



OCTOBER 17, 2023 OPEN HOUSE DOCUMENTATION

I-49 Inner City Connector
Shreveport, LA

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Abstract

This document summarizes the October 17, 2023 Open House public meeting held at the Shreveport Convention Center to share information and collect feedback concerning build alternatives for the Interstate 49 Inner City Connector.

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1. PURPOSE

This open house event was held on the evening of Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at the direction of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments for the purpose of informing the public that a new build alternative had been added to the existing list of build alternatives for the I-49 Inner City Connector in Shreveport. Build Alternative 3A, with roundabout and loop ramp options, was added to the list of alternatives and as such needed to be offered to the public for consideration. The route and its anticipated impacts were presented alongside previously introduced Build Alternatives 1, 2, 3, and 5.

A looping video with an overview of the project played every 20 minutes in the first room guests entered. Moving to the next room, guests viewed 27 exhibits staffed by project team members who explained the materials, answered questions and responded to concerns. A GIS mapping table was staffed by Providence, and a real estate table was staffed by DOTD.

Guests were invited to submit written comments at the meeting in the comment box, verbal comments at the comment table or submit digital comments online at one of six comment kiosks at the open house. Following the event, all materials were posted on the project website, and commenting continued through October 28, 2023, via the website and United States (US) mail and email sent to Providence.

2. OUTREACH AND PROMOTION

Extensive public outreach and promotion was conducted during the four weeks leading up to this public open house as described below. A “countdown” style schedule for outreach efforts was crafted and circulated on August 11, 2023, as content and graphics were developed. This was used as a benchmark for production and implementation of public outreach and event promotion activities.

Public Meeting Delivery	10/17/2023	Status
Conduct meetings with potential impacted stakeholders - @NLCOG	10/4/2023	Completed
THREE WEEKS BEFORE PUBLIC MEETING		
Advertising placed in local media; Press release distro	9/26/2023	Completed
FOUR WEEKS BEFORE PUBLIC MEETING		
Website updates re: public meeting	9/19/2023	Completed
Advertising, flyers created/reviewed by client/DOTD	9/19/2023	Completed
Briefing packages for electeds finalized	9/19/2023	Completed
Flyers promoting meetings printed	9/19/2023	Completed
FIVE WEEKS BEFORE PUBLIC MEETING		
Venue contract arrangement finalized	9/12/2023	Completed
Exhibits, PPT, handouts finalized for printing	9/12/2023	Completed

Presentation/content of CAC/Pastors/Stakeholder briefings finalized	9/12/2023	Completed
Setup stakeholder meetings (for 2 weeks before Public Mtg)	9/12/2023	Completed
SIX WEEKS BEFORE PUBLIC MEETING		
Finalize stakeholder lists	9/5/2023	Completed
Update project stakeholder engagement plan with agreed upon tactics to be deployed	9/5/2023	Completed
Review budget/tactics to agree on final engagement approach (NLCOG, Providence, Franklin)	8/18/2023	Completed
Venue and date decisions finalized	8/11/2023	Completed
Overarching website edits	8/4/2023	Completed
PRIOR DATE NEEDS		
Regular MPO meeting	9/15/2023	Completed
SHPO briefing	week of 8/28	Completed
City stakeholder meetings resolution/approval	8/24/2023	Completed
FHWA resolution/approval	Ongoing	
Regular MPO meeting	8/4/2023	Completed
FHWA workshop	7/27/2023	Completed

A. Media Releases

Franklin Associates (Franklin) published a media release in support of the public meeting on Friday, September 29, 2023 through Franklin’s media notification channels. An event reminder with the press release and an electronic version of the meeting flier was sent to media outlets on Friday, October 13, 2023. Text of the media release was as follows:

**I-49 Inner City Connector Community Input Meeting Scheduled
Residents invited to learn about the project and share their opinions on
potential alternatives**

SHREVEPORT—A Community Input Meeting to discuss existing and new potential corridors for the I-49 Inner City Connector is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Shreveport Convention Center. The open house meeting is free to attend, and parking at the convention center is free for attendees. Residents are encouraged to attend at any point during the designated meeting hours to learn more about the project, ask questions, and share their opinions.

The Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) initiated a Stage 0 Feasibility Study on the I-49 Inner City Connector in 2008. Once it was determined to be feasible, the project moved into the Stage 1 Planning/Environmental portion of the six-stage Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development project delivery process. Stage 1 analyzes the potential impacts the I-49 Inner City Connector could have within

the proposed construction area, inclusive of public input, and the required environmental documentation.

