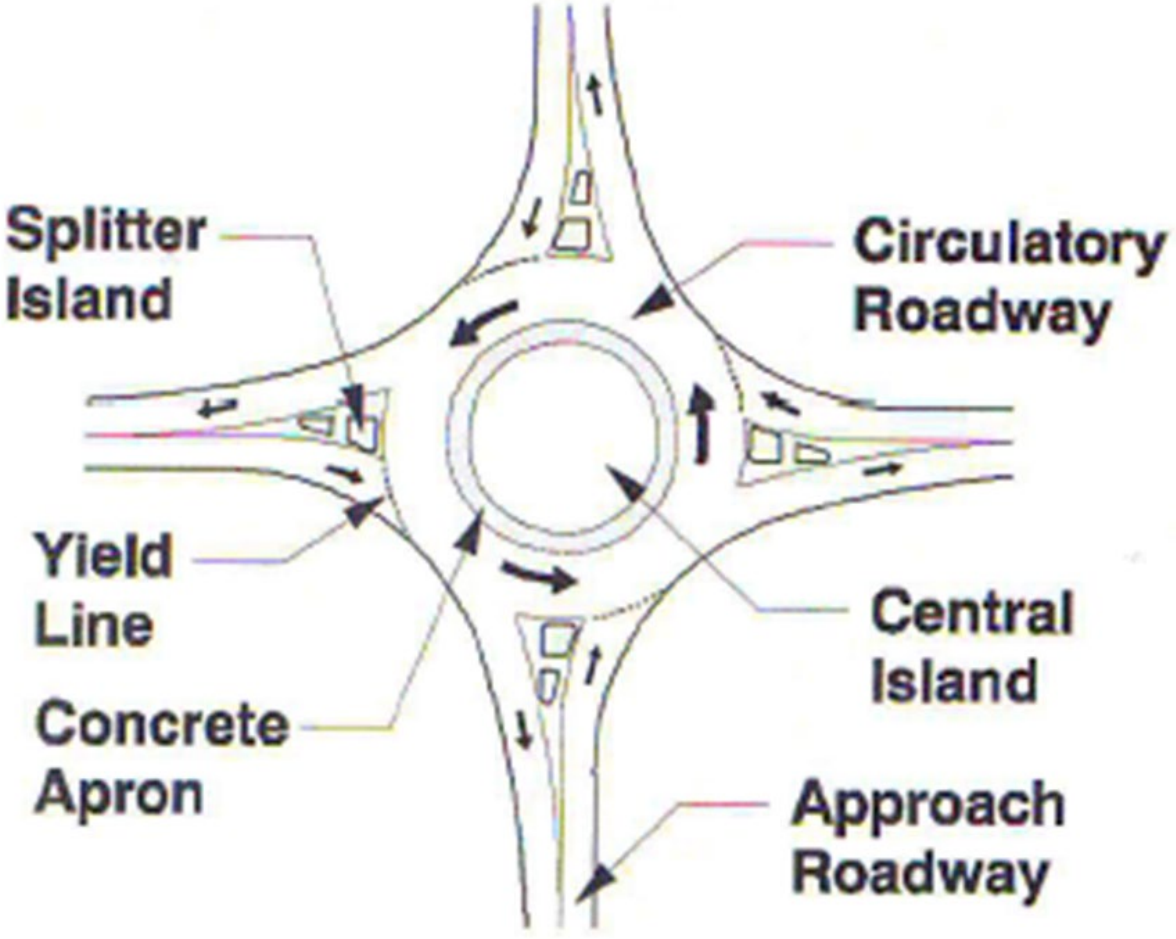


Proposed Project



What is a Roundabout?

- Roundabouts are one-way, circular intersections designed to improve safety and efficiency for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians.
- In a roundabout, traffic flows through a center island counterclockwise.
- A roundabout redirects some of the conflicting traffic, such as left turns, which cause crashes at traditional intersections. This is because drivers enter and exit the roundabout through a series of right-hand turns.



What are the advantages of Roundabouts?

- A well-designed roundabout can improve safety, operations, and aesthetics of an intersection.
- Greater safety is achieved primarily by slower speeds and the elimination of more severe crashes. Operation is improved by smooth-flowing traffic with less stop-and-go than a signalized intersection. Aesthetics are enhanced by the opportunity for more landscaping and less pavement.

What do statistics from FHWA say about Roundabouts?

