



US 171 to I-20
Bossier, Caddo & DeSoto Parishes



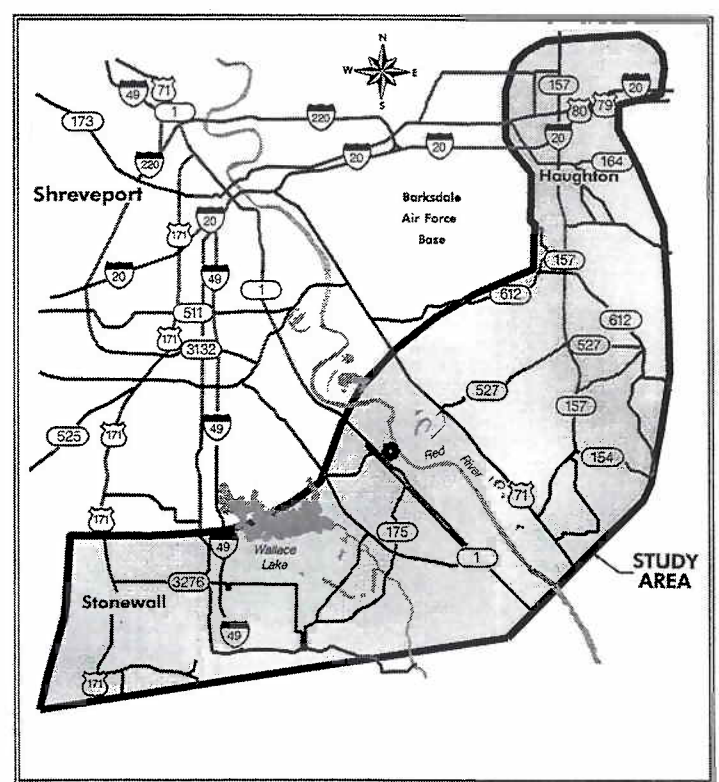
May 25, 2001

DOTD KICKS OFF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 69 STUDY

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) has initiated an environmental and location study to construct a segment of the proposed Interstate Highway 69 (I-69) in Bossier, Caddo, and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana. This project will provide a divided four-lane, limited access highway on new location between US Highway 171 (US 171) near the Town of Stonewall in DeSoto Parish, to Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) near the Town of Haughton in Bossier Parish, a distance of approximately 30 miles.

The proposed new highway is a portion of the planned improvements to Congressionally-designated High Priority Corridor Number 18, which will link Indianapolis, Indiana to the lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas. This study will provide the detailed and comprehensive environmental and engineering information necessary to develop specific highway alternatives.

The DOTD has retained the firm of Michael Baker Jr., Inc. (Baker) to conduct this study. A series of public meetings will be held as the study progresses to distribute project information and obtain public comment. The first of these meetings will be held June 6th and 7th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and will present the study process and obtain initial public comment. This meeting will include an open forum session from 6 - 7 PM where you will have an opportunity to talk with representatives from DOTD and Baker. This will be followed by a short technical presentation and a question and answer period. Comment forms will be distributed to obtain public input. The meetings will be held in the following locations:



Haughton Area

Wednesday, June 6, 2001
Haughton Middle School
395 South Elm
Haughton, LA 71037

Stonewall Area

Thursday, June 7, 2001
North DeSoto Parish High School
2571 Highway 171
Stonewall, LA 71078

These meetings are an important part of the transportation decision-making process and your involvement is encouraged and appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these meetings, contact Michael Baker Jr., Inc., Petroleum Square II, 1324 North Hearne Avenue, Suite 255, Shreveport, LA 71107, or call (318) 222-8110.



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November 20, 2001

ANNOUNCING PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) will be holding two public meetings to present the results of the corridor location studies for the proposed Interstate Highway 69 (I-69) between US Highway 171 (US 171) near the Town of Stonewall in DeSoto Parish, to Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) near the Town of Haughton in Bossier Parish. The public meetings will be held in the following communities:

Haughton Area

Tuesday, December 11, 2001
Haughton Middle School
395 South Elm Street
Haughton, LA

Stonewall Area

Wednesday, December 12, 2001
North DeSoto Parish High School
2571 Highway 171
Stonewall, LA

The meetings will begin at **6:00 PM** with a short technical presentation. Following a brief intermission, interested persons will then have the opportunity to make a statement for the public record. Representatives from DOTD and Michael Baker Jr., Inc. will be available following the meeting to informally discuss the project. Comment forms will also be available to provide written comments on the corridors presented and to obtain additional environmental information.

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Thank you!



March 14, 2002

ANNOUNCING PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) will be holding two public meetings to present the results of additional corridor location studies for the proposed Interstate Highway 69 (I-69) between US Highway 171 (US 171) near the Town of Stonewall in DeSoto Parish, to Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) near the Town of Haughton in Bossier Parish. Additional corridors have been developed in response to comments received from local elected officials and the public. The public meetings will be held in the following communities:

Haughton Area

Tuesday, April 2, 2002
Haughton Middle School
395 South Elm Street
Haughton, LA

Stonewall Area

Wednesday, April 3, 2002
North DeSoto Parish High School
2571 Highway 171
Stonewall, LA

The meetings will begin at 6:30 PM with a short technical presentation. Following a brief intermission, interested persons will then have the opportunity to make a statement for the public record. Representatives from DOTD and Michael Baker Jr., Inc. will be available following the meeting to informally discuss the project. Comment forms will also be available to provide written comments on the corridors presented and to obtain additional environmental information.