Multiple rounds of public meetings have been held to garner input from stakeholders and residents to determine both the feasibility of constructing and where to construct the I-49 Inner City Connector. Analysis of that input, in combination with regulatory agency input, provided the project team with possible corridor alternatives to be discussed during this 2023 update. During the Stage 1 process, these inputs will allow the project team to identify a preferred alternative. The process also will assist the team in generating any needed or desired neighborhood enhancements, to be recommended as mitigation efforts for the project.

For more information on the project, visit www.i49shreveport.com.

A media release regarding the comment period timeline was disseminated on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Text of the media release was as follows:

Comment Period Open Following I-49 Public Meeting
Public comments received by Oct. 28 will be included in official meeting record

SHREVEPORT—The 10-day public comment period regarding build alternatives for the I-49 Inner City Connector is open until Saturday, Oct. 28, following the Community Input Meeting held Oct. 17 in Shreveport.

Comments received during the comment period will be entered into the official record of the meeting, which was held as part of the Stage 1 Planning/Environmental portion of the six-stage Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development project delivery process.

The Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) initiated a Stage 0 Feasibility Study on the I-49 Inner City Connector in 2008. Once it was determined to be feasible, the project moved to Stage 1. Multiple rounds of public meetings have been held to garner input from stakeholders and residents to determine both the feasibility of constructing and where to construct the I-49 Inner City Connector.

Analysis of that input, in combination with regulatory agency input, provided the project team with possible corridor alternatives that were shared at the recent meeting. During the Stage 1 process, these inputs will allow the project team to identify a preferred alternative. The process also will assist the team in generating any needed or desired neighborhood enhancements to be recommended as mitigation efforts for the project.

Comments can be sent via email to: kerryoriol@providenceeng.com or by mail to:
I-49 Inner City Connector
c/o Providence
1201 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

There is also a link to a comment form, as well as project information, available online at www.i49shreveport.com

B. Stakeholder Briefings

Project team members conducted three stakeholder in-person briefings and one virtual meeting during the weeks leading up to the public meeting. Meetings with elected officials, civic and business leaders, the Community Advisory Committee, and area pastors were held on October 2-3, 2023 at NLCOG’s office in downtown Shreveport. These meetings served to promote and inform individuals and groups of updates to the build alternatives, notice of the upcoming public open house event, and encouraged them to share this information with their members and constituencies.

The text for invitation emails sent by Franklin on September 26, 2023, with follow up reminders sent for these meetings was as follows:

YOU'RE INVITED:

I-49 Citizens Advisory Committee and Community Leaders Group Meeting

Good afternoon,

Your participation as a (community leader/member of the Citizens Advisory Committee/Pastor is a valuable part of the public input process regarding the I-49 Inner City Connector.

In advance of the public open house meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 17 from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Shreveport Convention Center, we would like to invite you to attend a small group meeting scheduled for next (Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 1:00 p.m. or Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.) at the NLCOG office at 625 Texas St. Suite 200 in Shreveport.

Members of the project team will be on hand to answer questions, there will be handouts available, and we'll have fliers for you to share in your networks to encourage attendance at the October 17 public open house meeting.

We hope you can join us and look forward to your contributions to this process.

Attendance at these smaller briefings is described below:

Meeting Date	Audience	In Person or Virtual	Number of Attendees
10/03/23	Elected Officials	In Person	1
10/04/23	Civic Leaders/CAC	In person	13
10/04/23	Pastors	In Person	2
10/12/23	Pastors	Virtual	2

Special effort was made to reach Pastor Edward Davis at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, as the new Build Alternative 3A is anticipated to impact the property of that church. There was no response to emails, the listed phone number for the church was not working, and Pastor Davis did not attend any meetings. A call to Dr. McLain at Little Union Baptist Church led us to a member of Pastor Davis' church who provided his number. There was no answer, and no mechanism to leave a voicemail. After reaching back out to the church member, Franklin Associates received a call from Pastor Davis two days after the meeting confirming he had received the information and had no questions.

C. Paid Ads

Paid advertisements ran in the legal section of the Parish Legal Journal (Shreveport Times) on October 3 and October 10, 2023 as shown at left below. Display ads (sample provided at right below) ran October 2 and October 9, 2023 in main news.