Roundabouts save money

- Reduce electricity and maintenance costs
- Eliminate the costs to install and repair signal equipment
- Provide a 25-year service life when compared to the ten-year service life of signal equipment.

What do statistics from FHWA say about Roundabouts?

Roundabouts provide environmental benefits

- Reduce vehicle delay and the number and duration of stops compared with signalized intersections, thus decreasing fuel consumption and carbon emissions. Fewer stops and hard accelerations mean less time idling.

What do statistics from FHWA say about Roundabouts?

Roundabouts save lives

- Reduce fatalities by up to 90%
- Reduce injury crashes by up to 76%
- Reduce pedestrian crashes by up to 30% to 40%
- Create up to 75% fewer conflict points than a four-way intersection. Conflict points are any point where the paths of two through or turning vehicles diverge, merge, or cross.

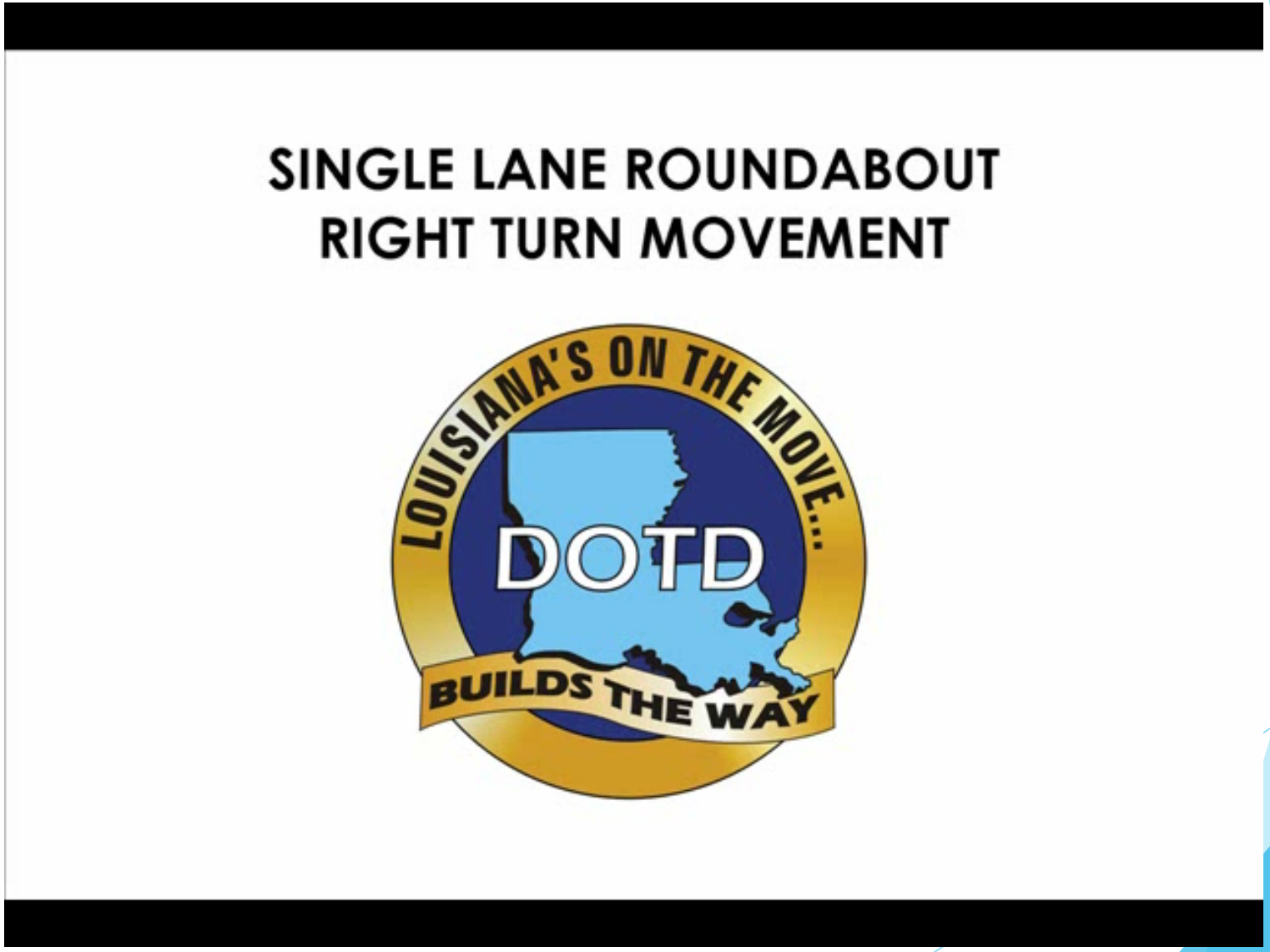
What are the general principles of using a Roundabout?

