



# New Orleans Rail Gateway Program

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development  
U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Railroad Administration

## Jefferson Highway Rail Crossing Relocation Jefferson Parish

State Project No. H.005168  
F.A.P. No. DE-9208(500)

## Summary of Public Scoping Meeting

**Wednesday March 4, 2020**

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Ochsner Medical Center Campus Brent House Hotel  
2nd Floor, Caldwell Room  
1512 Jefferson Highway  
New Orleans, LA 70121



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WHICH IS 3 TENTHS OF A MILE WEST OF LA HWY 662 ON US 90 AND ENDS AT C.S. 424-08 NEAR TERREBONNE AND LAFOURCHE BRIDGE LINE (LOG MILE 0.000 TO 18.719) (APPROXIMATELY 205 ACRES).

**LIMITS:** C.S. 424-08 & 005-07 THE PROJECT BEGINS AT C.S. 424-08 US HWY 90 NEAR TERREBONNE AND LAFOURCHE PARISH LINE AND ENDS AT C.S. 424-08 AT JCT OF US HWY 90 & LA HWY 182 LAFOURCHE PARISH LINE (LOG MILE 0.00 TO 15.252) (APPROXIMATELY 290 ACRES).

**LIMITS:** C.S. 005-07 THE PROJECT BEGINS AT C.S. 005-07 AT JCT US HWY 90 & LA HWY 182 AT LAFOURCHE PARISH LINE AND ENDS AT C.S. 005-07 US HWY 90 NEAR ST. CHARLES AND LAFOURCHE PARISH LINE (DES LAFOURCHE BRIDGE) (LOG MILE 3.426 TO 9.800) (APPROXIMATELY 25 ACRES).

**WORK TO BE DONE:** THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF MAINTENANCE MOVING, LITTER AND TRASH COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL AND TREE AND BRUSH CUTTING AND REMOVAL OF ALL MOWABLE AREA WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY LIMITS. THIS SHALL INCLUDE THE SERVICE ROAD BETWEEN LA 1 AND LA 182, THE INTERCHANGES AT LA 662, LA 311, LA 24 LA 316, LA 182, LA 1 AND LA 308 WHICH TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 520 ACRES.

ESTIMATED COST RANGE: \$250,000 to \$500,000

The estimated cost range is for information purposes only and may be subject to change. The bid prices received from bidders will be evaluated on the actual estimate value, which will be published at bid opening, for award determination.

**AREA ENGINEER:** Mr. Christopher Rogers, Area Engineer, DOTD District 02 Houma Sub District Headquarters Bldg., 5056 W. Main Street (LA 24 SB), Houma, LA 70360 Phone: (985) 858-2424.

**PROJECT MANAGER:** Ms. Teresa Scivique, DOTD District 02 Houma Sub District Headquarters Bldg., 5056 W. Main Street (LA 24 SB), Houma, LA 70360; Phone: (985) 858-2427.

**ROADSIDE DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT COORDINATOR:** Mr. Robert Alford, (504) 437-3122. **PROJECT ENGINEER:** Ms. Brittany Rooney, P.E., District 02 Design (504) 376-0251.

**PROJECT COORDINATOR:** Ms. Sharon Terrebonne, District 02 Design, 2007 Mardi Gras Blvd., Room 131, New Orleans, LA 70114; Phone (504) 376-0253.

Bids must be prepared and submitted in accordance with this maintenance proposal, and must include all information required by the proposal.

**MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING AND TOUR:** There will be a pre-bid meeting and tour held on **Monday, March 9, 2020** beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the LA DOTD District 02 Houma Sub District Office, located at 5056 W. Main St., Houma, Louisiana. Participants will meet at the 1st floor lobby of Port of New Orleans Administration Building. TWIC card is not required to attend the pre-bid conference. **FAILURE TO ATTEND SHALL BE CAUSE TO REJECT OFFEROR'S BID.** Please direct the Project Engineer in advance to reserve space at this meeting, as space is limited.

Bids must be prepared and submitted in accordance with Article II of instruction to Bidders of the specifications below, as amended by the project special provisions, and must include all information required by the proposal. Please be advised if your business is the low bidder for this job, you will not be awarded the project if it is found "Not in Good Standing" for more than twelve months in the Louisiana Secretary of State database.

Proposals may be obtained at **District 02 Design Office, 2007 Mardi Gras Blvd., Room 131 New Orleans, LA 70114**, or by contacting the District 02; Email: dot2bids@la.gov, or Phone (504) 376-0253. Proposals will not be issued within the twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time set for opening bids. Plans and specs may be seen at the Project Engineer's Office.

Construction proposal information may be accessed via the Internet at [www.sp.dotd.la.gov](http://www.sp.dotd.la.gov). From the LA DOTD home page, select the following options: **BUSINESS Working With DOTD**, then **Project Letting Info**. Once the **Construction Letting Information** page appears, find the **Notice to Contractors** box. From the drop down menu, select the appropriate letting date and press the "Go To" button to open the page which provides a listing of all projects to be let and a **Construction Proposal Documents** link for each project. All project specific notices are found here. **It will be the responsibility of the bidder to check for updates.**

All questions concerning the plans shall be submitted via the Electronic Plans Distribution Center known as **Falcon**. All submitted questions will be forwarded by email to the Project Manager and the Project Engineer. Questions submitted within 96 hours of the bid deadline may not be answered prior to bidding. Falcon may be accessed via the Internet at [www.sp.dotd.la.gov](http://www.sp.dotd.la.gov). From the home page, select **BUSINESS Working With DOTD**, then select **Project Letting Info**. On the Construction Letting Information page, select the link, **DOTD Plans Room (Falcon)**. Login to Falcon (or request an ID if a first-time user). Once logged in, you will have access to view Project Information, submit a question concerning the project, and view the plans. To avoid any suggestion that a potential bidder is using the Falcon system to communicate with other potential bidders, DOTD will not post any question or comment of fact or opinion not made for the purpose of seeking clarification of plans and/or specifications. Any non-questions posted on falcon will be limited to the statement of an issue considered unresolved by a previous DOTD response.

Bidders assume the responsibility for accessing the Apparent Bid Results and final Bid Results on the Construction Letting Information web page located at [wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/engineering/lettings/](http://wwwapps.dotd.la.gov/engineering/lettings/) to confirm whether they are the apparent low bidder



for any given project.

The Engineer may suspend operations for failure to comply with the Temporary Traffic Control measures specified herein.

The U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) operates a toll free "Hotline" Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should call 1-800-424-9071. All information will be treated confidentially, and caller anonymity will be respected.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**Port of New Orleans Administration Building Carpet Replacement 1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130**

Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans (Board) will receive sealed bids in the Purchasing Department, 2nd floor, Room 240, 1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130 on **Tuesday, March 24, 2020** until 11:00 A.M. local time, for Work Order No. 1-1049.

The work consists of furnishing all labor, material and equipment for Administration Building Carpet Replacement as per the drawings and specifications provided in this bid document. The site is located on the 1350 Port of New Orleans Place, New Orleans, Louisiana at the Port of New Orleans Administration Building in New Orleans, Louisiana. (Estimated Cost: \$225,000 to \$375,000).

All Bids must be in accordance with the Bidding Documents on file with the Port of New Orleans.

**Complete contract documents may be obtained at Contract Administration Room 240, at the above address, on any day, for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 per set by check or money order only, payable to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, in accordance with LSA R.S. 38:2212 (1) (e), contract documents may also be accessed via the Port of New Orleans Web Site at: <https://www.portnola.com/business/procurement/bidding-opportunities>. (Select the Active Construction Solicitations button).**

If request for contract documents is made through U.S. mail or other delivery services, bidder must furnish a street mailing address and will be held responsible for service fees.

A pre-bid conference will be held on **Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** local time at the site. **Bidders are urged to attend.** Participants will meet at the 1st floor lobby of Port of New Orleans Administration Building. TWIC card is not required to attend the pre-bid conference.

Federal regulations require that persons seeking entry to secure areas of United States ports must present a valid Transportation Workers Identification Credential (TWIC) card and must maintain possession of the TWIC at all times in secure port areas.

Persons seeking entry to the below listed facilities of the Port of New Orleans must possess a TWIC in order to attend pre-bid meetings on port property. Restricted areas include port property between Felicity Street and Henry Clay Avenue, Alabo Street Wharf, Jourdan Road Wharf, the Julia Street and Erato Street Cruise Terminals, and during cargo activities at Poland Avenue Wharf and Governor Nichols Street Wharf. Prospective bidders must provide their own Harbor Police Department (HPD) approved TWIC escorts for those in their party who do not have a TWIC. Note that only contractors with open Board contracts are eligible to be on the approved escort list. The port will not provide nor arrange for escorts. See Section 1000 - General Requirements.

Once an employer is under contract with the Board, TWIC card holders and their Sponsoring Employer must submit an application to Harbor Police and the TWIC card holder must attend a training session in order to be certified as an Approved TWIC Escort for anyone entering the secured area without a TWIC.

Proposal forms will be issued only to those contractors complying with state licensing laws for contractors. La. R.S. 37:2163. On any bid submitted in the amount of \$50,000 or more, the contractor must hold at the time this bid is posted a valid license issued by the Louisiana Licensing Board for Contractors. This project is classified as Building Construction. Objection to the required classification should be filed in accordance with La. R.S. 37:2163 and the Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors.

A deposit of five percent (5%) of the cost of the contract price of work to be done for the Base Bid plus all additive Alternate Bid prices, by certified check, cashier's check or bid bond is required, and the additve Alternate Bid contract is awarded shall also be required to furnish a performance bond in the total amount of the bid. The bond must be furnished in accordance with the requirements of La. R.S. 38:2218, and the performance bond in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 38:2219.

Work in the amount of at least 60 percent (60%) of total amount of contract as awarded shall be performed by contractor at the construction site or within his own shop, plant, or yard with his own employees.

The Board as an equal opportunity public entity invites and encourages DBEs and SBEs to submit bids on its projects. In order to comply with the Constitution of the State of Louisiana, such certification programs must be race and gender neutral.

Hard copies of the contract documents are available for purchase. Electronic copies of the contract documents are available to prospective bidders via our Port Plan Room on the



Port of New Orleans' web site at [www.portnola.com](http://www.portnola.com). Contract documents may also be available via e-mail to prospective bidders.