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PUBLIC MEETING
 I-49 Inner City Connector Stage I Environmental Impact Statement
 State Project No. H.003915
 Legacy No. 700-09-0171
 Caddo Parish
 The Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG) has initiated the process to produce an Environmental Impact Statement for a proposed I-49 Inner city Connector near downtown Shreveport. This study follows the Stage 0 feasibility study completed in 2010. The project team is offering an open house-style public meeting pertaining to this study. The purpose of this Public Meeting is to provide information on the status of the proposed project. Representatives of NLCOG, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), and the consultant team will be present to receive comments and answer questions related to the proposed interstate project. All interested parties are invited and encouraged to attend the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2023, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Shreveport Convention Center, 400 Caddo Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Alternative information and input opportunities will be provided. Written statements can be submitted at the meeting, or postmarked within 10 days following the meeting via email to kerryariol@providenceeng.com, or mailed to: I-49 Inner City Connector, C/O Providence, 1201 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. 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 meeting. Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments, Planning Division, 625 Texas St., Suite 200, Shreveport, LA 71101. The most recent information can be found online at: www.i49shreveport.com. (10) 3, 10

See Appendix C for Proof of Publication Affidavits.

D. Flyers

For ease in promoting the event, graphic flyers were created and provided to elected officials and key stakeholders for their distribution. In total, 850 flyers were produced as shown below, and disseminated to stakeholders.

COMMUNITY INPUT MEETING

+ I-49 INNER CITY CONNECTOR

We want to know what you think.

The I-49 Connector project is in the environmental assessment phase, and the public is invited to attend this community input meeting.

- Learn about the project
- Review the various build alternatives
- Share your opinion

OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, October 17, 2023
3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Shreveport Convention Center
400 Caddo Street, Shreveport, LA 71101


- This community-wide meeting is free and open to the public -
Convention Center parking is free for attendees

i49shreveport.com +

E. Email Campaigns

A sequence of email marketing campaigns were released to lists maintained by Franklin of persons who indicated interest in the project. This included people involved in the Feasibility Study and Environmental Assessment phases of the project over the course of the preceding 14 years, and current project stakeholders.

Public Input Open House Meeting Announcement



I-49 Inner City Connector

Invitation from the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments

Public Input Meeting
 Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2023
 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
 Shreveport Convention Center
 400 Caddo Street, Shreveport, LA 71101

Residents are invited to attend the Public Input Open House Meeting providing information on current potential build alternatives for the I-49 Inner City Connector.

This meeting is open to the public and free to attend. It will be an open house format, allowing participants to arrive at any time during the meeting to gain the same information. Convention Center parking is free for attendees.

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+ I-49 INNER CITY CONNECTOR

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- Learn about the project
- Review the ways to build alternatives
- Share your opinion

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Project Background

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Visit the Project Website for More Information




Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments



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FRANKLIN ASSOCIATES



The Public Meeting Comment Period is Open



I-49 Inner City Connector

On Oct. 17, 2023, a public meeting was held regarding the updated list of build alternatives for the I-49 Inner City Connector.

All comments received by Oct. 28 will be included in the official record of the meeting.

TO SUBMIT COMMENTS

Via Email:
kerryoriol@providenceeng.com

Via Mail:
I-49 Inner City Connector
C/O Providence
1201 Main Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Online:
[Click Here](#)



[Click here](#) to view the Oct. 17 meeting exhibits in our virtual meeting room.

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Constant Contact Pre-meeting email campaign included reminder emails to recipients who didn't open it when it was first sent

<u>Date</u>	<u>Email Title</u>	<u># of emails sent</u>	<u>Open Rate</u>
<u>10/6/2023</u>	<u>I-49 Connector Public Meeting Announcement</u>	<u>93</u>	<u>48%</u>
<u>10/25/2023</u>	<u>I-49 Connector Public Meeting Comment Period</u>	<u>172</u>	<u>61%</u>

F. Website

The project website I49Shreveport.com was updated to include the October 17, 2023, Open House time and location. Additionally, a virtual meeting room was created and made accessible via the project website.



3. MEETING DELIVERY

A. Venue Description

The project team had previously held multiple smaller meetings around the region during earlier stages of the environmental review process and decided to hold one meeting in a relatively large venue to accommodate the numerous exhibits and anticipated number of guests. Proximity to the project corridor and adequate convenient parking were the major criteria influencing site selection. The Shreveport Convention Center, located at 400 N. Caddo Street in downtown Shreveport, was chosen as the venue, with two ballrooms used for the meeting.

