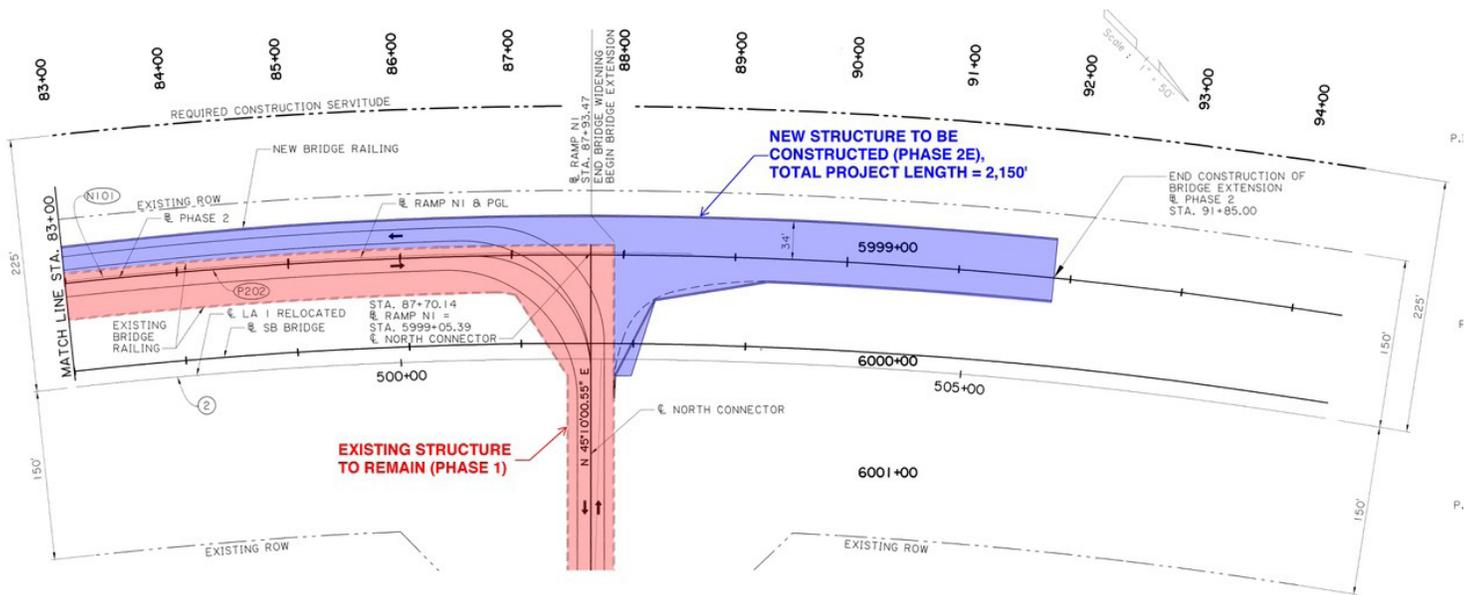


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News from the LA1 Coalition



2017



State Moves Forward on Phase 2 Segment E with \$13 Million Bid

The LA Dept. of Transportation and Development opened construction bids for Segment E of the LA 1 Improvement Project last week. James Construction Group of Baton Rouge submitted the low bid of \$13,248,581.59.

Segment E is the southernmost segment of Phase II and is located in Leeville. It includes the widening of the existing bridge at the current 90-degree curve for approximately 1,400 feet where the roadway will taper back to two lanes. The widening of this structure is needed to allow for a tie-in with the three-lane wide connection from the north. The elevated highway from the north will be three lanes wide to accommodate a left turn lane at this future intersection. An immediate benefit to drivers is that the widening will provide a broader curve when driving southbound. The current curve formation was intended to be temporary in anticipation that, when all of Phase 2 opens,

most traffic will get on the elevated structure in Golden Meadow and drive straight through this intersection.

The LA 1 Coalition thanks Governor Edwards and LA DOTD Secretary Shawn Wilson for prioritizing the continued build-out of the LA 1 Improvement Project through this segment's construction. The majority of the \$13 million segment cost is being funded by the State of Louisiana. Critical to the state's ability to build this segment was the Governor's decision to provide \$5 million of state capital outlay funds for the project this summer. We recognize the immense request for capital outlay funds and thank Governor Edwards and the administration for recognizing the need to make continued progress on this critical public works initiative.

Coalition and Port Officials Press for LA 1 Funding in Washington

LA 1 Coalition and Port Fourchon officials met with **Congressman Steve Scalise** and five other members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation in late November.