For general information or for questions related to bidding, please contact:  
  
Ms. Antonia Taylor, Procurement Manager  
Phone: (504) 528-3244  
E-mail: [antoniataylor@portnola.com](mailto:antoniataylor@portnola.com)

Technical questions should be addressed to the following:

Mr. Anthony Evett, P.E., Director of Engineering  
Port of New Orleans  
Phone: (504) 528-3309  
E-mail: [anthony.evett@portnola.com](mailto:anthony.evett@portnola.com)

Or

Ms. Christine Nguyen, Project Manager  
Port of New Orleans  
Phone: (504) 528-3416  
Email: [Christine.Nguyen@portnola.com](mailto:Christine.Nguyen@portnola.com)

These individuals are not authorized to and shall not render legal opinions or advice. No information will be given regarding the proper exercise of corporate authority as required in this bid. Each bidder is advised to consult his own counsel for such information.

Please be advised that these individuals are not the legal representatives of the Board.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**INVITATION TO BID**  
**Elmwood Warehouse Renovation Phase 1**

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The work consists of furnishing all labor, material and equipment for replacing the roof on Unit B per the drawings and specifications provided in this bid document. The site is located on the Elmwood Warehouse at the 400 Edwards Ave. New Orleans, Louisiana. (Estimated cost: \$410,000 to \$510,000).

All Bids must be in accordance with the Bidding Documents on file with the Port of New Orleans.

**Complete contract documents may be obtained at Contract Administration Room 240, at the above address, on any day, for a non-refundable fee of \$50.00 per set by check or money order only, payable to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, in accordance with LSA R.S. 38:2212 (A) (1) (e), contract documents may also be accessed via the Port of New Orleans Web Site at: <https://www.portnola.com/business/procurement/bidding-opportunities>. (Select the Active Construction Solicitations button).**

If request for contract documents is made through U.S. mail or other delivery services, bidder must furnish a street mailing address and will be held responsible for service fees.

A pre-bid conference will be held on **Thurs Dis March 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** local time at the site. **Bidders are urged to attend. Participants will meet at the 400 Edwards Ave. New Orleans, LA 70123. TWIC NOT required to attend pre-bid meeting.**

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A deposit of five percent (5%) of the cost of the contract price of work to be done for the Base Bid plus all additive Alternate Bid prices, by certified check, cashier's check or bid bond is required, and the bidder to whom the contract is awarded shall also be required to furnish a performance bond in the total amount of the bid. The bid bond must be furnished in accordance with the requirements of La. R.S. 38:2218, and the performance bond in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 38:2219.

Work in the amount of at least 60 percent (60%) of total amount of contract as awarded shall be per-



formed by contractor at the construction site or within his own shop, plant, or yard with his own employees.

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Ms. Christine Nguyen, E.I., Project Manager  
Port of New Orleans  
Phone: (504) 528-3416  
Email: [christine.nguyen@portnola.com](mailto:christine.nguyen@portnola.com)

These individuals are not authorized to and shall not render legal opinions or advice. No information will be given regarding the proper evidence of corporate authority as required by this bid. Each bidder is advised to consult his own counsel for such information.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**CITY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020**

**PUBLIC HEARING: 1:30 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER (CITY HALL - 1E07)**

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF PETITIONER'S REQUEST FOR A SIVE ZONING ORDINANCE 4.264 M.C.S. AS AMENDED, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING on the following PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING LAW OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS.

**ZONING DOCKET 026/20 -** Request by Keith C. Ferdinand for a conditional use to permit a neighborhood commercial establishment in an HU-RD2 Historic Urban Two-Family Residential District, on Square 468, Lot 6 or Lots B, 1, 2, and part 26, in the Third Municipal District, bounded by Poland Avenue, Marais St., and Kennerly Street, and Urquhart Street. The municipal address is 1201 Poland Avenue. (PD 7)

**ZONING DOCKET 027/20 -** Request by Glenn D. Skipper for a conditional use to permit a neighborhood commercial establishment in an HU-RD2 Historic Urban Two-Family Residential District, on Square 326, Lot 1 in the First Municipal District, bounded by Rev. John Raphael Jr. Way, Jackson Avenue, St. Charles Street, and Philip Street. The municipal address is 2200 Rev. John Raphael Jr. Way. (PD 2)

**ZONING DOCKET 028/20 -** Request by Marshall Wallace for a conditional use to permit an established multi-family dwelling in an HU-RD2 Historic Urban Two-Family Residential District, on Square 516, Lot E, in the Seventh Municipal District, bounded by Olive Street, Hamilton Street, Aristotlee Street, and Forshey Street. The municipal address is 9118 Olive Street. (PD 3)

**ZONING DOCKET 029/20 -** Request by KCT Magazine St, LLC for a conditional use to permit a curbside food stand along Julia Street in a CBD-6 Urban Core Neighborhood Mixed-Use District, adjacent to Square 134, Lot 1 in the First Municipal District, bounded by Julia Street, Magazine Street, Constance Street, and Satchel B. Smith Street. The municipal address is 454 Julia Street. (PD 1A)

**ZONING DOCKET 030/20 -** Request by Corvus Real Estate Holdings, LLC for a text amendment to Article 16 of the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to classify "Reception Facility" as a permitted use in the LI Light Industrial District. (PD 3)

**ZONING DOCKET 031/20 -** Request by City Council Motion No. M-7-20 to apply the City of New Orleans' Inclusionary Zoning regulations established by Ordinance No. 28,036 MCS by the City of New Orleans' Inclusionary Zoning Districts on the Official Zoning Map, as recommended in the 2012 "New Orleans Housing Study" by HR&A Advisors, Inc.

**ZONING DOCKET 032/20 -** Request by City Council Motion No. M-8-20 for a text amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance to amend Section 21.6.N Fences and Walls to include "height requirements" for fences and Terraces (bounded by Lake Pontchartrain, the London Avenue Outfall Canal, Robert E. Lee Boulevard, and Bayou St. John) as follows: (i) Front Yard: One and One-half (1.5) feet; (ii) Side Yard and Rear Yard: Five (5) feet.

THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 16 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING ORDINANCE 4.264 MCS AS AMENDED, WILL HEAR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ABOVE PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING LAW OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS. ALL INTERESTED PARTIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AND ALL RELEVANT COMMENTS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED CHANGES ARE ENCOURAGED. THE CPC HAS ESTABLISHED A PUBLIC HEARING RULES WITHIN ITS ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, POLICIES, & PROCEDURES, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE ON THE CPC WEBSITE: [WWW.NOLA.GOV/CPC](http://WWW.NOLA.GOV/CPC). YOU MAY ALSO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN ADVANCE BY MAIL (1300 PERDIDO STREET, 7TH FLOOR, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70112) OR BY EMAIL TO: [PLANNINGCOMMISSION@GM.AIL.COM](mailto:PLANNINGCOMMISSION@GM.AIL.COM). ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MONDAY, EIGHT DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING DATE.

Robert Rivers  
Executive Director  
Advertising Dates: February 26, March 4 and 11, 2020  
**NOCP 4427**  
  
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Publication Dates: February 26, March 4 and 11, 2020  
**NOCP 4425**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**INVITATION TO BID CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**  
**RR009 - Black Pearl, East Carrollton Group A (PMOP)**  
**February 26, 2020**  
**BID PROPOSAL NO. 429**

Sealed bids will be received by the **City of New Orleans, Department of Finance, Bureau of Purchasing, 1300 Perdido Street, Room 4W07, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112,**

OR

Online bids will be received at <http://www.nola.gov/purchasing> (also through the City website at [www.nola.gov](http://www.nola.gov) select Bids, Proposals, and Contracts, then choose Purchasing Portal),

Online Bidders must attach a copy of the signed Louisiana Public Works Bid Form, Unit Price form (if used) and corporate resolution in accordance with R.S. 38:2212(B)5.

Not later than 2:00 o'clock p.m., March 26, 2020, at which time the bids will be publicly opened for **RR009 - Black Pearl, East Carrollton Group A (PMOP).**

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the bid opening. The City will not accept or consider bids delivered by fax, or by e-mail, at any other location or past the deadline.

**Documents:** Bidding documents may be obtained online at <http://www.nola.gov/purchasing> or through the City of New Orleans webpage [www.nola.gov](http://www.nola.gov), select "City Purchasing Portal". Addenda will be transmitted to all bidders who login and acknowledge download of bid documents online from the City Purchasing Portal, i.e. answer "yes" when downloading bid documents.

**Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference:** The City will conduct a non-mandatory pre-bid conference that will be held on **March 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in the Purchasing Conference Room, 4W05, 4th floor City Hall, 1300 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.**

Julien Meyer  
Chief Procurement Officer

Advertising Dates: February 26, March 4 and 11, 2020  
**NOCP 4426**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**ADVERTISEMENT TO BID**  
**INVITATION TO BID CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**  
**RR112 - Lower Ninth Ward South Group A (PMOI)**  
**February 26, 2020**  
**BID PROPOSAL NO. 451**

Sealed bids will be received by the **City of New Orleans, Department of Finance, Bureau of Purchasing, 1300 Perdido Street, Room 4W07, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112,**

OR

Online bids will be received at <http://www.nola.gov/purchasing> (also through the City website at [www.nola.gov](http://www.nola.gov) select Bids, Proposals, and Contracts, then choose Purchasing Portal),

Online Bidders must attach a copy of the signed Louisiana Public Works Bid Form, Unit Price form (if used) and corporate resolution in accordance with R.S. 38:2212(B)5 .

Not later than 2:30 o'clock p.m., March 26, 2020, at which time the bids will be publicly opened for **RR112 - Lower Ninth Ward South Group A (PMOI).**

Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the bid opening. The City will not accept or consider bids delivered by fax, or by e-mail, at any other location or past the deadline.

**Documents:** Bidding documents may be obtained online at <http://www.nola.gov/purchasing> or through the City of New Orleans webpage [www.nola.gov](http://www.nola.gov), select "City Purchasing Portal". Addenda will be transmitted to all bidders who login and acknowledge download of bid documents online from the City Purchasing Portal, i.e. answer "yes" when downloading bid documents.

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Chief Procurement Officer

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**NOCP 4427**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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**NOTICE**

MARIA CARMEN PALAZZO, MICHAEL LAWRENCE A/K/A A. MICHAEL LAWRENCE, ERIC W. MORRIS, JR., AND NATIONS CREDIT FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION D/B/A EQUIRCREDIT, CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA, U.S. BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR NEW CENTURY HOME EQUITY LOAN AND TRUST, AND PERSON HUFF CPA GROUP, LLC, THIS NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IS A NOTIFICATION THAT YOUR RIGHTS OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED IN NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA DESCRIBED BELOW MAY BE TERMINATED BY OPERATION OF LAW IF YOU DO NOT TAKE FURTHER ACTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA. R.S. 9:119 DISTRICT 6 SQUARE 159 LOT 25 ANNUNCIATION 50



OVER 49 X 51 Improvements thereon bear Municipal No. 3327-31 Annunciation St., New Orleans, LA 70115. Tax sale title to the above described property has been sold for failure to pay taxes. You have been identified as a person who may have an interest in this property.

