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**State Project H.003915**  
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**I-49 Inner City Connector**  
**Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement**



**PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS**  
**(ROUND 3)**  
**JANUARY 19-21, 2016**

**EVENT SUMMARY**

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**SECTION 1.0**  
**INTRODUCTION**

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

A third round of Public Input Meetings was held for the Interstate 49 (I-49) Inner City Connector Stage 1 in January 2016. The purpose of the meetings was to present five build alternatives, two potential interchange locations, and the no-build alternative to the public for comment. The build alternatives are designed to connect the existing I-49/Interstate 20 (I-20) interchange with the future I-49 north in the vicinity of Interstate 220 (I-220).

### **1.1 Meeting Format**

All six meetings were held in an open house format to allow for the most flexibility in attendance. Meeting attendees were greeted at the entrance of each meeting venue and requested to sign-in. They were provided a project summary brochure and a public meeting comment form.

A copy of these handouts is included as **Appendix A**.

After the sign-in table, a series of exhibits presented the various alternatives, which was followed by an electronic mapping station where attendees could give a project team member a specific location to look up utilizing Google Earth. They would then be able to see a close up of this location in relation to the proposed alternatives. A table was set up where attendees could write down their comments for the project team. A court reporter was also present to take verbal comments from any attendee that chose to do so.

Members of the consultant team as well as the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) guided attendees through the exhibits and meeting information. Members of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the DOTD also attended and answered questions from the public.

### **1.2 Meeting Locations and Times**

Meeting locations and times were developed to provide optimum public involvement. The project team felt it was important to focus the meeting locations within or near the potentially impacted community of Allendale/Ledbetter Heights, and also near the LA 3132 corridor which is now Build Alternative 5. The inner city neighborhoods represent an environmental justice community and the project team felt it was important to make the meetings easily accessible and convenient for this community to come out and provide input on the proposed alternatives. Due to the large church presence within this community, size of the facility, abundance of parking, and the potential to be impacted from the proposed alternatives, Mount Canaan Baptist Church and Galilee Baptist Church were selected as two of the six meeting locations.

The meetings were offered on three different days of the week to increase public participation. The third round of Public Input Meetings was scheduled for the times, dates, and locations below.

**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**

Shreveport Chamber of Commerce  
400 Edwards Street  
**11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Hamilton-South Caddo Branch Library  
2111 W. Bert Kouns Industrial Loop  
**6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church  
1500 Pierre Avenue  
Shreveport, LA 71103  
**11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Greater Shreveport Convention Center  
400 Caddo Street  
Shreveport, LA 71101  
**6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, January 21, 2016**

Louisiana Technical College –  
Shreveport-Bossier Campus  
2010 N. Market Street  
Shreveport, LA 71107  
**11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Mt. Canaan Baptist Church  
1666 Alston Street  
Shreveport, LA 71101  
**6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**SECTION 2.0**  
**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 2.0 MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2.1 Public Notice

The paid public notice below ran twice in Shreveport's *The Times*, the official journal of Caddo Parish. Run dates were January 4 and 11, 2016. Proof of publication is included in **Appendix B**.

**PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS**

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE TO MEETING SITES  
AND TIMES\*\*\***

**I-49 Inner City Connector  
Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement**

**State Project No. H.003915  
Legacy No. 700-09-0171  
Caddo Parish**

The Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) has initiated a Stage 1 Environmental Study of a proposed I-49 Inner City Connector near downtown Shreveport. This Stage 1 project follows the previously completed Stage 0 Feasibility Study in 2010. To continue the Stage 1 process, the project team will offer five (5) opportunities for the public to participate in informational meetings regarding the project.

The purpose of these Public Input Meetings is to provide information on the status of the proposed project and obtain additional and more specific input from the public regarding possible alternatives. Representatives of NLCOG and the project team will be present to receive comments and answer questions related to the proposed project. All interested parties are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting of their choice. The Public Input Meetings are scheduled for the times, dates, and locations below.

