



Open House Public Meeting for **US 61: AIRLINE @ CECIL INT IMP (ORLEANS)**

State Project No. H.016786

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Regional Transportation Management Center
10 Veterans Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70124

May 26, 2026
4-7 PM



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 intersection improvements and ask questions to project staff
- ▶ A Comment Station for giving written and/or verbal comments (Written comments postmarked by June 26th 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

- ▶ This project proposes to do intersection improvements at the intersection of US 61 and Cecil Street in New Orleans, Orleans Parish.
- ▶ The project will extend the existing median creating a RCUT intersection eliminating left hand turns from Cecil Street onto Airline Highway.
- ▶ The project also proposes to cut and stripe a pedestrian crossing and convert this intersection to a signalized intersection to facilitate pedestrian crossings.



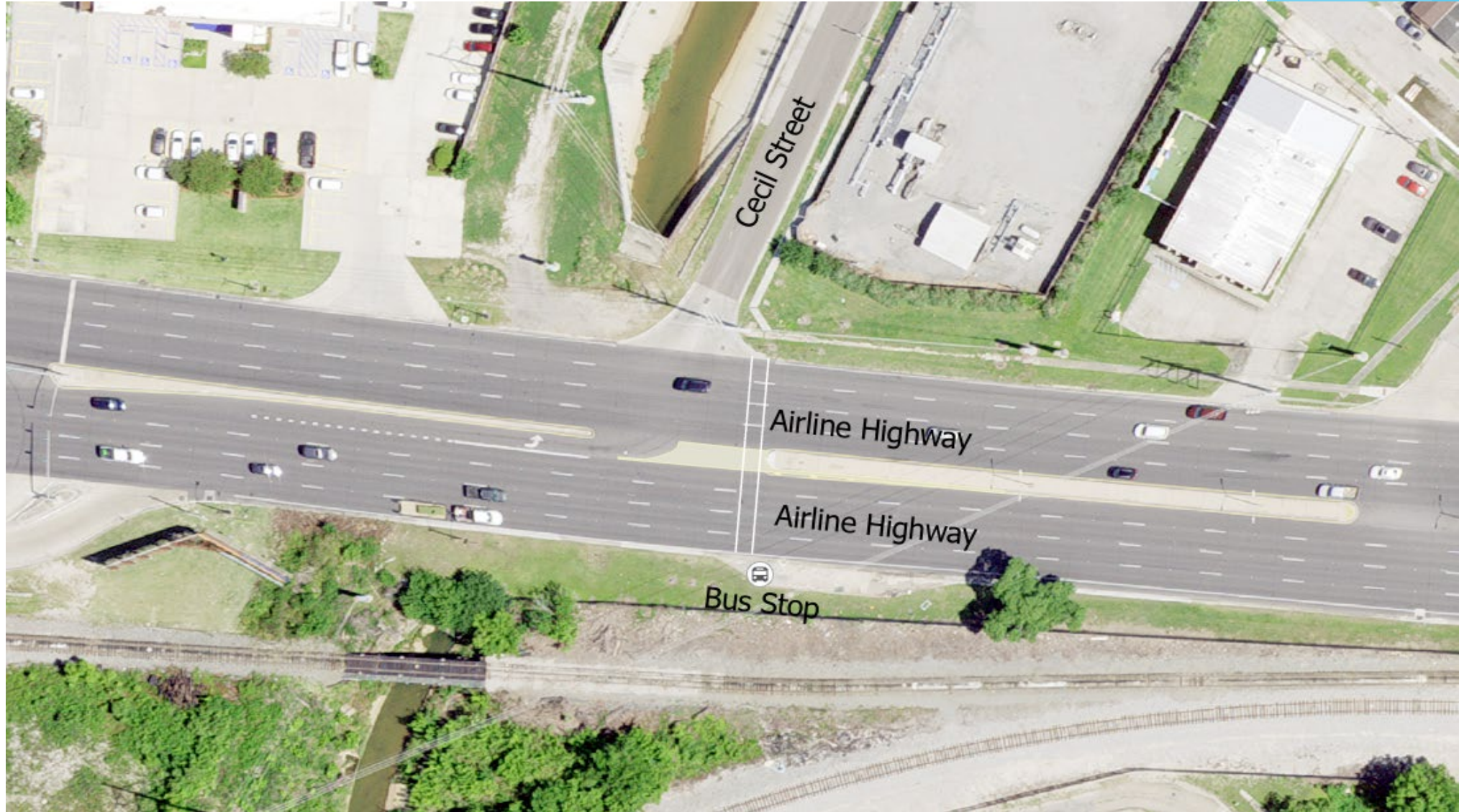
Project Purpose and Need

- ▶ Purpose and need of the proposed project is to address the high number of left turn overrepresented crashes occurring at the intersection of Airline Highway (US 61) and Cecil Street.
- ▶ Facilitate pedestrian crossing to the Jefferson Parish Transit bus stop on the E2 route.
- ▶ Improve the overall safety of the intersection.

Project Location



Proposed Project (RCUT)



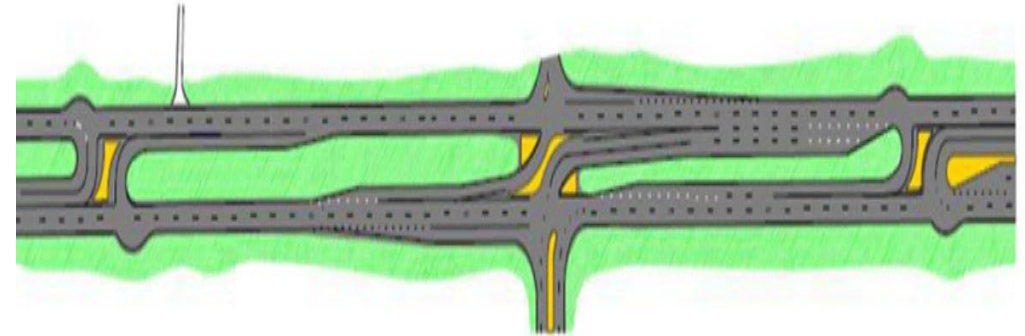


What is Access Management

Access Management is a technique used to improve efficiency and safety on roadways. It aims at focusing on the location, spacing, design of entrances, street intersections, median opening, and traffic signals by minimizing conflict points.