Your interest in the property will be terminated if you do not file a lawsuit in accordance with law within 6 months of the date of the first publication of this notice.   
Jonah Freedman, Esq. La. Bar No. 35789, 700 Camp Street Suite 316 New Orleans, LA 70130 Counsel for FLAG BOY PROPERTIES, LLC.

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**CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS**  
**STATE OF LOUISIANA DOCKET NO. 2020-1601 DIVISION F-7 SUCCESSION OF SILMUNT GUILROY, wife of/and WALTON JOSEPH MALVEAU**

**NOTICE OF FILING OF TABLEAU OF DISTRIBUTION**

Notice is hereby given that this Administration of Succession has filed a Tableau of Distribution for Authority to Pay Debts of the succession in accordance with the tableau of distribution contained in the petition. The petition can be homologated after the expiration of seven (7) days from the date of this publication; any opposition to the petition must be filed prior to homologation.

CLERK OF COURT

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Counsel for Petitioner

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# BUSINESSSCOPE

THE LOUISIANA WEEKLY - YOUR MULTICULTURAL MEDIUM

## Following Hard Rock collapse, council and Mayor begin work on ‘responsible bidders ordinance’



By Michael Isaac Stein  
*The Lens*

A New Orleans City Council committee on February 12, heard presentations from labor union leaders, officials with the Louisiana Workforce Commission and other labor advocates about a proposal for the city to pass a “responsible bidders ordinance” in order to hold current and prospective city contractors accountable for the treatment and safety of their employees.

While the details have yet to be worked out, proponents of such an ordinance called for a requirement that companies seeking city work disclose past safety violations and labor complaints as part of their bids.

Public calls for such an ordinance have grown in the months following the October collapse of the Hard Rock Hotel on Canal Street. The incident killed three workers and injured over a dozen more.

Labor advocates told the council’s Economic Development & Special Development Projects Committee on Wednesday that such a disaster was inevitable given the current climate of construction contracting in the city. They argued that public bid laws that apply to construction contracts, which require the city to

choose the firm offering the lowest price, drive companies to cut costs wherever possible to the detriment of their employees.

“This has been going on for a really long time,” said Chip Fleetwood, director of business development for the local chapter of the Painters and Allied Trades International Union. “We’re to a point where it’s almost like the wild, wild west. It was only a matter of time before something like that happened. In the building trade’s opinion, we knew there was going to be a breaking point. And we’re at the breaking point now. If something isn’t done, if we don’t really hold contractor’s accountable, it’s going to happen again.”

Council members appeared to be on board with the plan, at least in spirit.

“I think the Hard Rock has really opened our eyes,” Councilwoman Cyndi Nguyen said. “This is something that needs to be done in the city of New Orleans. This is our responsibility.”

She said that the council plans to have a draft of the ordinance ready within two months. The three other council members present – Jay Banks, Jared Brossett and Joe Giarrusso – also said they were in support. A spokesperson for

Mayor LaToya Cantrell’s office said that she was working with the council to draft the ordinance.

The details of the ordinance remain largely undefined. Nguyen said council members would be having meetings with stakeholders in the coming weeks to come up with something concrete. She encouraged people to contact her office if they want to be involved in that process.

Erika Zucker, policy advocate at the Workplace Justice Project at the Loyola College of Law, argued that transparency, monitoring and enforcement should all be part of the equation. She said that major changes should be made to how the city considers and chooses contractors. Instead of just relying on the lowest quote, she said that contractors should have to disclose much more info, such as past labor law and safety violations.

She also said the city should create a fair contracting task force to implement and enforce the new rules.

The Hard Rock Hotel was a private development, not a public one, so the city wasn’t party to the construction contracts. Even so, Zucker argued that a responsible bidders ordinance would still have an effect on private developments.

“The city becomes overall the most responsible contracting entity and sets an example for the region,” she said.

Zucker also argued that the ordinance should be applied to any project that are either “wholly public projects or projects that use public money that looks more like a public-private partnership, which can look like anything from a tax incentive to joint operation.”

### ‘Outright fraud’

The presentation stressed two central issues when it comes to holding contractors accountable: misclassification of employees and the lack of responsibility that general contractors take for the actions of their subcontractors.

The problem of employee mis-

classification commonly occurs when a company registers an employee as an independent contractor with a 1099 tax form instead of a full-time employee with a W-2 tax form. The difference is major both for the worker and for government tax collections.

“When a worker is classified as an independent contractor, a company does not have to provide benefits and protections as outlined by law, such as minimum wage, overtime compensation, family and medical leave, unemployment insurance and safe workplaces,” says a 2017 press release from the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

Several speakers at Wednesday’s meeting cited a 2008 study from Michigan State University that found that employers can save between 20 and 40 percent on labor costs by misclassifying their workers.

Avoiding unemployment insurance payments can reduce costs by two percent, the study said. “If, as is likely, they are also not paying workers’ compensation, the employer share of social security, and pension or medical insurance, they are reducing their labor costs by at least 20% and possibly as much as 40%.”

Since cost is the primary consideration in city construction contracts, labor advocates said that staying competitive means cutting costs, making it difficult for some companies to resist those reductions.

“You can either go out of business or cheat yourself,” Fleetwood said. “That is the current landscape of New Orleans construction.”

The problem isn’t a minor one, either in Louisiana or the country.

“I can tell you that we have found companies in every line in every industry and this is probably \$100 million in fraud,” said Ava Dejoie, Secretary of the Louisiana Workforce Commission. “Fraud. Just outright fraud.”

Advocates for the responsible bidders ordinance also argued that the ordinance needs to include a way to hold primary contractors accountable for what their subcontractors do. It can be difficult, they said, to force subcontractors to abide by the city’s contracting rules since the city isn’t actually a party to those subcontracts.

“A rational logical mind would think that those things were already

in place,” Banks said. “The fact that we don’t, it’s hard to contemplate. But I’m glad you all brought it to the line and I’m proud to stand here and support this.”

*The above article originally appeared in The Lens on its website (www.thelensnola.org). The Louisiana Weekly enjoys a partnership with The Lens.*

### PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

**New Orleans Rail Gateway Program**  
(State Project No. H.005168 / Legacy Project No. 700-92-0021 / Federal Aid Project No. DE-9208 (500))  
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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2020**  
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Ochsner Medical Center Campus  
Brent House Hotel, 2nd Floor, Caldwell Room  
1512 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans, LA 70121

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## South Louisiana port gets \$13M federal grant for upgrades

(AP) — The Port of South Louisiana is receiving a \$13.4 million federal transportation grant that it will use to upgrade its industrial park and allow it to carry heavier cargo.

The funding from the U.S. Department of Transportation will pay to build a new floor in a bulk cargo warehouse, improve the conveyor that runs from the dock to the warehouse and rehabilitate an

access road, Paul Aucoin, the port’s executive director, told *The Advocate*.

Money also will be used to build a new rail spur and dock access road to support the movement of heavy cargo, such as pre-built modules used in petrochemical construction, Aucoin said.

“We are thrilled to death to be awarded this grant,” he said.

Aucoin estimated work on some

of the improvements will start within three months.

The industrial park in Reserve, called Globalplex, is operated by Associated Terminals. About 315 people work at the facility. Aucoin said the improvements could lead to more hiring.

“This will allow us to handle more tonnage and more tonnage means more jobs,” he said.

## Ochsner to pay med school in exchange for 5-year commitment

(AP) — Ochsner Health System is going to start paying the medical school education of students who commit to work with Ochsner in Louisiana for five years, the organization’s CEO said.

*The Advocate* reported that Warner Thomas, who heads the medical system, discussed the plans February 12 during a meeting at the Rotary Club of Baton Rouge.

“We’re going to pay their medical school way if they make a five-year commitment to stay in Louisiana and practice at Ochsner,” Thomas said. He was

speaking about people who intend to practice primary care medicine and psychiatry, the newspaper reported.

The program will start with 30 students this summer. Citing the tight labor market, Thomas said the health system also will pay for current employees who want to advance in their career from a licensed practical nurse to a registered nurse or from a medical assistant to an LPN.

The company has set aside about \$10 million for the tuition-paying programs.

Ochsner employs more than 26,000 people across hospitals and other facilities stretching from northwestern Louisiana to the state’s southeastern border with Texas and into Mississippi along the Gulf Coast.

In September, the health provider signed a partnership with Rush Health Systems in Mississippi. That organization operates seven hospitals. Thomas told attendees at the Rotary meeting that Ochsner was planning to continue building similar relationships east of Louisiana.



# Public Mailer

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# Press Release

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Press Release (Issued to local media outlets)	2/26/20

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### **DOTD, FRA, RPC and Railroads Operating in New Orleans Metro Area to Host Public Open House for Jefferson Highway Rail Crossing Relocation Project**

(New Orleans, LA) – The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Federal Railroad Administration, in coordination with the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission and the railroads operating in the New Orleans metropolitan area will host an open house public scoping meeting regarding the Jefferson Highway Rail Crossing Relocation Project. The open house will take place Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at Ochsner Medical Center Campus, Brent House Hotel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Caldwell Room, 1512 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans, LA 70121. There will be complimentary parking in the Ochsner Medical Center Parking Garage on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor and above.

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# Media Advisory

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## Public meeting set for Jefferson Highway rail crossing relocation

👤 By: CityBusiness staff reports 🕒 February 26, 2020 💬 0

An open house has been scheduled to discuss plans to improve rail crossings along U.S. 90 in Jefferson Parish.

The Jefferson Highway Rail Crossing Relocation Project includes rail crossings between the Ochsner Health Foundation Hospital and Monticello Avenue. The study will evaluate combining two crossings into a single crossing and whether to separate it with a roadway overpass.

An open house hosted by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Federal Railroad Commission is set for March 4 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Ochsner Medical Center campus, Brent House Hotel, second floor, Caldwell Room, 1512 Jefferson Highway. Free parking is available in the Ochsner Medical Center parking garage on the second floor and above, a news release said.

Comments may also be mailed to New Orleans Rail Gateway Program, c/o the Hawthorne Agency, Inc., P.O. Box 56845, New Orleans, LA 70156.