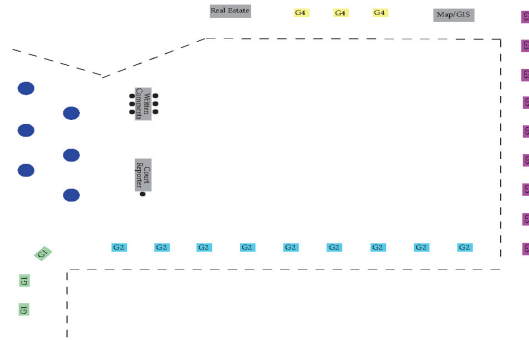


B. Meeting Format

With concurrence from DOTD, an open house meeting format was selected for the event with the understanding that it provided the greatest opportunity for attendees to receive personal attention

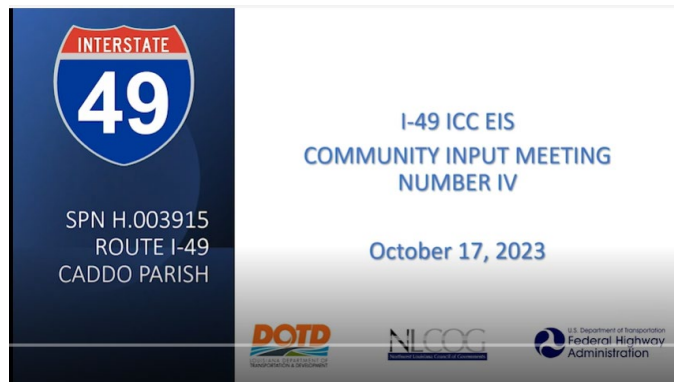
and have their questions – especially those around the newly presented Build Alternative 3A - answered by a member of the project team.

Attendees started their information exploration with a looping video with a detailed voiceover providing an overview of the project and the vision at completion. After completing the video presentation, attendees proceeded to the exhibit hall where they could freely move among any of 27 project exhibit stations. Attendees were provided with a handout that included a history of the project and the purpose of the table stations. Each exhibit was staffed by one or more knowledgeable members of the project team. Upon completion, attendees were provided an opportunity to submit their comments and feedback by digital, hardcopy, or recorded voice, including post-meeting commenting via a data form.



C. Meeting Presentation

The Open House provided a history of the project to bring attendees up to date and introduced Build Alternative 3A for public consideration.



The meeting video presentation slides are available in Appendix E and can be viewed online at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqzpx_XNKOW

D. Staffing Plan/Run of Show

The staffing plan was developed through meetings between Franklin, Providence, and NLCOG personnel. The meeting was staffed by six people from Franklin Associates, nine from DOTD, three from Stantec, and two from Providence as described below.

Run of Show: I-49 Public Meeting

I-49 Inner City Connector Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement SPN H.003915

Meeting Date/Location

Tuesday, October 17, 2023: Shreveport Convention Center, Capt. Shreve Ballrooms B & C, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

RUN OF SHOW

Host	Franklin Associates / Providence
Team on site	FRANKLIN: Angi Noote, Courtney Paige, Glynn Price, Johnathan Hill, Jude Franklin, Perry Franklin, Stephanie James Providence: Kerry Oriol, Amelia Adams Stantec: Steve Wallace, Nick Prudhomme, Joseph Cains NLCOG: Kent Rogers, Chris Petro DOTD: Dr. Kalivoda, Real Estate Team, several others TBD
Logistics	Angi Noote
Media	Angi Noote
3 hours prior to meeting start	Venue set up (FA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor and indoor directional signage as needed (convention center will place indoor signage, which needs to be confirmed by us) • Sign-in table positioned, including contactless sign-in option • Comment card placement • Setup tables and easels for exhibits (approximately 30 easels) • A/V setup for presentations (Ballroom C) • Providence bringing all exhibits except for Timeline (FA) • Pens at comment table • 6 laptops connected to site Wi-Fi at high-top tables (supplied by venue) for online input capturing near exhibits (power will be provided) • One monitor and HDMI cord for mapping station (power will be provided) • Name tag distribution <p>Review run of show, script, exhibits and a/v with all team members</p>
30 minutes prior to meeting start	All arrangements made for meeting, personnel in place for meeting for final setups
3:30-6:30 PM	Open House walk-thru event Exhibit stations manned by project staff and/or DOTD staff
	6:45 pm - Team breaks down exhibits, clean up and depart