**Tuesday, January 19, 2016**  
Shreveport Chamber of Commerce  
400 Edwards Street  
Shreveport, LA 71101  
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Hamilton-South Caddo Branch Library  
2111 W. Bert Kouns Industrial Loop  
Shreveport, LA 71118  
6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 20, 2016**  
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1500 Pierre Avenue  
Shreveport, LA 71103  
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Presentations and interactive input opportunities will be provided at each meeting. Written statements can be submitted at the meeting or mailed to the address shown below, postmarked by Friday, February 5, 2016.

Should anyone require special assistance due to a disability to participate in this meeting, please contact the NLCOG Planning Division at the address shown below, or by telephone at (318) 841-5950, at least five working days prior to the meetings.

Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments  
Attn: I-49 ICC Public Comment  
625 Texas Street, Suite 200  
Shreveport, LA 71101



## 2.2 Press Releases and E-blasts

The Press Releases and E-blasts on the following pages were provided to media outlets in the greater Shreveport area on January 4 and 11, 2016. These media outlets included:

### Newspapers

The Caddo Citizen (official parish journal)  
Shreveport Times

### Radio

KDKS  
GAP Broadcasting LLC  
KSYB - Amistad radio  
Cumulus Broadcasting  
KNCB  
KSCL  
Radio Group  
Red River Public Radio  
Tom Pace Town Talk

### Television

KSLA - Channel 12  
KSLA - Channel 13  
KTAL - Channel 6  
KTBS - Channel 3  
KTBS - Channel 4  
KMSS - Fox 33  
BPCC Smart Channel

**Press Release #1**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
CONTACT: **KENT ROGERS**  
**Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments**  
**(318) 841-5950**

**THIRD ROUND OF I-49 INNER CITY CONNECTOR PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS TO  
TAKE PLACE JANUARY 2016**

SHREVEPORT—The Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, along with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD), will host a third round of Public Input Meetings January 19-21, 2016, to provide information on specific possible corridors for an I-49 Inner City Connector.

The Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments initiated a Stage 0 Feasibility Study on the I-49 Inner City Connector in 2009 to determine whether a linkage of the current I-49 with the future I-49 North would be feasible. That process was completed in 2010, and the project is now in the Stage 1 Planning/Environmental portion of the six-stage Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development project development process. Stage 1 analyzes the potential impacts of constructing an I-49 Inner City Connector within the approved study area, inclusive of public input, and provides an environmental document that supports the decision-making process.

During the Stage 0 process, three rounds of public meetings were held to gather input from stakeholders, business owners, and area residents to determine the feasibility of constructing the I-49 Inner City Connector. Construction typically does not begin until Stage 5 of the process.

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**6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

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Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church  
1558 Buena Vista Street  
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During the Stage 1 process, the proposed build alternatives will be studied in detail and refined to minimize adverse impacts as allowable under required design standards. Additionally, mitigation measures to reduce overall community impact will be presented.

For further questions about the current status of the project, visit [www.i49shreveport.com](http://www.i49shreveport.com) or [www.nlcoglistens.com](http://www.nlcoglistens.com).

**Press Release #2 (with updated locations)**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
CONTACT: **KENT ROGERS**  
**Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments**  
**(318) 841-5950**

**\*\*\*REMINDER\*\*\***

**THIRD ROUND OF I-49 INNER CITY CONNECTOR PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS TO  
TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK**

SHREVEPORT—The Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, along with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD), will host a third round of Public Input Meetings next week, Tuesday January 19 through Thursday, January 21, to provide information on specific possible corridors for an I-49 Inner City Connector.

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Galilee Missionary Baptist Church  
1500 Pierre Avenue

Shreveport, LA 71103

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Shreveport Convention Center

400 Caddo Street

Shreveport, LA 71101

**6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

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Shreveport-Bossier Campus

2010 N. Market Street

Shreveport, LA 71107

**11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Mt. Canaan Baptist Church

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E-blast #1

From: Franklin Associates <info@franklinassoc.net>

Subject: January 2016 I-49 Inner City Connector Public Input Meetings- Announcement

Reply: info@franklinassoc.net

## Public Input Meetings Announcement



### *Shreveport's I-49 Inner City Connector*

#### Announcement from the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments:

#### **Public Input Meetings**

Shreveport, Louisiana - January 19-21, 2016

Residents are invited to attend one of six upcoming Public Input Meetings being held to provide information on build alternatives for an I-49 Inner City Connector.