- Think of roundabouts as a series of “T” intersections, where entering vehicles yield to one-way traffic coming from the left.
- A driver approaching a roundabout must slow down, stop or yield to traffic already in the roundabout, and yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk.
- Then, it’s a simple matter of making a right-hand turn onto a one-way street.
- Once in the roundabout, the driver proceeds around the central island, then takes the necessary right-hand turn to exit.

What are the general principles of using a Roundabout?

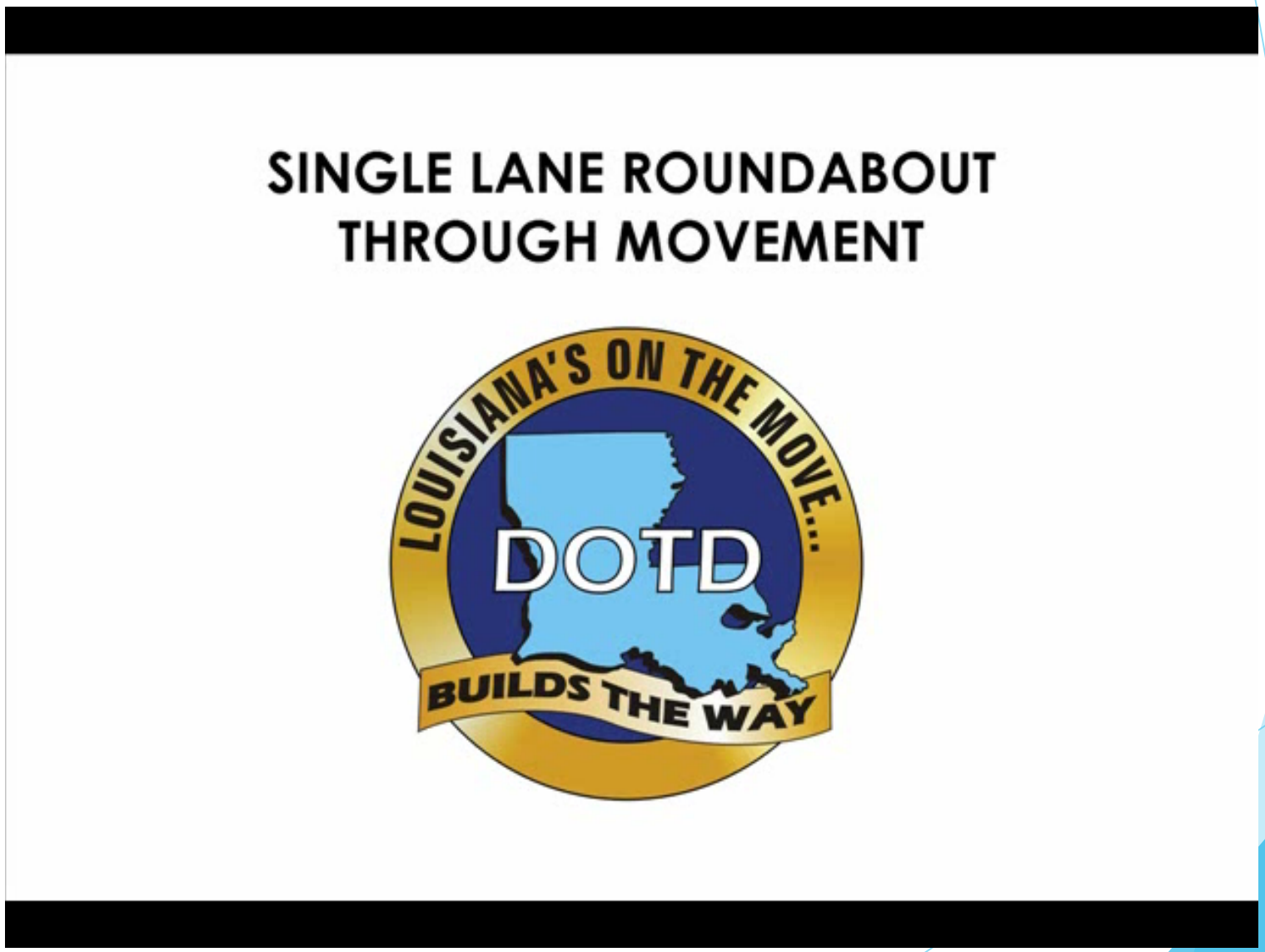
The following slides will play videos that demonstrate the general principles of navigating a roundabout