STATIONS/EXHIBITS

STATION/TASK	STAFFING	DETAILS
Guides	FA - 2	Welcome people from entry points (escalator, bridge from parking deck) to make sure they can easily find the meeting FA: Johnathan FA: Glynn

Welcome/Sign in Table	FA – 2	QR and physical sign ins; inclusive of welcome/sign in standing signs FA: Courtney FA: Jude (will float to presentation station)
Presentation Station 1 easel	FA – 1	Looped presentation with person to facilitate and answer questions about next run time etc. (as needed) FA: Jude Franklin
Dates/Timelines 4 easels	Providence provides all but timeline boards (No staffing required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOTD EA/EIS Flow Chart with Dates • DOTD’s Project Development Process • Project Timeline (2 boards, FA provides)
Build Alternatives 9 easels	Providence – Kerry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Alternatives • Build Alternative 1 • Build Alternative 2 • Build Alternative 3 • Build Alternative 3A • Build Alternative 5 • Inner City Focus Area • Environmental Constraints • Build Alternatives Comparison Table
Interchanges and Proposed Concepts 9 easels	Stantec – Steve, Nick, James	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conceptual I-49 at Murphy Interchange • Conceptual Ford Street Interchange(s) • Conceptual Ford Street Interchange(s) • Conceptual Hearne Avenue Interchange • I-220 Interchange • LA 3132 and Linwood Avenue Interchanges • Build Alternatives 1-3A Proposed Concept Typical Sections • Alternative 5 Proposed Concept Typical Section At Grade • Alternative 5 Proposed Concept Typical Section Cross Lake
Additional Visuals 3 easels	Floater as needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Viaduct Visual • CSS Under facility visuals • RAB visual
Mapping/GIS Table	Providence – Amelia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptop, monitor w/HDMI cable for KMZ visuals
Real Estate Table	DOTD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No power needed
Comment Tables	FA – 2	Written comments, comment box, recorder for verbal comments (multiple stations around the room) FA: Angi FA: Stephanie
Logistics coordinator – signage on site/setup flow	FA - Angi	

Site setup/takedown	All
Event photography	FA – Stephanie, Angi
Site Escalation Handler/Floater*	FA – Perry

CONTINGENCIES

<i>In case of:</i>	<i>Alternative is:</i>	<i>Coordinated by:</i>
Onsite danger presents itself	Security Officer onsite becomes lead, all personnel defer to officer.	Johnathan
Onsite medical emergency occurs	Venue staff notified. Fire/ambulance contacted.	Johnathan

E. Attendance

The October 17, 2023, Open House event was well attended by more than 245 attendees. Attendees included citizens from Caddo Parish (Shreveport and Bossier City), local and state elected officials and various officials from state government.

- 213 public guests signed in manually at the registration table
- 32 used the touch-free sign-in form

F. Representative Photos

Event photos include various photos of guests perusing the exhibits, project staff engaging with guests, and participants at the comment station





4. EXHIBITS

A. Exhibit Stations Description and Handout

Welcome to the Interstate 49 (I-49) Inner City Connector public meeting for the Stage 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This will be an open-house style meeting, with a pre-recorded presentation for you to view and an area for viewing exhibits. A new build alternative has been developed since the third round of public meetings held in 2016. The primary purpose of this meeting is to present this new build alternative for public review and comment.

Please use this program to navigate through the open-house at your own pace. The project team is available to answer your questions and are identified by name tags. A viewing area has been provided to watch the informational PowerPoint presentation. The presentation will repeat every 20 minutes from the start time (5 minutes after the meeting opening time). Additionally, there are a series of displays presenting six build alternatives, interchanges, potential impacts, and other relevant project information.