What is a J-Turn, R-cut?

- ▶ The J-turn concept is a reconfiguration of the traditional intersection that is used in different parts of the country to improve traffic flow. DOTD has begun using this concept at specific locations across Louisiana.
- ▶ The J-turn concept is a method that safely and efficiently manages high traffic volumes at intersections with multiple approaches along a divided highway. The J-turn functions by redirecting through- and left-turning traffic on the side street approach to turn right proceed to the nearby U-turn and then return to its original course.



Reduced Left-Turn Conflict Intersections



Reduced left-turn conflict intersections are geometric designs that alter how left-turn movements occur. These intersections simplify decision-making for drivers and minimize the potential for higher severity crash types, such as head-on and angle. Two highly effective designs that rely on U-turns to complete certain left-turn movements are known as the Restricted Crossing U-turn (R-CUT) and the Median U-turn (MUT).

Restricted Crossing U-Turn



- ▶ The RCUT intersection, also known as a J-Turn, Superstreet, or Reduced Conflict Intersection, modifies the direct left-turn and through movements from cross-street approaches. Minor road traffic makes a right turn followed by a U-turn at a designated location—either signalized or unsignalized—to continue in the desired direction.
- ▶ Studies have shown that installing an RCUT can result in a 30-percent increase in throughput and a 40-percent reduction in network intersection travel time.¹