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# **TECHNICAL PRESENTATION**



The banner features four photographs: a residential building, a highway interchange, a bridge, and a train crossing. To the right is a logo of a yellow train with the text 'NEW ORLEANS RAIL GATEWAY PROGRAM' and 'AN ECONOMIC ENGINE FOR OUR COMMUNITY'.

**New Orleans Rail Gateway Program**  
Jefferson and Orleans Parishes  
State Project No. H.005168

**Public Scoping Meeting**  
*March 4, 2020*



A row of logos for various organizations including DOTD, Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development, State of Louisiana, Port of New Orleans, BNSF, CN, KCS, JVS, CSX, NOPB, and Michael Baker International.

Thank you for attending today's public meeting on the New Orleans Rail Gateway Program.







## Special Assistance



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## Purpose of Today's Meeting

- **Provide an open-house style (open forum) opportunity to learn about the New Orleans Rail Gateway Program and talk informally with Study Team representatives**
  - **Present an overview of the New Orleans Rail Gateway (NORG) Program**
  - **Summarize the status of the 2011 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**
  - **Describe the Jefferson Highway Rail Crossing Relocation Study**
  - **Explain how to receive Study information and participate in the decision-making process**
  - **Solicit input on issues of concern regarding this Study**



Today's public meeting is an informal, open-house style or open forum format.

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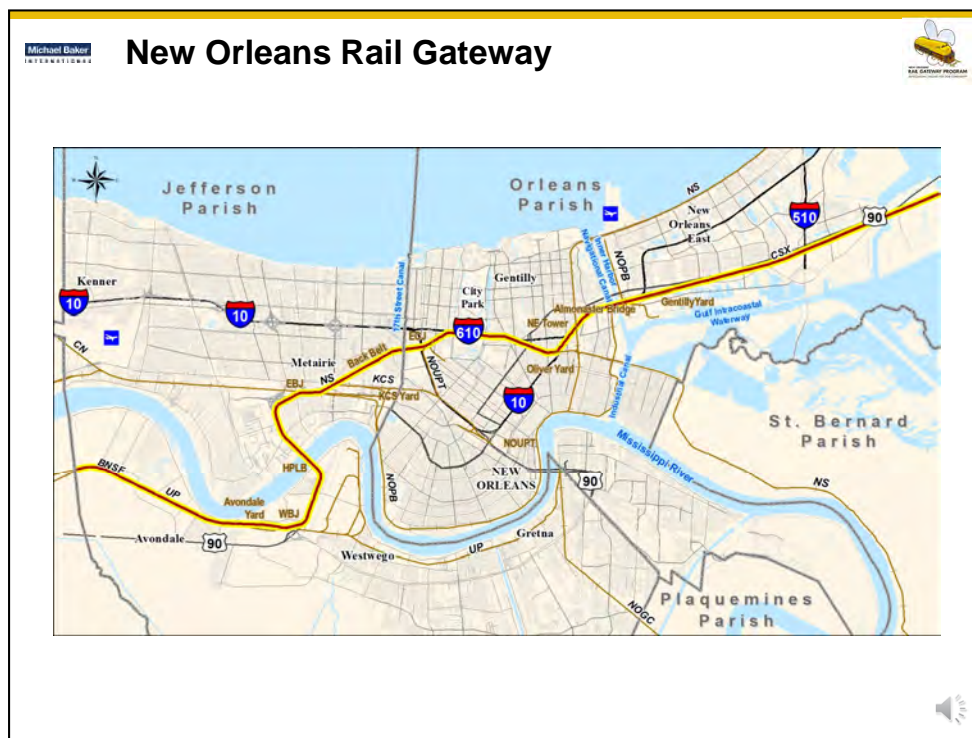
- Overview of the New Orleans Rail Gateway Program;
- Summarize the status of the 2011 Environmental Impact Statement;
- Describe the Jefferson Highway Rail Crossing Relocation Study; and
- Provide an opportunity for all interested parties to express their views.

In order to get the most out of this presentation, please refer to the materials that were handed out at the Welcome Table.

After you've listened to this presentation, review the project exhibits, talk with Study Team representatives, and give us your comments.

This public meeting is an important part of the transportation decision-making process and your input is encouraged and appreciated.

We hope you find this meeting interesting and informative.

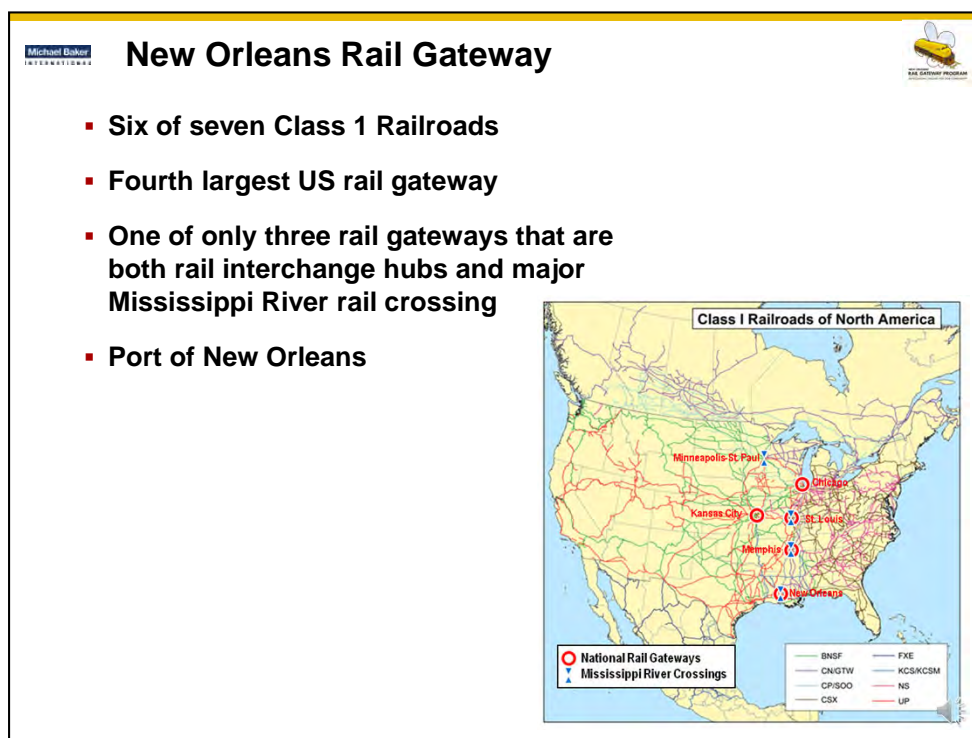


The New Orleans Rail Gateway is shown in yellow highlight.

- It begins on the West Bank near the St. Charles/Jefferson Parish line;
- Proceeds easterly through Avondale Yard and West Bridge Junction (WBJ);
- It then crosses the Mississippi River on the Huey P. Long Bridge (HPLB);
- At the base of the HPLB, it traverses East Bridge Junction (EBJ) to the Back Belt through Old Metairie, and
- Enters the City of New Orleans at the 17th Street Canal.
- It then proceeds through the City along the Back Belt, and across the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal to the Almonaster Bridge; and
- Continues easterly through the CSX Gentilly Yard and through New Orleans East to its terminus near Industrial Parkway.



A network of rail lines connect the numerous rail yards and the Port of New Orleans to the Gateway.



The Gateway is a critical link in the national freight rail system.

It serves six Class 1 Railroads and three Amtrak passenger routes

Is the fourth largest US rail gateway

And is one of only three national rail gateways that are both rail interchange hubs and major Mississippi River rail crossings

Through the NOPB railroad, it links the Port of New Orleans to the national rail network





The challenges of a program like the NORG Program are many.

To tackle those challenges, a Partnership was formed between the:


- Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development;
- Federal Railroad Administration;
- New Orleans Regional Planning Commission;
- Association of American Railroads representing the six Class 1 Railroads operating in the New Orleans metropolitan area;
- New Orleans Public Belt Railroad; and
- Amtrak.

Referred to as "The Partnership".




## Previous Studies

- **Analysis of Alternatives in Alleviating Railroad – Community Conflicts in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana (FRA 1975)**
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- **A Comprehensive Study of Problems in the Old Metairie Railroad Corridor in Jefferson and Orleans Parishes in Louisiana (FRA 1996)**
- **New Orleans Rail Gateway & Regional Rail Operations Analysis (DOTD 2002)**
- **New Orleans Rail Gateway Infrastructure Plan (AAR 2004)**
- **New Orleans Rail Gateway Infrastructure Feasibility Analysis (2007 Study)**
- **New Orleans Rail Gateway Benefits Report (AAR 2008)**




Studies dating back to 1975 have been conducted by the Louisiana DOTD, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), the New Orleans Regional Planning Commission (RPC) and the Class 1 railroads to identify ways to reduce rail congestion, highway crossing delays and improve rail service.







## Previous Studies

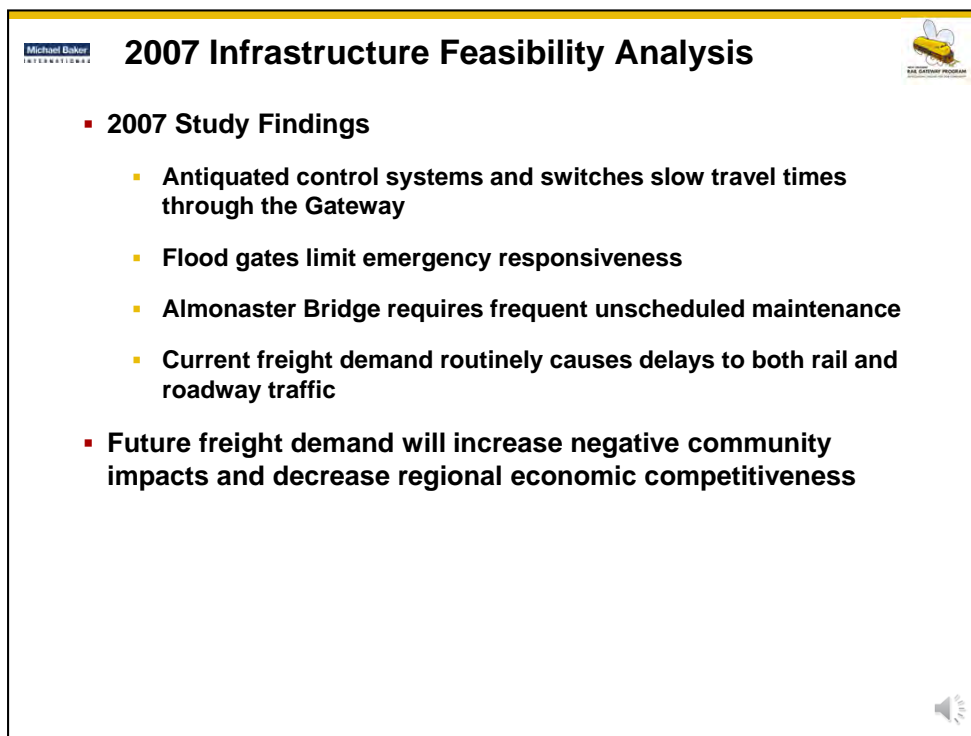


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The 2007 Infrastructure Feasibility Analysis (2007 Study) evaluated the Gateway and potential Gateway-wide rail and roadway improvements that could reduce delay and improve rail service.