If you would like to make comments regarding the project, you may write them on a Comment Card and drop them in the Comment Card Drop Box, submit comments at one of six comment kiosks, mail or email them to the addresses provided, or provide verbal comments to the Court Reporter during this meeting. *Written comments in response to this meeting for inclusion in the official meeting transcript must be received by October 28, 2023.*

Comments can be submitted to:
 Providence
 c/o I-49 Inner City Connector
 1201 Main Street
 Baton Rouge, LA 70802
 kerryoriol@providenceeng.com

TABLE DIRECTORY

- Table 1** Sign In
- Table 2** Electronic Mapping/GIS
- Table 3** DOTD Real Estate Staff
- Table 4** Written Comment Area and Comment Card Drop Box
- Table 5** Recorded Verbal Comment Area
- Kiosks** 6 Small Kiosks — for submitting comments online during the meeting

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The I-49 Inner City Connector Project is part of the I-49 Corridor which runs from Winnipeg, Canada to New Orleans, Louisiana. The I-49 Inner City Connector is a proposed new interstate facility. It is proposed to connect I-49 at either the I-20 interchange or LA 3132 interchange with I-49 North in the vicinity of the I-220 interchange. The project is presently in Stage 1 Planning/Environmental of the seven-stage Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) project development process. At the end of Stage 1, an Environmental Impact Statement will be presented to the public for comments and then to the Federal Highway Administration and the DOTD for approval.

Please visit the official website of the I-49 Inner City Connector to stay up to date on the project and upcoming public involvement opportunities.
www.i49shreveport.com

DOTD Project Development Process

Stage 0	Feasibility
Stage 1	Planning/Environmental
Stage 2	Funding/Project Prioritization
Stage 3	Final Design
Stage 4	Bid Letting
Stage 5	Construction
Stage 6	Operation

10-20 years

INTERSTATE 49 INNER CITY CONNECTOR
 STATE PROJECT NO. H.003915
 NLCOG DOTD Federal Highway Administration

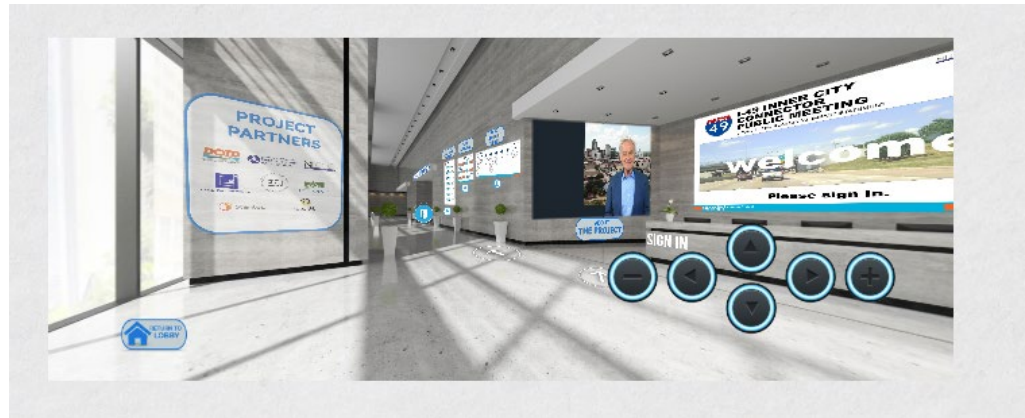
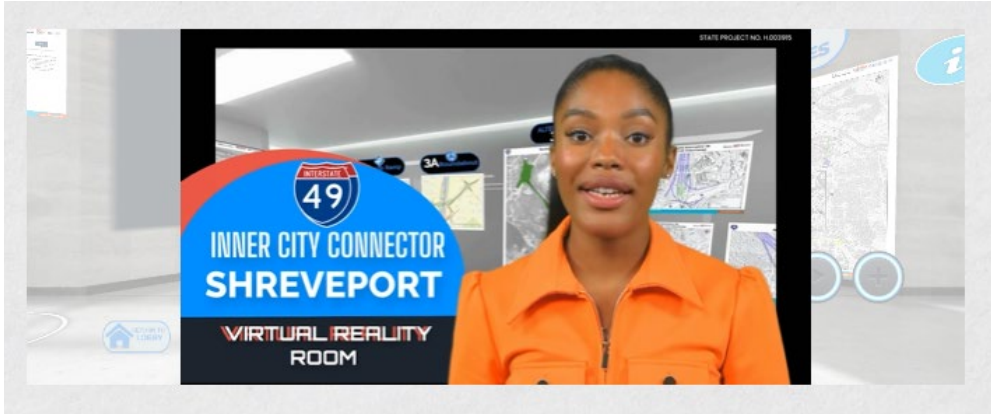
STAGE 1 PUBLIC MEETING FOUR
SHREVEPORT CONVENTION CENTER
 OCTOBER 17, 2023