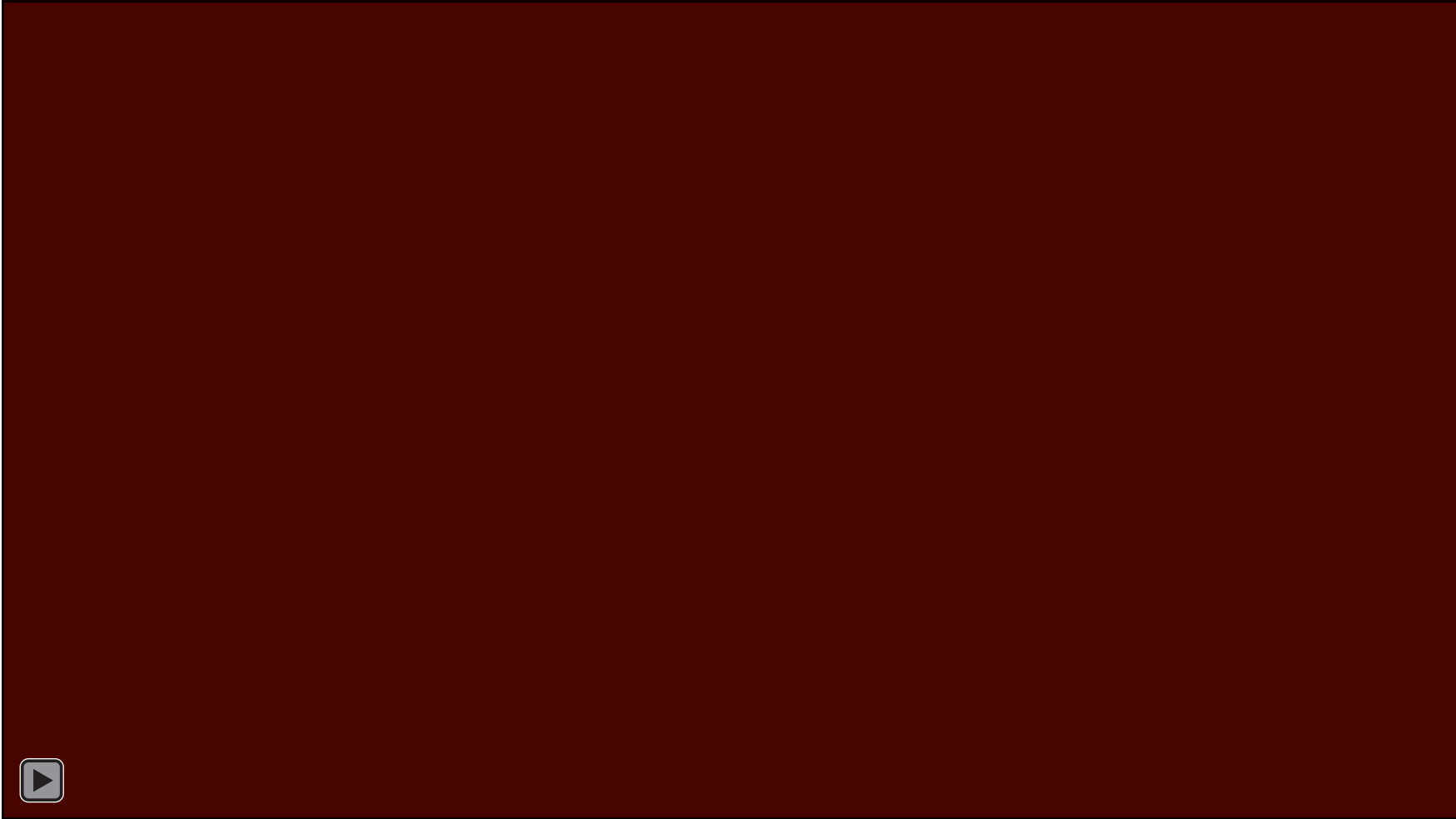
1. Hugher and Jagannathan. Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersection. FHWA-HRT-09-059, (2009)

What are the general principles of using a J-turns/R-cuts?