All community meetings are free and open to the public. Residents need attend only one meeting to receive information and to voice their ideas and concerns.

#### Quick Links

[www.i49shreveport.com](http://www.i49shreveport.com)

#### Project Team:



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**E-blast#1 Statistics:**

Email Statistics
2/9/2016

**Email Name:**

January 2016 I-49 Inner City Connector Public Meetings

**Template:**

Press Announcements – Professional

**Lists:**

- I-49 ICC Stakeholders
- I-49 ICC Consultant Team
- I-49 ICC Citizen's Advisory Committee
- i-49 Media
- I-49 Cooperating & Participating Agencies

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**Click-through Stats**

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**Public Input Meetings (Round 3) Event Summary**

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http://www.franklinassoc.net	1	11.1%
http://www.i49shreveport.com	4	44.4%
http://www.i49shreveport.com/	4	44.4%
http://www.nlcog.org/	0	0.0%
http://www.providenceeng.com/	0	0.0%
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**Social Stats**

Page Views	Share	Send	Like	Twitter	LinkedIn	(Other)
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**Subject:** January 2016 I-49 Inner City Connector Public Input Meetings- Announcement

**Reply:** info@franklinassoc.net

<p><b>***REMINDER***</b></p> <p><b>Public Input Meetings</b></p> <p><b>NEXT WEEK</b></p>
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#### Wednesday, January 20, 2016

##### Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

1500 Pierre Avenue

#### Quick Links

[www.i49shreveport.com](http://www.i49shreveport.com)

#### Project Team:



11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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<p>mitigation measures to reduce overall community impact will be presented.</p> <p>Refer to the project website <a href="http://www.i49shreveport.com">www.i49shreveport.com</a> for more detailed information.</p>	
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**E-blast #2 Statistics**

Email Statistics
2/9/2016

**Email Name:**

**REMINDER January 2016 I-49 Inner City Connector Public Input Meetings -NEXT WEEK**

**Template:**

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- I-49 ICC Consultant Team
- I-49 ICC Citizen's Advisory Committee
- i-49 Media
- I-49 Cooperating & Participating Agencies

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**Click-through Stats**

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<a href="http://www.i49shreveport.com/">http://www.i49shreveport.com/</a>	4	80.0%
<a href="http://www.nlcog.org/">http://www.nlcog.org/</a>	1	20.0%
<a href="http://www.providenceeng.com/">http://www.providenceeng.com/</a>	0	0.0%
SUBSCRIBER.SIGNUPLINK&p=un	0	0.0%
<b>Total Click-throughs</b>	5	100%

**Social Stats**

<b>Page Views</b>	<b>Share</b>	<b>Send</b>	<b>Like</b>	<b>Twitter</b>	<b>LinkedIn</b>	<b>(Other)</b>
0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 2.3 Stakeholder Group Meetings

Stakeholder group meetings were held in advance of the public meetings. The meetings occurred on January 6-7, 2016. These included the convening of the I-49 Inner City Connector Citizen’s Advisory Committee (CAC), meetings with elected officials, and meetings with key community stakeholders. Quantities of the push-cards and color flyers were available at this time and were provided for distribution.

For the key community stakeholder meetings, the team met with the following people, at these locations and times:

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Stakeholder	Meeting location
01/06/2016	10:00 am	CAC	NLCOG
01/06/2016	1:00 pm	Rep. Roy Burrell	NLCOG
01/06/2016	1:30 pm	Bonnie Moore - OCD	NLCOG
01/06/2016	2:00 pm	Dinero Washington - SporTran	NLCOG
01/06/2016	3:00 pm	Sen. Greg Tarver	His office, 1024 Pierre Avenue, Shreveport
01/07/2016	9:15 am	NAACP – Lloyd Thompson <a href="mailto:Thompson56@yahoo.com">Thompson56@yahoo.com</a>	NLCOG (Did not show for meeting)
01/07/2016	10:30am	Pastor’s Meeting	Little Union Baptist Church, 1846 Milam Street, Shreveport
01/07/2016	1:00 pm	State Rep.-Elect Sam Jenkins, Jr.	His office, 2419 Kings Highway, Shreveport


### 2.4 Community Canvassing

Community canvassing was accomplished in part through the distribution and posting of flyers, banners, and push-cards. The flyers and posters contained identical graphics: the flyers were letter-sized (8 ½” x 11”) the banners were 3’ x 6’. Promotional push-cards were provided to the businesses and organizations for distribution to their clientele.