NLCOG DOTD U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration

For official use only

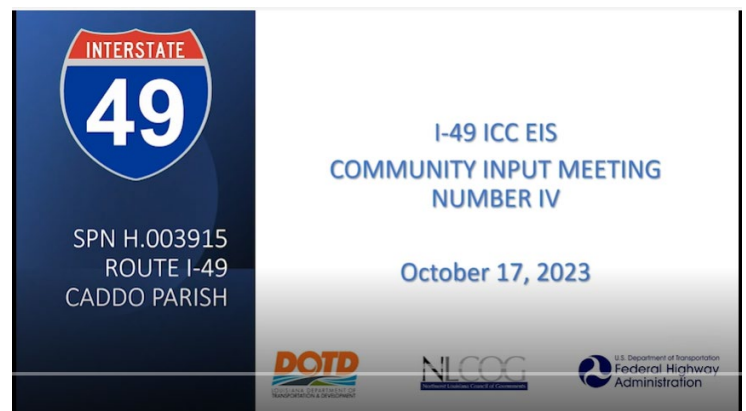
In addition to the in-person materials, Franklin produced a “virtual meeting room” to provide individuals an opportunity to review the exhibits as an interactive experience after, or in lieu of, attendance at the open house.

The following information is replicated on the project website: [Public Meeting October 2023 | I-49 ICC \(i49shreveport.com\)](#) Links offer the opportunity to review and download corresponding files.



B. STATION 0. Project Overview Video

The 15-minute video provided a brief project overview and description of the project and why the new build alternative is being presented to the public for comment. It can be viewed online at [Public Meeting October 2023 | I-49 ICC \(i49shreveport.com\)](#)



C. IN-PERSON VISUALS/STATIONS

- a. The meeting visuals included the following, which can be viewed on the project website at [Public Meeting October 2023 | I-49 ICC \(i49shreveport.com\)](https://www.i49shreveport.com)
 - i. Welcome
 - ii. Merged EA/EIS Flowchart
 - iii. DOTD's Project Development Process
 - iv. Public Engagement Timeline
 - v. Build Alternatives (all)
 - vi. Build Alternative 1
 - vii. Build Alternative 2
 - viii. Build Alternative 3
 - ix. Build Alternative 3A
 - x. Build Alternative 5
 - xi. Build Alternative 3A I-20 Interchange
 - xii. Build Alternative 3A Ford/Caddo St. Roundabout
 - xiii. Build Alternative 3A Ford/Caddo St. Loop Interchange
 - xiv. Build Alternative 3A Hearne Ave. Interchange
 - xv. I-220 Interchange
 - xvi. Build alternative 5 LA3132 Linwood Ave. Interchange
 - xvii. Build Alternative 1-3A Proposed concept Cross Section
 - xviii. Build Alternative 5 Proposed Concept Typical Section at Grade
 - xix. Build Alternative 5 Proposed Concept Typical Section over Cross Lake
 - xx. I-49 ICC Community Concept Exhibit 1
 - xxi. I-49 ICC Community Concept Exhibit 2
 - xxii. I-49 ICC Community Concept Exhibit 3
 - xxiii. Examples of Under-Structure Enhancements
 - xxiv. Build Alternative 3A Roundabout Information
 - xxv. Inner City Focus Area
 - xxvi. Environmental Constraints
 - xxvii. I-49 ICC EIS Build Alternatives Comparison

5. PUBLIC FEEDBACK

A. Comment Form

An Open House comment form was created, and copies of the form were located at two tables. A Franklin representative was on site to assist attendees in comment submittal and collection.

Comments including a build alternative first and/or only choice are tabulated below:

Build Alternative 1	135
Build Alternative 2	1
Build Alternative 2	4
Build Alternative 3	7
Build Alternative 3A	35
Build Alternative 5	19
No Build	22

Comments noting a build alternative as a second choice are shown below:

Build Alternative 1	2
Build Alternative 2	10
Build Alternative 2	2
Build Alternative 3	2
Build Alternative 3A	43
Build Alternative 5	2
No Build	1

50 commenters did not express a build or no-build preference. The majority of these are focused on support of the project, with a common theme requesting to move forward as quickly as possible. See Appendix B for all public comments. The link to the spreadsheet with all comments can be found here: [Public Comments I-49 Meeting 101723: Sheet1 - Airtable](#)

6. APPENDICES

- A. Sign-in Sheets and Stakeholder Database
- B. Public Comments
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