A presentation slide titled "2007 Infrastructure Feasibility Analysis". The slide features a yellow header bar. In the top left corner, there is a small logo for "Michael Baker INTERNATIONAL". In the top right corner, there is a small graphic of a train crossing a bridge with the text "NEW ORLEANS RAIL GATEWAY PROGRAM" below it. The main content of the slide is a bulleted list of findings. The first bullet point is "2007 Study Findings", which is followed by four sub-bullets: "Antiquated control systems and switches slow travel times through the Gateway", "Flood gates limit emergency responsiveness", "Almonaster Bridge requires frequent unscheduled maintenance", and "Current freight demand routinely causes delays to both rail and roadway traffic". The second main bullet point is "Future freight demand will increase negative community impacts and decrease regional economic competitiveness". In the bottom right corner, there is a small speaker icon indicating audio content.

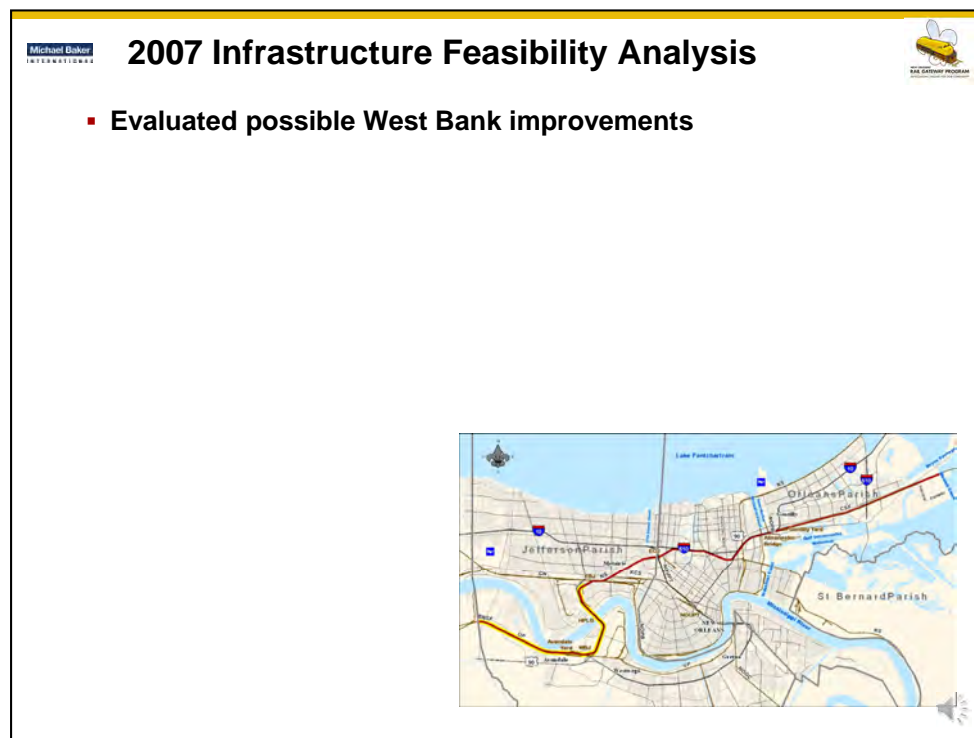
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Along the West Bank, grade separating at-grade crossings would improve highway traffic flow and alleviate fouling the Avondale-Garden Road crossing.





## 2007 Infrastructure Feasibility Analysis

- Evaluated possible West Bank improvements
- Evaluated possible improvements east of Almonaster Bridge




New Orleans East improvements would also include grade separating crossings to improved highway traffic flow.





## 2007 Infrastructure Feasibility Analysis

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- Evaluated possible improvements to the Back, Front and Middle Belts
  - Front Belt improvements were determined infeasible




Improvements to the Front, Back, and Middle Belts were also evaluated.

Front Belt Improvements were determined infeasible due to the adjacent development and numerous at-grade crossings.





## 2007 Infrastructure Feasibility Analysis

- Evaluated possible West Bank improvements
- Evaluated possible improvements east of Almonaster Bridge
- Evaluated possible improvements to the Back, Front and Middle Belts
  - Front Belt improvements were determined infeasible
  - Back Belt improvements considered eliminating or grade separating most at-grade crossings




Back Belt improvements included grade separating numerous highway-railroad crossings to improve highway traffic flow and provide additional rail capacity.



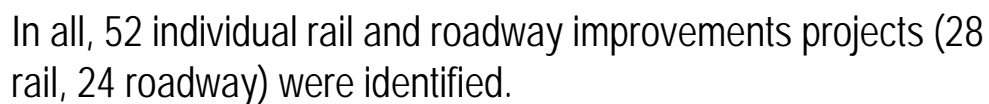
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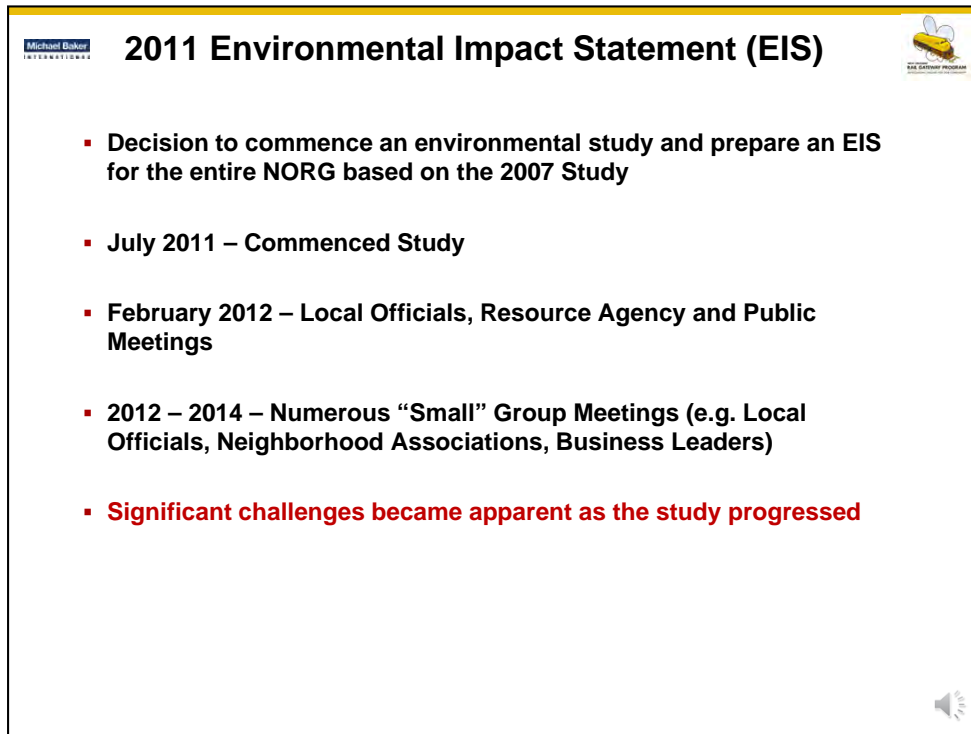


Middle Belt improvements included creating a new route between East Bridge Junction (EBJ) and East City Junction (ECJ) by linking existing, but lightly used rail lines through Jefferson and Orleans Parishes.

Commonly known as the “Carrollton Curve”, this route was first identified in 1955 and would reroute trains to the Earhart Expressway/I-10 corridor to provide additional rail capacity.



The large majority are concentrated in the Central Section of the Gateway where the Back and Middle Belt alternatives were evaluated.

A presentation slide titled "2011 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)". The slide features a yellow header bar with the title in black text. In the top left corner, there is a small logo for "Michael Baker INTERNATIONAL". In the top right corner, there is a small graphic of a yellow train on a track with the text "NEW ORLEANS RAIL GATEWAY PROGRAM" below it. The main body of the slide contains a bulleted list of five items. The first item is "Decision to commence an environmental study and prepare an EIS for the entire NORG based on the 2007 Study". The second item is "July 2011 – Commenced Study". The third item is "February 2012 – Local Officials, Resource Agency and Public Meetings". The fourth item is "2012 – 2014 – Numerous 'Small' Group Meetings (e.g. Local Officials, Neighborhood Associations, Business Leaders)". The fifth item is "Significant challenges became apparent as the study progressed", which is highlighted in red text. In the bottom right corner, there is a small speaker icon indicating audio content.

**2011 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

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- **July 2011 – Commenced Study**
- **February 2012 – Local Officials, Resource Agency and Public Meetings**
- **2012 – 2014 – Numerous “Small” Group Meetings (e.g. Local Officials, Neighborhood Associations, Business Leaders)**
- **Significant challenges became apparent as the study progressed**



Based on the 2007 Study findings, “The Partnership” moved forward with a Gateway-wide environmental study to prepare Environmental Impact Statement for the entire Gateway.

Studies commenced in July 2011 and Local Officials, Resource Agency and Public Meetings were held in February 2012.

Between 2012 and 2014 numerous “small” group meetings were held with local officials, neighborhood associations and business interests.


Significant challenges became apparent as the study progressed.





## Significant Challenges

- **Lack of consensus and polarized public opinion to the feasible alternatives identified in the 2007 Study**
- **2007 Study did not include increased passenger service from 5 to 62 trains daily into NOUPT**
- **Increased passenger service would adversely effect the improvements warranting additional studies**
- **Insufficient Federal and State funding to conduct the necessary Gateway-wide comprehensive studies**





Initial stakeholder outreach indicated a lack of consensus and polarized public opinion to the 2007 Study alternatives.

The 2007 Study projected freight growth but held Amtrak passenger service at the current five trains daily.

Previously prepared passenger rail corridor planning studies identified 62 passenger trains daily into the New Orleans Union Passenger Terminal (NOUPT). This increase would most likely adversely affect the improvements being evaluated.


A re-evaluation of both the passenger service projections and improvements was warranted.

At this time there is insufficient Federal and State funding to conduct the necessary studies.