Flyer

**Shreveport's  
Inner City Connector**

**We want to know what  
you think.**



NLCOG is conducting an environmental study\* to guide the decision of whether an **Inner City Connector** should be constructed to link current I-49 with I-220.

\* A Federal agency must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) if it is proposing a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment.—*A Citizens' Guide to the NEPA 2007*

**Upcoming Open House  
Public Input Meetings**

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All meetings are free and open to the public. Residents need attend only one meeting to receive information on corridors and design, and give their input. For more information on the meetings, visit these project websites:  
[www.i49shreveport.com](http://www.i49shreveport.com)  
[www.nlcoglistens.com](http://www.nlcoglistens.com)



Flyer was printed letter-size, landscape orientation






Push-Card



**INNER CITY CONNECTOR**

STATE PROJECT NO. H.003915


# PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS

**DOTD Stage 1 Environmental Study\* for the I-49 Inner City Connector**

This is the third round of public meetings for this study. At these open-house style meetings, interstate alignment alternatives will be presented including Build Alternative #5 along LA 3132. Five identical meetings will be held over a three-day period in January, 2016. See reverse for locations and times.

\* A Federal agency must prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) if it is proposing a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. —A Citizens' Guide to the NEPA 2007

**Info line: 1-877-499-5138**  
[www.i49shreveport.com](http://www.i49shreveport.com)  
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**INNER CITY CONNECTOR**

**PUBLIC INPUT MEETINGS**

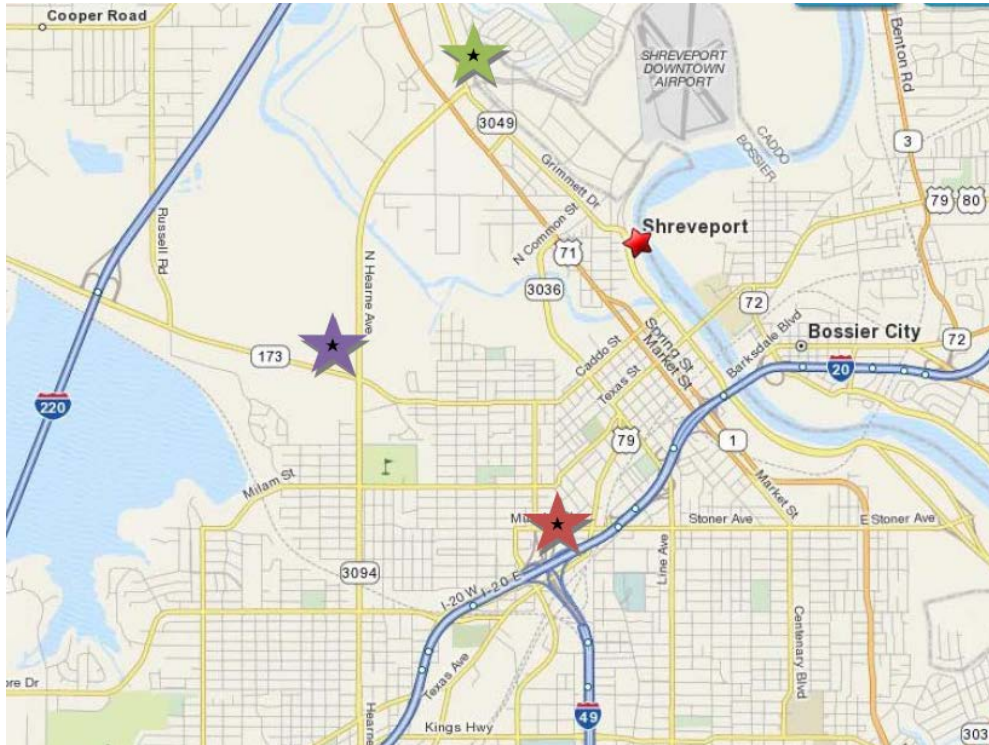
*Each open house style meeting will present the same information. You need attend only one meeting to view exhibits and to provide your comments. Experts will be on hand to answer questions.*