Making A Right Turn



Making A Left Turn

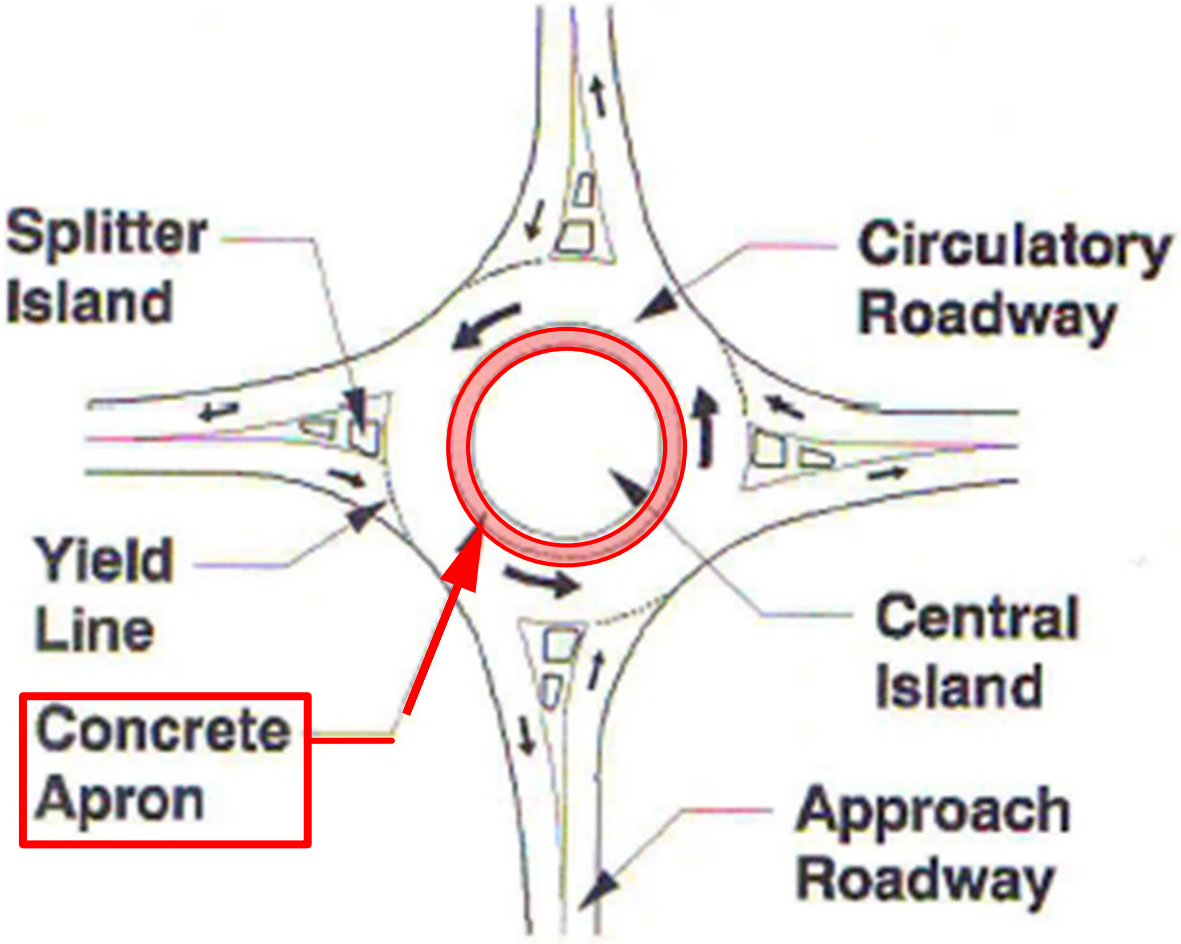
Driving Through A Roundabout



Can Roundabouts accommodate larger vehicles?

Yes!

- Roundabouts are designed to accommodate vehicles with a large turning radius such as buses, fire trucks, and eighteen wheelers.
- Roundabouts provide an area between the circulatory roadway and the central island, known as a truck apron, over which the rear wheels of these vehicles can safely track.