## NORG Moving Forward...

- **Decision to temporarily suspend the Gateway-wide EIS study**
- **The Gateway-wide EIS study will resume when:**
  - Necessary Federal and State funding is secured
  - Possible alternatives are discussed with elected officials to gauge community support
  - There is consensus to move the study forward
- **In the Interim:**
  - DOTD and FRA will continue studying smaller individual projects, as funding is secured, that **provide public benefit** and can be **constructed independent of any other Gateway improvements**
  - Railroads can be expected to continue advancing projects that improve rail operations



These challenges significantly slowed the study while possible remedies were considered.

After much deliberation, the DOTD and FRA mutually agreed to temporarily suspend the EIS study until additional funding is secured to re-evaluate passenger train forecasts and possible alternatives. Discussions with elected officials will then be held to gauge community support and Gateway-wide studies will continue when there is consensus.

DOTD and FRA will continue studying, as funding is secured, smaller individual projects that provide public benefit and be constructed independent of any other Gateway improvements.

In the meantime, DOTD and FRA will continue discussing the re-evaluation of both the projected passenger service and possible improvements while encouraging the communities to work together to achieve consensus to enable the study to move forward.

It is expected that the railroads will continue advancing some projects to improve rail operations.



## Jefferson Highway Rail Crossing Relocation Study

- **Selected because of its strong public benefit**
- **Jefferson Highway (US 90)**
  - Part of the National Highway network
  - Carries 25,000 vehicles per day + two transit routes
  - Delivers police, fire and ambulance emergency services
  - Key route for hurricane evacuation
  - Limited walking and bicycling opportunities



The first smaller project to be studied is the Jefferson Highway Rail Crossing Relocation between the Ochsner Hospital and Monticello Avenue, in Jefferson Parish.

This project was one of the 2007 Study's identified improvements and was selected because of its strong public benefit.

Jefferson Highway, also known as US 90, is part of the National Highway network. It:

- Carries 25,00 vehicles per day plus two transit routes
- Delivers police, fire and ambulance emergency services
- Is a Key route for hurricane evacuation; and
- Has limited walking and bicycling opportunities

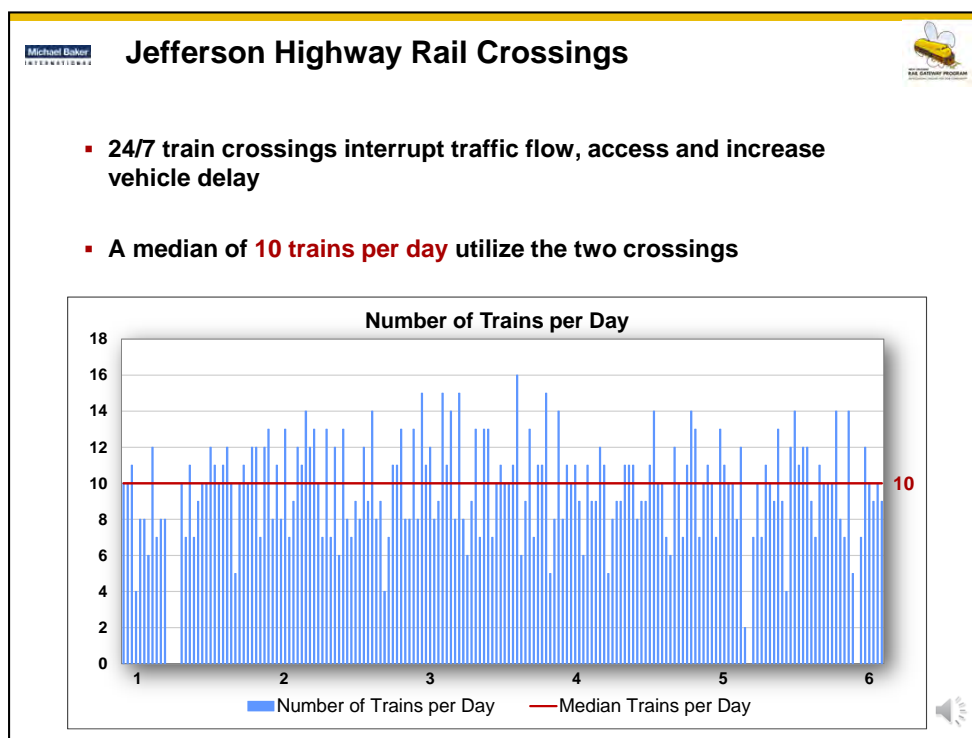
**Jefferson Highway Rail Crossing Relocation Study**

- **Supports**
  - **Envision Jefferson 2040**
    - Economic Development District
  - **Ochsner Health Foundation Hospital Expansion**
  - **Growth in Retail & Residential Housing**
  - **Other on-going and planned area transportation improvements**



**This Project:**

- Supports Jefferson Parish's Envision Jefferson 2040 Comprehensive Plan and is within an identified Economic Development District,
- Supports the Ochsner Health Foundation Hospital Expansion,
- Supports anticipated growth in area retail and residential housing, and
- Supports other on-going and planned area transportation improvements.

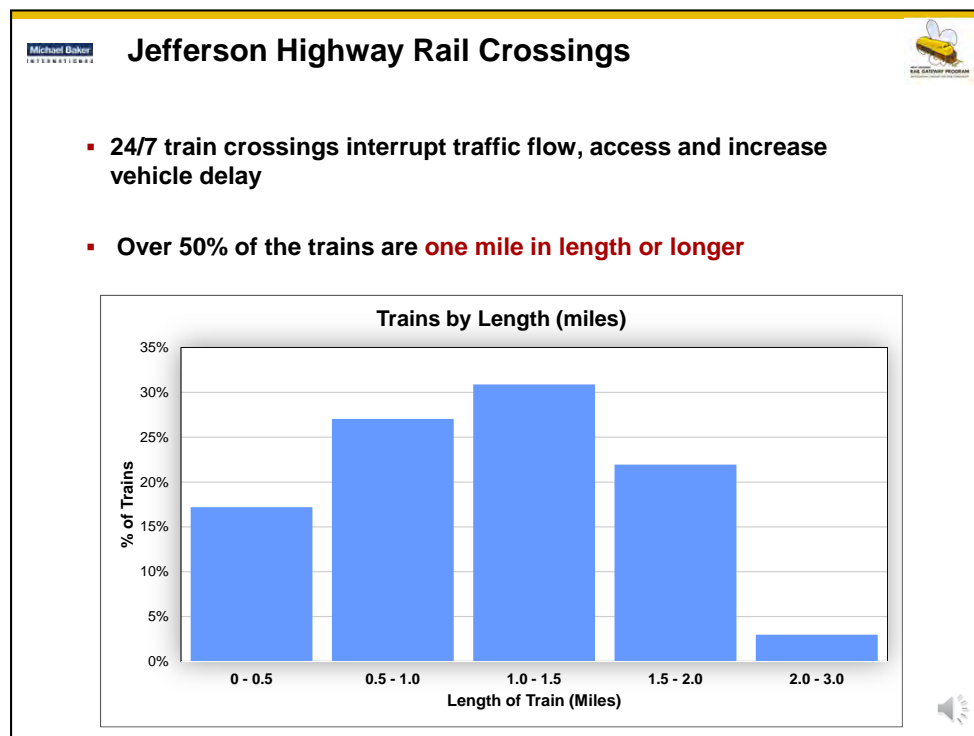


The New Orleans Public Belt Railroad operates trains 24 hours per day, seven days per week, across the two at-grade rail crossings between the Ochsner Hospital and Monticello Avenue.

This graph illustrates the number of trains crossings at these two locations over a six month period.

These train crossings interrupt traffic flow, access and increase vehicle delay.

A median of 10 trains per day utilize these two crossing.



Trains lengths vary from single locomotives to unit trains approaching almost three miles in length.

Over fifty percent of the trains are one mile in length or longer.



## Jefferson Highway Rail Crossing Relocation Goals

- **Increase economic competitiveness and improve air quality by reducing vehicle congestion and delay**
- **Support Hospital expansion and Regional economic development**
- **Improve safety by eliminating one or both at-grade crossings**
- **Decrease crossing maintenance costs**
- **Increase freight fluidity through the NORG and the Port of New Orleans**



The goals identified for the study include :



Increasing economic competitiveness and improving air quality by reducing vehicle congestion and delay;

Improving safety by eliminating one or both at-grade crossings;

Supporting Hospital expansion and Regional economic development;

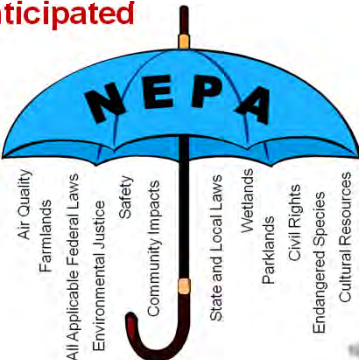
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## National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

- **NEPA requires Federal Agencies to**
  - Consider environmental impacts of their proposed actions, and
  - Inform the public about their decision-making
- **Three types of NEPA documents**
  - Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
  - Environmental Assessment (EA)
  - Categorical Exclusion (CE)
- **An Environmental Assessment (EA) is anticipated but will be confirmed after further study**





The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) declared the Nation's policy on protecting the environment. NEPA requires Federal agencies to use all practicable means within their authority to protect the environment and establishes a process for analyzing and disclosing the impacts of Federal actions on the environment.

Three types of documents are prepared to satisfy the NEPA requirements.

- An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is prepared when it is known that the Action will have a significant effect on the environment
- An Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared for Actions in which the significance of the environmental impact is not clearly established. Should environmental analysis and interagency review during the EA process find a project to have no significant impacts on the quality of the environment, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is issued.
- Categorical Exclusions (CEs) are issued for Actions that do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the environment



At this time, an Environmental Assessment is anticipated. The appropriate NEPA document will be confirmed after engineering and environmental studies are completed.







## Engineering and Environmental Studies

- **Engineering Studies**
  - Rail & Roadway Operational Performance
  - Rail & Roadway Conceptual Engineering
  - Capital cost, operations and maintenance estimates
- **Environmental Studies**
  - Socio-Economics
  - Air Quality, Noise & Vibration
  - Hazardous Materials
  - Historic and Archaeological Resources
  - Wetlands and Water Resources

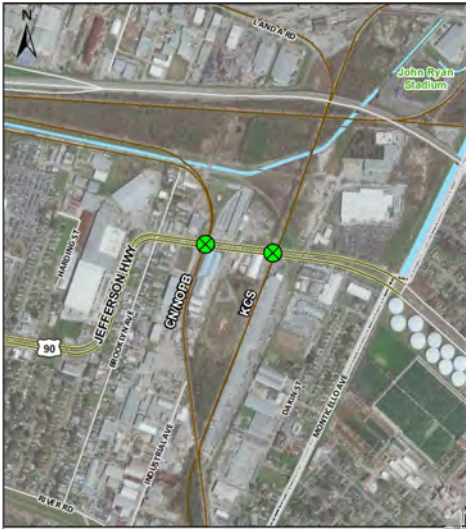


Engineering studies will evaluate rail and roadway operations performance, identify physical improvements and prepare capital cost, operations and maintenance estimates.