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 2016</b>	<b>Jan. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Jan. 21<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>11am - 1pm</b>	<b>11am - 1pm</b>	<b>11am - 1pm</b>
<b>Shreveport Chamber of Commerce</b>	<b>Galilee Missionary Baptist Church</b>	<b>Louisiana Technical College, Shreveport-Bossier Campus</b>
400 Edwards Street	1500 Pierre Avenue	2010 N. Market Street
<b>6-8pm</b>	<b>6-8pm</b>	<b>6-8pm</b>
<b>Hamilton - South Caddo Branch Library</b>	<b>Shreveport Convention Center</b>	<b>Mt. Canaan Baptist Church</b>
2111 W. Bert Kouns Industrial Loop	400 Caddo Street	1666 Alston Street

Reverse of card showed schedule of meetings and locations

Banners

Three, 3x6-foot road signs were erected on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the following locations:



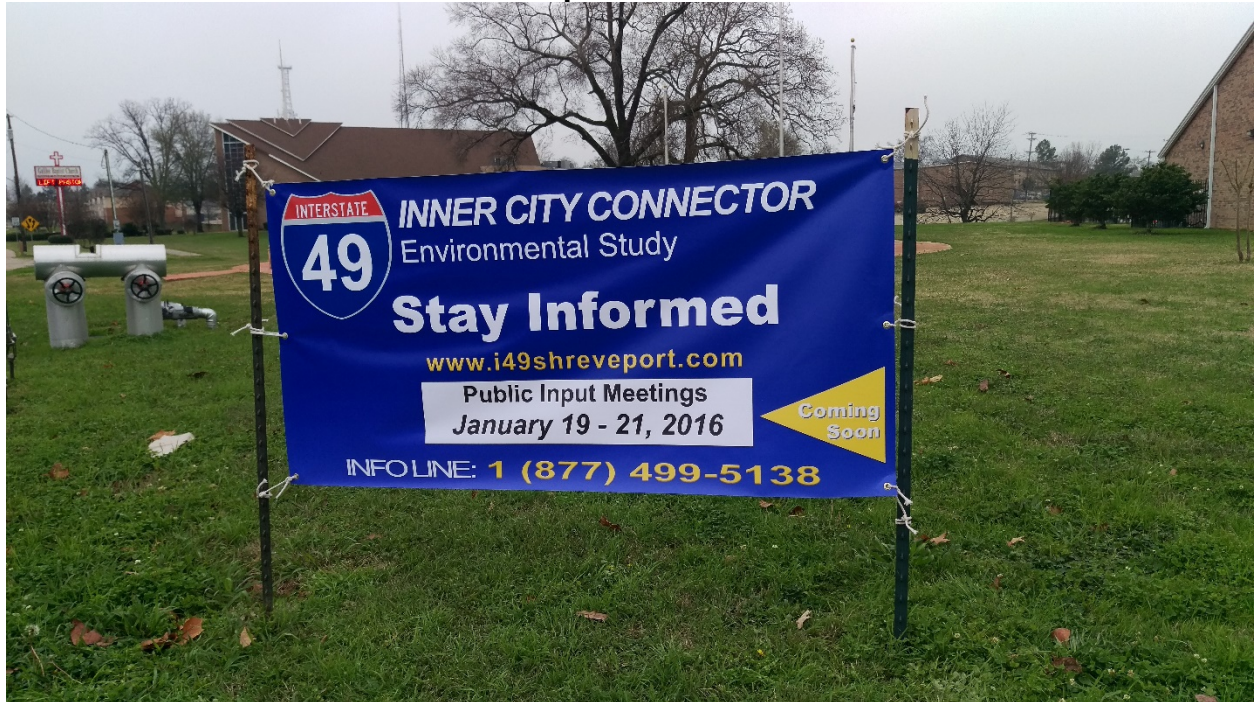
Location 1: Hearne at Ford



Location 2: North Market Street



Location 3: Pierre Ave. at Galilee Baptist

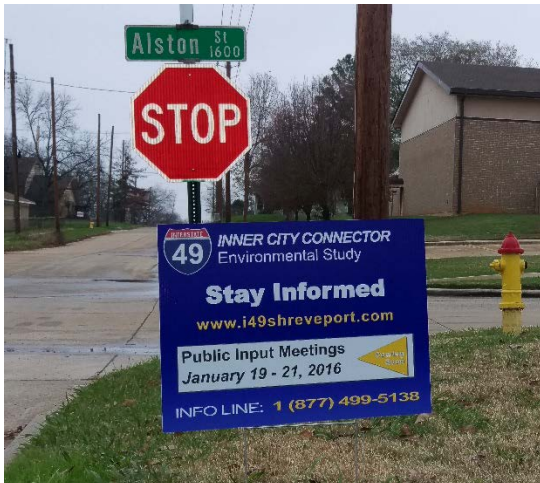


2.5 Yard Signs

Twelve, 2-sided color yard signs were prepared and positioned in rights-of-way along frequently traveled streets within and near the proposed build alternative routes in advance of the public meetings.



Yard Sign graphic



Example placement of yard sign on Alston Street

Yard signs were installed on January 7, 2016 in the following twelve locations:

1. Murphy @ Pierre
2. Allen @ Weinstock
3. Milam @ Allen
4. Allen @ Ford
5. Webster @ Alston
6. Milam @ Lewis
7. Hearne @ Myrtle
8. Hearne @ Lakeshore
9. Pete Harris @ Milam
10. Pete Harris @ Caddo
11. N. Allen @ Alston (Fuller Grocery)
12. W. Bert Kouns Industrial Loop in front of Hamilton Branch Library



**SECTION 3.0**  
**PUBLIC INPUT**

### **3.0 PUBLIC INPUT**

#### **3.1 Written Comments**

Two methods of collecting public input were provided at the public meetings. The first was a comment form (see **Appendix A**) where attendees could provide written statements and deposit them in the Comment Drop Box. The second option was a court reporter station set up to take oral statements (see Section 3.2).

A total of 141 comment forms were filled out and deposited in the drop box during the six meetings. The comment forms were also made available on the project website and comments in response to the meetings were accepted through February 8, 2016.

