



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.

Project History

In March 2009, the project was initiated and the public was engaged through stakeholder meetings and a series of community outreach meetings that occurred in June 2009. Based on public input, a corridor was developed across Shreveport to connect the future I-49 North with existing I-49 using the proposed I-49 Inner City Connector. Three alternative concepts were defined for the generalized corridor, an elevated highway, an at-grade highway, and a highway that would represent a combination of the at-grade and elevated alternatives. A second round of community outreach meetings was held in September 2009, and participants were able view the outcome of the work they started in June and to discuss design considerations for the alternative corridor concepts.

Following the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's (LDOTD) Stage 0 process, the project is now in Step 4 of the five step process. Step 4 includes the completion of a draft Feasibility Study and Environmental Inventory (FS/EI), preparation of costing assumptions, and a Public Meeting.

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Public Meeting

When: March 25, 2010
Where: J.S.Clark School Cafeteria/Auditorium
Time: 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Format: Open House
 (come and go as you please)

Current Actions

- The Draft FS/EI has been reviewed by LDOTD and NLCOG and was released to the public
- See Page 2 of this Newsletter for locations to view the document
- A Public Meeting has been scheduled for March 25, 2010
- Comments will be received at the Public Meeting and incorporated into the Draft FS/EI



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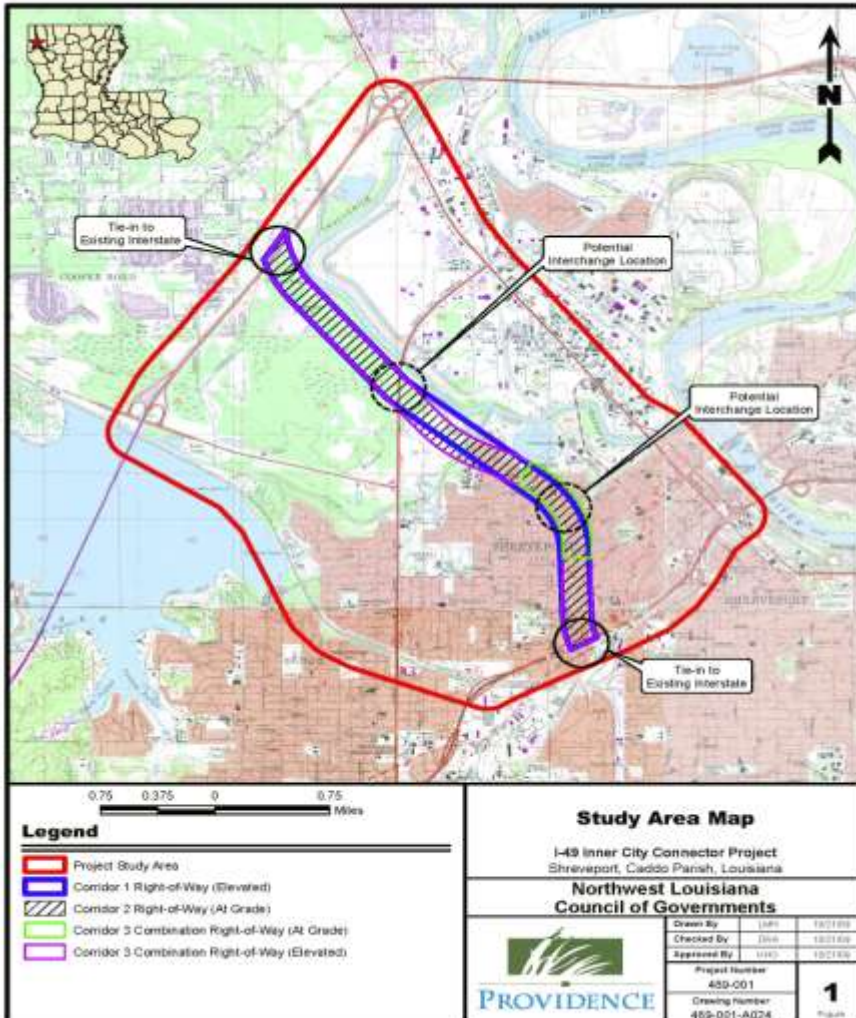
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Project Team

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ABMB Engineering	Traffic Engineering and Modeling/Intersection Analysis/Design	Earth Search, Inc.	Cultural Resources Management
Franklin Industries	Public Outreach/Public, Government, Media Relations	NLCOG	Project Sponsor

Project Area Map



View the Draft FS/EI

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