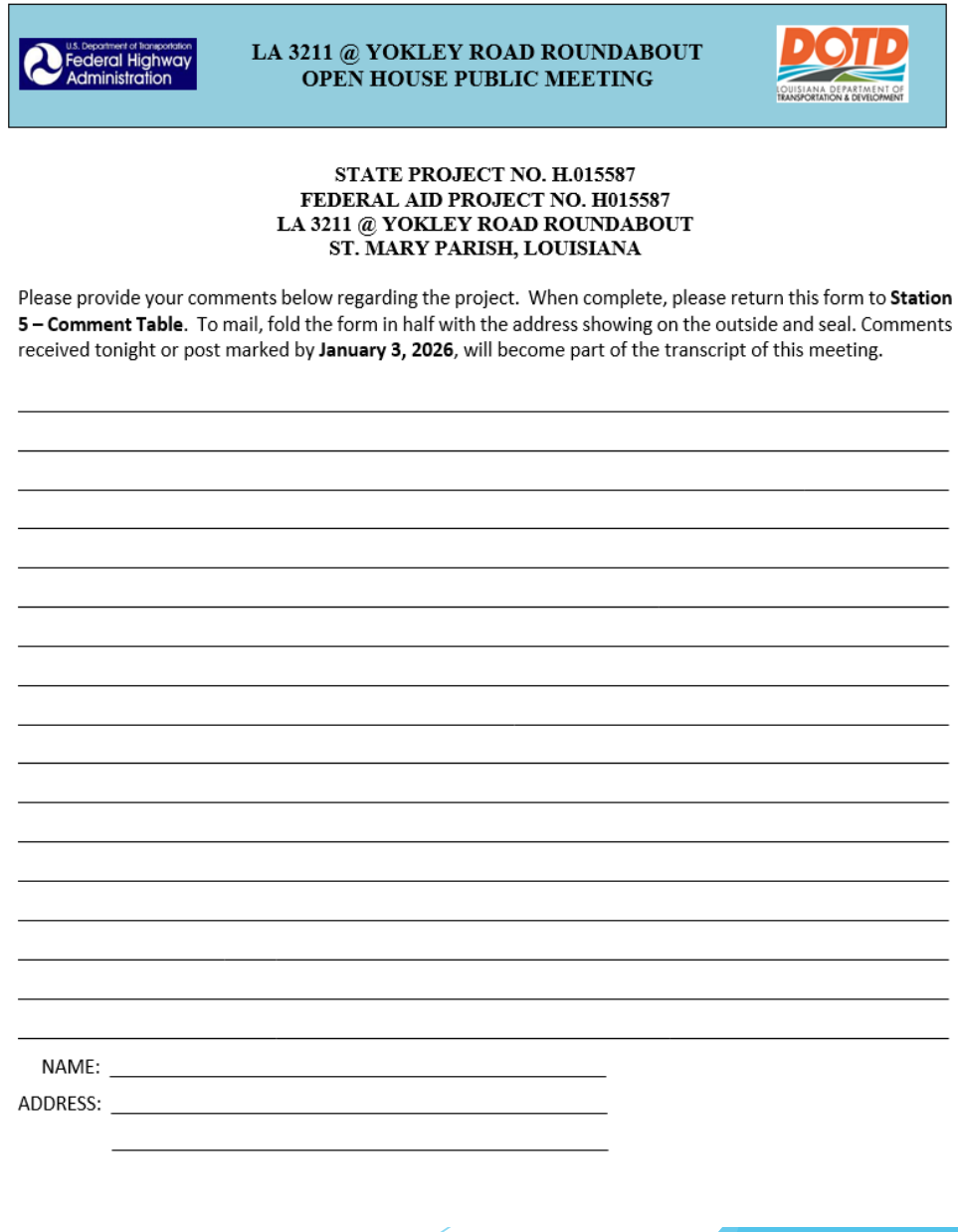


How You Can Help

- Sign-in tonight and review all materials.
- Speak with a team member about your property location and concerns.
- Provide us with your written or recorded comments.

Why Comment?

- Community Concerns and preferences are factors that are considered
- All comments must be considered in the Environmental Process
- We need to know if there are any remaining resolvable issues or opportunities with the project.



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Please provide your comments below regarding the project. When complete, please return this form to **Station 5 – Comment Table**. To mail, fold the form in half with the address showing on the outside and seal. Comments received tonight or post marked by **January 3, 2026**, will become part of the transcript of this meeting.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

This is the end of the presentation.

Thank you for you time. Please visit the remaining stations to view the exhibits and provide comments.

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Welcome

The presentation will be repeated throughout tonight's meeting and will begin again shortly.

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