



I-49 Inner City Connector Newsletter

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INTRODUCTION

This newsletter provides information for engineering and environmental studies regarding the I-49 Inner City Connector project sponsored by the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG).

We are conducting a Stage 0 Feasibility Study and Environmental Inventory for the I-49 Inner City Connector project. This study includes identifying the initial project concept, potential alternatives, and conducting a preliminary environmental review. The ultimate goal of the project is to develop an interstate connector facility that will link downtown Shreveport at the current terminus of I-49 at I-20 with I-220, the southern terminus of proposed I-49 North.

The first issue of the newsletter described the scope of the project, the Stage 0 process, project evaluation efforts, and how the public can be involved in the study. The second newsletter provided progress status and the dates of the second round of Community Input Meetings.

The project website <http://www.i49shreveport.com> supports an interactive map with the ability to display the alternative corridors under consideration in the study and various data sets (such as flood zones). Please visit it often for the most up to date information and/or to leave your comments.

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CURRENT STATUS OF THE PROJECT

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Public Involvement Plan • Development of Interagency Involvement Plan |
| STEP 1 → | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define Study Area • Preliminary Data Collection • Scoping Meetings |
| STEP 2 → | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic Studies • Refinement of Purpose and Need • Development of Preliminary Alternatives |
| CURRENT STEP → | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection of Corridors for Detailed Study |
| STEP 3 → | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field Studies • Evaluation of Corridors and Technical Reports • Environmental Documentation |
| STEP 4 → | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Inventory • Utilities and Cost Analysis • Public Meeting |
| STEP 5 → | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Comments on the Draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Inventory • Recommend Two Preferred Corridors • Final Feasibility Study and Environmental Inventory • Project Implementation Plan |



PUBLIC MEETING FOR DRAFT STAGE 0 DOCUMENT

Early 2010

Stay tuned to <http://www.i49shreveport.com> for the latest on the schedule for the last public meeting.

Upon the approval of the draft Stage 0 document, a meeting will be held to receive final public comment to be included in the feasibility study. This meeting is anticipated in the first quarter of 2010.

All interested members of the public are encouraged to attend.

PROJECT TEAM

PROVIDENCE

Project Management
Planning
Preliminary Engineering
Environmental

ABMB ENGINEERING

Traffic Engineering and Modeling
Intersection and Corridor
Analysis
Highway and Bridge Design

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Public Participation
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Concept Development and
Evaluation

EARTH SEARCH

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Courtesy Review

Study Area Map with Corridors