The Greater Lafourche Port Commission has applied for a U.S. Department of Transportation Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) grant to fund, in part, Phase 2 of the LA 1 Improvement Project. This is an important opportunity for the LA 1 Project as INFRA will provide considerable more funding (\$1.5 billion) than previous DOT grant programs. In addition, there is a rural set-aside for which the LA 1 Project qualifies.

The project has the support of the entire Louisiana delegation. We thank



the delegation for recognizing the criticality of LA 1 to Louisiana's working coast industry sectors of energy, coastal restoration, commercial and recreational fishing, and eco-tourism.

Scott Angelle, Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) in Washington and a long-time supporter of the LA 1 Improvement Project, visited with Henri Boulet following the Deepwater Technical Conference this summer.

Director Angelle was instrumental in funding Phase 1 of the LA 1 Improvement Project in his previous role as Secretary of the LA Dept. of Natural Resources. We are grateful for his continued support.

Gov. Edwards Prioritizes LA 1 Project in Letter on State Infrastructure Needs

In a late-2016 letter from Governor Edwards to the National Governor' Association prioritizing Louisiana infrastructure projects submitted to then-President Trump's transition team, the Governor prioritized completion of LA 1, listing it first among eleven state projects that meet a national security need, are shovel-ready and which engineering can be completed in an expedited manner.

The Governor's letter spoke of the national benefit completing LA 1 brings to energy stability and the role it will play in enhancing oil production services off the coast of Louisiana. The Governor also spoke to the point of the project being a significant job creator in a region of the state most impacted by the downturn in global energy prices.



Spreading the News

- LA 1 Coalition participated in several recent industry forums, including SPE's Annual Deepwater Technical Symposium, Louisiana Department of Economic Development's Statewide Economic Development Forum, Grow Louisiana's Energy Day, and Leadership Louisiana Alumni Policy Day. The forums provide the Coalition opportunities to update stake holders industry sector associations on the project's implementation, while growing support for the Coalition's efforts.
- Boulet made a presentation to the LA Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation this fall during the committee's annual "Road Show" to accept public comment on LA DOTD's FY 2017-2018 work plan. Phase 2 Segment E of the LA 1 Project is listed as a priority project in that plan.
- Boulet also presented an update on the LA 1 Improvement Project to the several business groups at their regional meetings including the Bayou Industrial Group, Terrebonne Association of Realtors, and the Houma Kiwanis.

Welcome New Coalition Members!

Arena Offshore

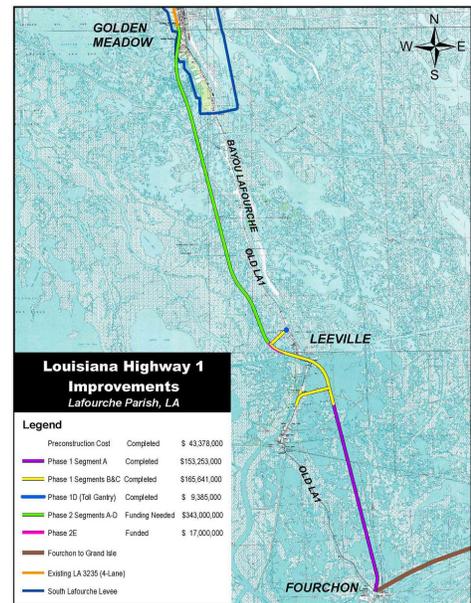
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We thank you and all of our members for your support!



Phase 2 Completion Cost Now at \$343 Million

LA DOTD revised cost estimates for construction of Phase 2 of the LA 1 Project now stands at \$343 million. A new project map (pictured left) outlines the previous investments in the project, the Segment E construction site which will be active this Spring, and the needed 8.3 mile span on it's new alignment.

Project Design Status:

Louisiana DOTD has continued to make progress on designing the remaining 8.3 miles of structure. The design of the northernmost 3,700-foot segment, which ties into Highway 3235 and crosses the Larose-Golden Meadow Levee System, is complete. The large six-mile section between Golden Meadow and Leeville will be 95% complete in January 2018, and the one-mile overpass just north of Leeville is expected to be 95% complete in June 2018.



About the Coalition: The LA 1 Coalition is organized for coordinating, providing, and disseminating public information in relation to improving the highway system between Grand Isle and U.S. Highway 90. The LA 1 Coalition is a 501(c)(4) organization. Donations are not tax deductible. The LA 1 Coalition is located within the offices of the South Louisiana Economic Council on the campus of Nicholls State University in Thibodaux, LA. Executive Director is Henri Boulet.

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