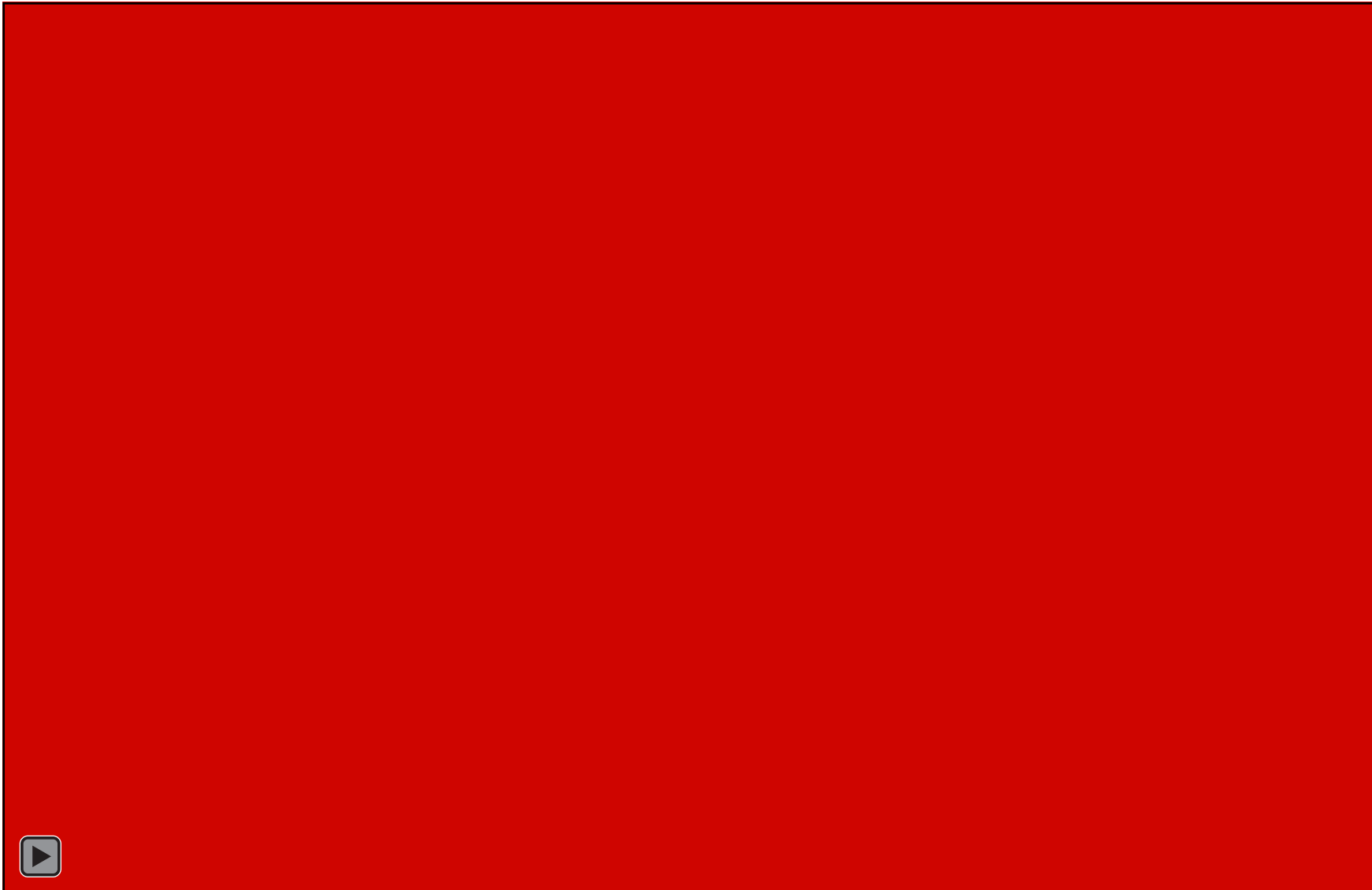
The following slides will play videos that demonstrate the general principles of navigating a J-turn/RCUT



Making a Left Turn



Making A Left Turn closeup





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.



This is the end of the presentation.

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





Welcome

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