The environmental studies will evaluate direct, and indirect impacts to the social, economic, and physical environment. The evaluation will take into account both beneficial and adverse affects and identify measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate adverse community and environmental impacts.

**Alternatives to be Considered**

- **CN/NOPB & KCS at-grade rail crossings are less than 700 feet apart**
- **Combine the two crossings into a single crossing at either the CN/NOPB or KCS crossing location**
- **Grade separate the combined crossing with a roadway overpass**

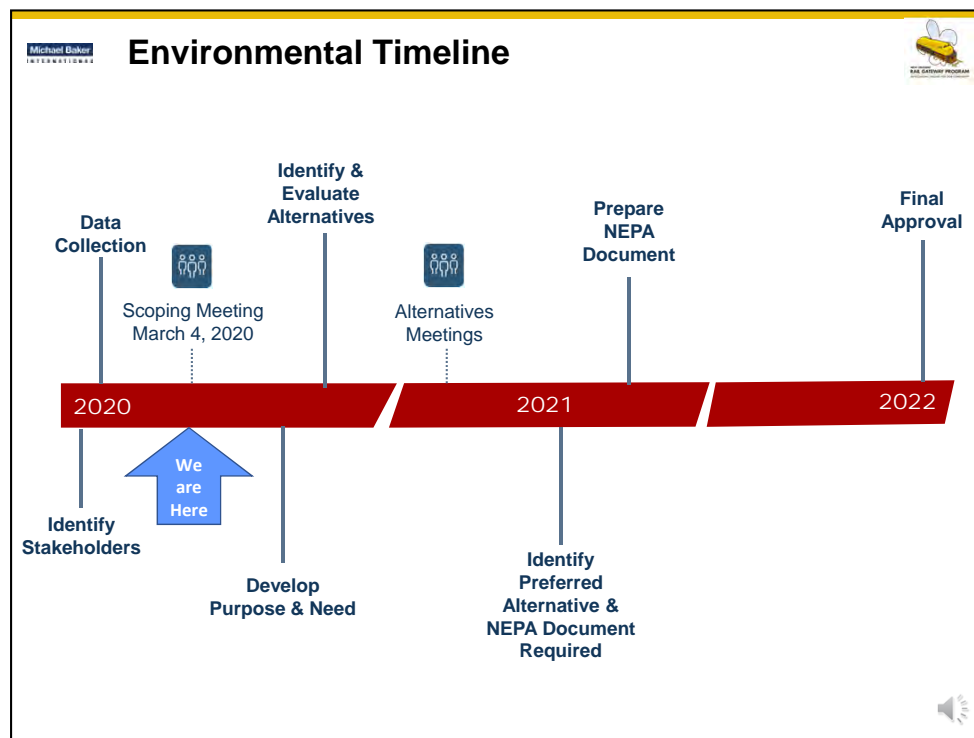


Two at-grade highway-rail crossings, a Canadian National (CN) crossing leased by the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad (NOPB) and a Kansas City Southern Railway (KCS) crossing, are less than 700 feet apart at this location.

This study will evaluate combining these two crossings into a single crossing at either the NOPB or KCS crossing location.



The study will also evaluate grade separating the combined crossing at these two locations with a roadway overpass.

This study will coordinate with the Earhart/Dakin Street Connector project.



The study is anticipated to take about three years to complete. A public meeting, similar to this one, is planned about a year from now to present alternatives and solicit public input.

If you signed in tonight, you will be added to the mailing list to receive study information and future public announcements. Public meetings will also be announced through newspaper notices, mail and e-mail notices, press releases and on the NORG webpage.




## Public Outreach


- **Proactively engage the Stakeholders**
  - **Public Meetings**
  - **Newsletters**
  - **Mailings and E-Mail Notices**
  - **Press Releases**
  - **NORG Program Webpage**
    - [www.dotd.la.gov/administration/public\\_info/projects](http://www.dotd.la.gov/administration/public_info/projects)
  - **Special Assistance**

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at least five (5) business days prior to the public meeting dates.




Public involvement initiatives including public meetings, newsletters, mailings and e-mail notices, press releases and a NORG Program Webpage will be used throughout the study. Project information and opportunities for public participation will be announced using these media.



## Stay Involved!



- If you signed in at the Welcome Table, you will receive study information and future meeting announcements**
- Comment at today's meeting**
  - Oral Comment Station
  - Written Comment Station
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- DOTD Website**  
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JEFFERSON AND ORLEANS PARISHES, LOUISIANA  
Jefferson Highway Rail Crossing Relocation Project  
Scoping Meeting Comment Form

Printed Name	Printed Name	Printed Name
Address	Address	Address
City	State	Zip

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FAP No. DE-9208(500)

March 4, 2020

We want your comments on the information presented today.



If you want to comment at today's public meeting, you can make a verbal statement at the Oral Comment Station or you can complete the Comment Form that was handed out when you signed in, and deposit it in the box at the Written Comments Station.

If you prefer to send us your comments, please mail them to:

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All comments must be post-marked no later than March 18, 2020 to become part of the public record.

Please complete your full name and address information. Anonymous comments cannot be fully considered.




## Thank you for Attending!

# THANK YOU



- Your input is important
- Give us your comments
- Ask us questions – We're here to assist you



This public meeting is an important part of the transportation decision-making process and your input is encouraged and appreciated.

After this presentation, please review the project exhibits, talk with Study Team representatives, and give us your comments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask one of the Study Team representatives. We're all wearing name badges. **Remember, the only bad questions are the ones not asked!**

Thank you again for attending today's public meeting!

# **HANDOUT MATERIALS**



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12. Do you have any other comments or concerns not addressed at **today's** scoping meeting?

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13. Would you like your name to be placed on the NORG mailing list?   ☐ YES   ☐ NO   ☐ I signed in during the meeting.

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# EXHIBITS



# New Orleans Rail Gateway Program

## Public Scoping Meeting

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**Welcome** to this Public Scoping Meeting for the New Orleans Rail Gateway Program in Jefferson and Orleans Parishes.

**Today's public meeting is an informal, open-house style format.**

**To obtain the most out of today's public meeting please:**

- ✦ **Sign in** at the front welcome table and take a copy of the handout materials. By signing in your name will be placed on the mailing list to receive future public announcements.
- ✦ **Watch the slide presentation** for an overview of the project and the study process.
- ✦ **Review the exhibits** displayed around the room to learn more about the Project and the location of the Jefferson Highway Rail Crossing Relocation Study Area.
- ✦ **Ask questions** of the Project Team members (we're all wearing name tags). Remember, there are no foolish questions. The only bad questions are the ones not asked.
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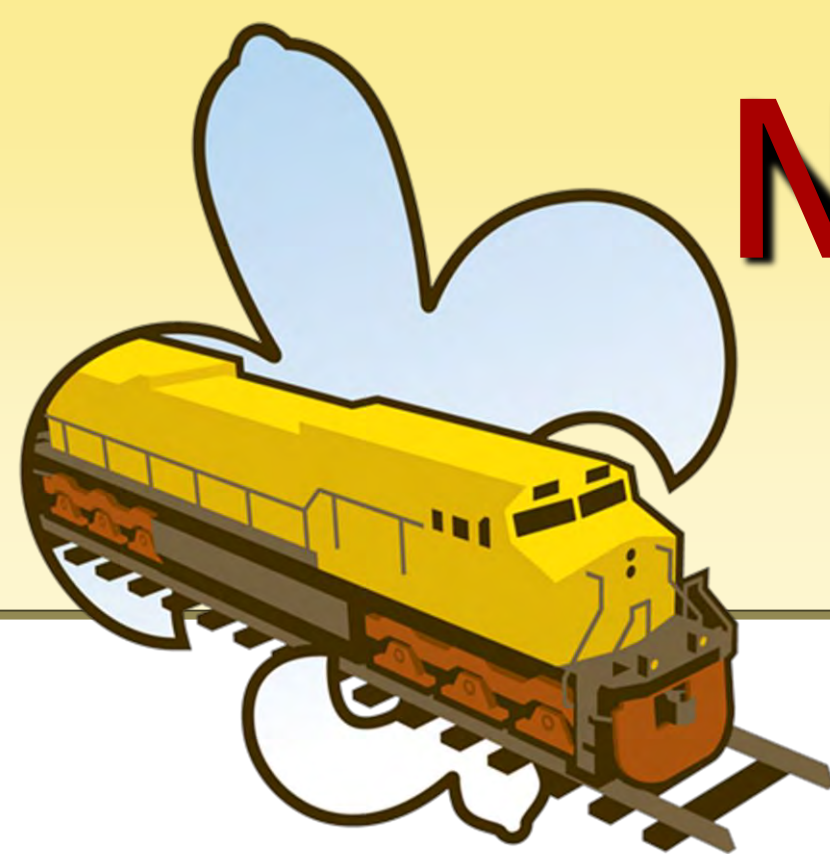
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## **Public Scoping Meeting**

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# **Welcome Special Assistance**

**If you require special assistance due to a disability in order to participate in today's public meeting, please see a Study Team representative at the Welcome table.**

# **Bienvenida asistencia especial**

**Si usted necesita ayuda especial debido a una discapacidad con el fin de participar en la sesión pública de hoy, consulte a un representante del Equipo de Estudio en la mesa de bienvenida.**







# New Orleans Rail Gateway Program

## GOALS

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# New Orleans Rail Gateway Program

## STUDY AREA EXHIBIT



### Legend

- ▬ Study Area
- CN/NOPB At-Grade Crossing
- KCS At-Grade Crossing
- +— Railroad

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# New Orleans Rail Gateway Program

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS EXHIBIT



### Legend

Study Area

At-Grade Highway-Rail Crossing

Parcel Boundary

Canal

### NWI Wetland

Freshwater Emergent Wetland

Freshwater Forested/ Shrub Wetland

River



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## **SIGN-IN SHEETS**





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Job Name: New Orleans Rail Gateway Program

State Project No.: H.005168

F.A.P. No.: DE-9208(500)

Date: March 4, 2020

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Time: 6:00 PM

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## **WRITTEN COMMENTS**





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CARIS BLACKWELL	8922 GREEN, NOLA, 70118	

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7. Please estimate how much time the congestion and delay caused by train traffic adds to your travel time.  
OCCASIONALLY IT ADDS 10 MINS
8. Do you ever take an alternative route to avoid the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☒ No ☐ Yes, please list alternate roads you use \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you have safety concerns at the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☒ No ☐ Yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you feel that grade separating the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway would benefit you?  
☐ Not at all ☒ Somewhat ☐ A great deal

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☐ Yes ☒ No

12. Do you have any other comments or concerns not addressed at today's scoping meeting?

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13. Would you like your name to be placed on the NORG mailing list? ☐ YES ☒ NO ☐ I signed in during the meeting.