Copies of all official comment forms received at the meetings and during the comment period are included as **Appendix E**. A summary of the written comments received and the project team's responses will be made available on the project website once approved by NLCOG, DOTD and FHWA. Once final, the summary of comments and responses will also become part of the EIS document.



### 3.2 Verbal Comments

The open-house meeting format did not incorporate an “open microphone” opportunity for anyone to address the audience. Instead, a court reporter was present to take oral comments and statements. Persons who availed themselves of this opportunity had their statements recorded for transcription.



The court reporter received a total of 48 verbal comments during these open-house meetings. A copy of the transcript received from the court reporter for all verbal comments is included as **Appendix F**. A summary of the verbal comments received and the project team’s responses will be made available on the project website once approved by NLCOG, DOTD and FHWA. Once final, the summary of comments and responses will also become part of the EIS document.



**SECTION 4.0**  
**MEETING ATTENDANCE**

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All six of the Public Input Meetings were well attended. **Table 3** is a summary of attendance according to the sign-in sheets.

Table 3. Meeting Attendance Summary

Meeting	Public	Elected Official	Project Team	Total
Shreveport Chamber of Commerce January 19, 2016 at 11:00 am	99	0	12	111
Hamilton-South Caddo Library January 19, 2016 at 6:00 pm	93	1	12	106
Galilee Baptist Church January 20, 2016 at 11:00 am	116	3	15	134
Shreveport Convention Center January 20, 2016 at 6:00 pm	83	3	13	99
Northwest Louisiana Technical College- Shreveport Bossier Campus January 21, 2016 at 11:00 am	72	2	18	92
Mt. Canaan Baptist Church January 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm	103	2	13	118
TOTAL	566	11		

A total of 577 people signed in to the meetings excluding the project team. (The project team is made up of the consultant team, NLCOG, DOTD and FHWA) For each event, from 12 to 18 members of the project team were present to guide attendees through the series of exhibits, to explain the proposed project, and to answer questions.

Copies of the sign-in sheets and meeting photographs for all six open-house events are included as **Appendices F** and **G**, respectively.