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Name	Street or P.O. Box	City, State, Zip
Bert Brubaker - Bob's Warehouse, LLC	300 Jefferson Hwy Suite 304	Jefferson, LA 70121

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- Please estimate how much time the congestion and delay caused by train traffic adds to your travel time.  
less than 10 minutes per month
- Do you ever take an alternative route to avoid the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☐ No ☒ Yes, please list alternate roads you use Earhart Expressway
- Do you have safety concerns at the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
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- Do you feel that grade separating the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway would benefit you?  
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☒ Yes ☐ No

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As one of the owners of B&B Warehouse, LLC located adjacent to the KCS tracks, any overpass diminishing visibility from Jefferson Highway to our business entrance would effectively kill our business. We would effectively go from an easily accessible warehouse to a dying business under the overpass.

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STEPHEN SAUER	925 LABARGE RD	MET, LA 70001

The purpose of today's scoping meeting is to present the environmental and location study and to solicit your input concerning important social and environmental issues. Please answer the following questions.

1. How did you hear about the New Orleans Rail Gateway (NORG) Program? BUSINESS PARTNERS
2. Do you live or work along Jefferson Highway between Oschner Health Foundation Hospital and Monticello Avenue?  
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negligable
8. Do you ever take an alternative route to avoid the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
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9. Do you have safety concerns at the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
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☒ Yes ☐ No

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THE BLOCKING OF RR CROSSING AT LABARRE + AIRLINE  
IS CURRENTLY BLOCKED OFTEN + FOR LONG PERIODS.  
IF NO AGENCY IS WILLING TO ENFORCE CURRENT  
LAWS BEING VIOLATED BY THE TRAWS, I HAVE  
LITTLE CONFIDENCE THAT THIS PROJECT - DESIGNED  
TO BENEFIT ORLANDER - WILL NOT RESULT IN SOME  
DETRIMENT TO THOSE OF US IN THE LABARRE  
BUSINESS PARK.

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MARC DULCE	7015 Jefferson Hwy	Jefferson LA 70121

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☐ Entertainment ☐ Other (please specify) Business Owner
5. How often do you experience traffic congestion or delays along Jefferson Highway between Oschner Health Foundation Hospital and Monticello Avenue?  
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6. How often do you encounter a delay due to train traffic at the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
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7. Please estimate how much time the congestion and delay caused by train traffic adds to your travel time.  
Hours for the entire Day
8. Do you ever take an alternative route to avoid the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☒ No ☐ Yes, please list alternate roads you use \_\_\_\_\_
9. Do you have safety concerns at the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☒ No ☐ Yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you feel that grade separating the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway would benefit you?  
☐ Not at all ☐ Somewhat ☒ A great deal



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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Jim Bellmyer	546 Jefferson St	Jefferson LA 70121

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1. How did you hear about the New Orleans Rail Gateway (NORG) Program? Media

2. Do you live or work along Jefferson Highway between Oschner Health Foundation Hospital and Monticello Avenue?

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3. How frequently do you travel through the section of Jefferson Highway between Oschner Health Foundation Hospital and Monticello Avenue?

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☐ Commute to work ☒ Shopping ☐ School ☒ Oschner Health Foundation Hospital ☒ Visiting family/friends

☒ Entertainment ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

5. How often do you experience traffic congestion or delays along Jefferson Highway between Oschner Health Foundation Hospital and Monticello Avenue?

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6. How often do you encounter a delay due to train traffic at the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?

☐ Every time ☐ Most of the time ☒ Some of the time ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

7. Please estimate how much time the congestion and delay caused by train traffic adds to your travel time.

10 to 15 min

8. Do you ever take an alternative route to avoid the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?

☐ No ☒ Yes, please list alternate roads you use River Rd

9. Do you have safety concerns at the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?

☐ No ☒ Yes, please explain improving safety

10. Do you feel that grade separating the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway would benefit you?

☐ Not at all ☐ Somewhat ☒ A great deal

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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Rebecca OHe	238 Rio Vista Ave	Jeff., LA 70121

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☒ Entertainment ☒ Other (please specify) Access to locations in NOCA
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- Please estimate how much time the congestion and delay caused by train traffic adds to your travel time.  
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- Do you ever take an alternative route to avoid the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☐ No ☒ Yes, please list alternate roads you use Earhardt but rarely
- Do you have safety concerns at the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☐ No ☒ Yes, please explain would like railroad crossing gates & to change it to a quiet/no horn zone
- Do you feel that grade separating the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway would benefit you?  
☐ Not at all ☐ Somewhat ☐ A great deal Not enough information provided to determine



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☐ Yes ☒ No

Didn't know about it

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Elevated roadway would prevent access to at-grade businesses. Would access road still cross RR tracks?

What land would need to be acquired + what's the current/near-future use?

Increasing car speeds does not improve air quality. Has pedestrian safety been considered for how to slow cars down before the sharp curve on Jeff Hwy?

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GERALD A. BELL	9415 OLEANDER ST NEW ORLEANS LA 70118	NEW ORLEANS LA 70118

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☐ Entertainment ☒ Other (please specify) RESTAURANTS
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7. Please estimate how much time the congestion and delay caused by train traffic adds to your travel time.  
30 min on average
8. Do you ever take an alternative route to avoid the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☐ No ☒ Yes, please list alternate roads you use EHRHART EXPRESSWAY
9. Do you have safety concerns at the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☐ No ☒ Yes, please explain PEDESTRIAN TRAVEL
10. Do you feel that grade separating the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway would benefit you?  
☐ Not at all ☐ Somewhat ☒ A great deal



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☐ Yes ☒ No

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YES. WHY WAS A BARRICADE PUT ALONG THE TRACKS ON THE AIRLINE HIGHWAY. IT PREVENTS RESIDENTS FROM CATCHING BUSES GOING TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE, CATCHING RIDES OR BEING DROP OFF. WILL YOU CONSIDER BUILDING A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING GOING OVER THE RAILROAD TRACKS AND OR THE AIRLINE HIGHWAY. THIS IS A VERY FRUSTRATING PROBLEM FOR THE HOLLY GROVE RESIDENTS

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Ed ERNESTIN	717 Dodge Avenue	JEFFERSON, LA 70121

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TEN MINUTES
8. Do you ever take an alternative route to avoid the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☐ No ☒ Yes, please list alternate roads you use Earhart Blvd.
9. Do you have safety concerns at the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☒ No ☐ Yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_
10. Do you feel that grade separating the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway would benefit you?  
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☒ Yes ☐ No

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Highway overpass on Jefferson Highway not needed.

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Name	Street or P.O. Box	City, State, Zip
Tim Garrett	3142A Calhoun St.	New Orleans, LA 70125

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N/A
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☒ Yes   ☐ No

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Not sure what triggered this Study specifically, but worth nothing I cannot recall the last time I witnessed a train

crossing this portion of Jefferson Highway, which I typically traverse either in mid-morning or early afternoon.

My sense is that most crossings are made during "off" hours and so have relatively little impact on traffic or commerce.

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KEY STORAGE	525 JEFFERSON HWY	JEFFERSON LA 70121

CHRIS/KRISTY PATTON

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- How did you hear about the New Orleans Rail Gateway (NORG) Program? Mail Flyer
- Do you live or work along Jefferson Highway between Oschner Health Foundation Hospital and Monticello Avenue?  
☒ Live ☒ Work ☐ Neither
- How frequently do you travel through the section of Jefferson Highway between Oschner Health Foundation Hospital and Monticello Avenue?  
☒ Daily ☐ Multiple times per day ☐ 1-2 times per week ☐ 3-4 times per week ☐ Less than 4 times per month
- Why do you travel through the section of Jefferson Highway between Oschner Health Foundation Hospital and Monticello Avenue?  
☐ Commute to work ☒ Shopping ☐ School ☐ Oschner Health Foundation Hospital ☒ Visiting family/friends  
☒ Entertainment ☐ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- How often do you experience traffic congestion or delays along Jefferson Highway between Oschner Health Foundation Hospital and Monticello Avenue?  
☐ Every time ☒ Most of the time ☐ Some of the time ☐ Rarely ☐ Never
- How often do you encounter a delay due to train traffic at the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☐ Every time ☐ Most of the time ☒ Some of the time ☐ Rarely ☐ Never
- Please estimate how much time the congestion and delay caused by train traffic adds to your travel time.  
up to 45mins regularly - 1-1.5 hrs on occas
- Do you ever take an alternative route to avoid the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☒ No ☐ Yes, please list alternate roads you use \_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have safety concerns at the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway?  
☐ No ☒ Yes, please explain no crossing arm / LOUD horn / tracks VERY rough.
- Do you feel that grade separating the at-grade rail crossings on Jefferson Highway would benefit you?  
☐ Not at all ☐ Somewhat ☐ A great deal NOT SURE

11. Have you visited the New Orleans Rail Gateway Project website ([www.dotd.la.gov/administration/public\\_info/projects](http://www.dotd.la.gov/administration/public_info/projects))?

☐ Yes ☒ No

12. Do you have any other comments or concerns not addressed at today's scoping meeting?

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13. Would you like your name to be placed on the NORG mailing list? ☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ I signed in during the meeting.

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## **ORAL COMMENTS**



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3 PUBLIC NEW ORLEANS RAIL GATEWAY PROGRAM MEETING

4 (State Project No. H.005168/Legacy Project No.

5 700-92-0021/Federal Aid Project No. DE-9208 (500))

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9 JEFFERSON HIGHWAY RAIL CROSSING RELOCATION PROJECT

10 LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT

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14 NO ORAL COMMENTS were given at the Open

15 House Public Scoping Meeting held on Wednesday, March

16 4, 2020 between 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm, in the Caldwell

17 Room of the Brent House Hotel, located at 1512

18 Jefferson Highway, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70121.

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