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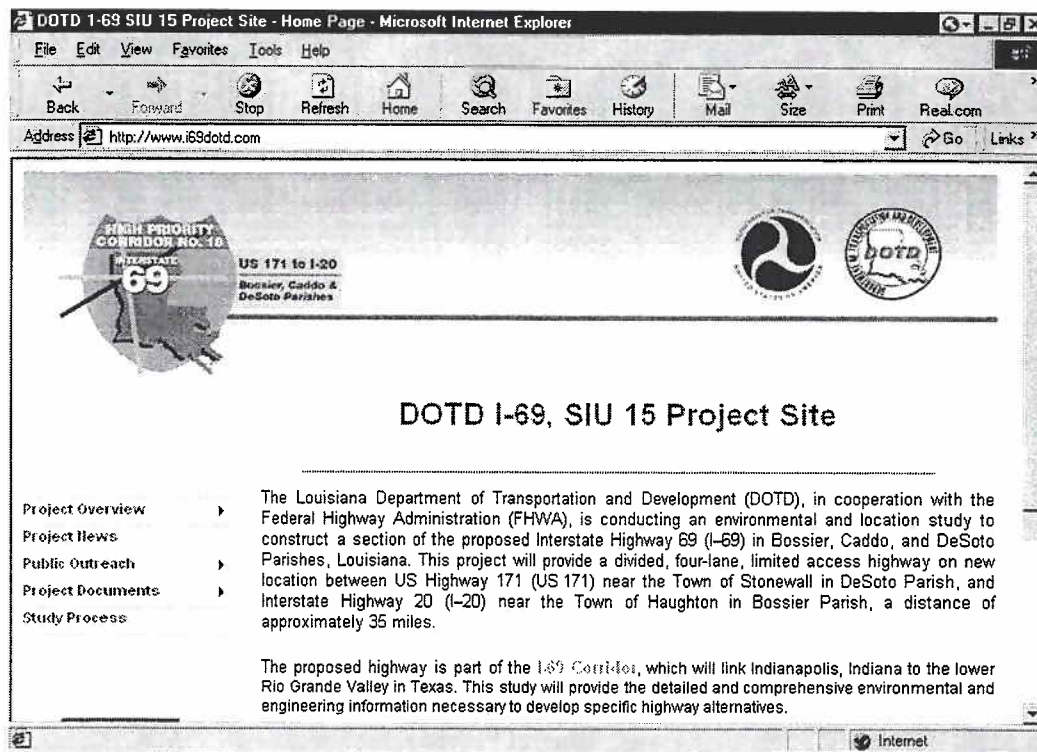
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April 2, 2002

DOTD LAUNCHES I-69 PROJECT WEBSITE

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) announced the creation of an Interstate Highway 69 (I-69) project website at the April 2002 public meetings for the proposed section of I-69 between US Highway 171 (US 171) near the Town of Stonewall in DeSoto Parish, and Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) near the Town of Haughton in Bossier Parish. This section of I-69 is known nationally as Section of Independent Utility (SIU) 15. The I-69 SIU 15 project website is **www.I69DOTD.com**.



Public outreach is an important part of the transportation decision-making process. This web site is part of DOTD's ongoing efforts to inform the public of project developments and to solicit public comment. In addition to project mailings, public meetings, exhibit viewing locations, and toll-free [(866)I-69-DOTD] and local telephone numbers, you can now keep abreast of project developments and provide comments to the Study Team via the Internet.

Your participation is encouraged and appreciated.



December 16, 2002

CORRIDOR STUDIES PHASE NEARING COMPLETION

This is to update you on the status of the Corridor Studies efforts and the designation of a Preferred Corridor for the proposed Interstate Highway 69 (I-69), Section of Independent Utility (SIU) No. 15, between US Highway 171 (US 171) near the Town of Stonewall in DeSoto Parish, to Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) near the Town of Haughton in Bossier Parish. Public outreach meetings were last held on April 2 and April 3, 2002 to present additional corridors that were developed in response to comments received from local officials and the public.

Following the April 2002 public meetings, the Port of Shreveport-Bossier informed the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) of a proposed steel mill that is to be located on Port property within Corridors F and G, which necessitated additional analyses of the corridors in the vicinity of the Port property.

The bridge crossing the Red River and the adjacent proposed interchanges at US 71 and LA 1 are the project's most significant challenge and costly feature. Issues include navigation, river width and crossing angle, and the ability to develop a two-quadrant interchange on the riverside of LA 1 and US 71 while satisfying highway design criteria, avoiding impacts to the adjacent rail lines and avoiding/minimizing potential impacts to environmental resources.

These additional studies have been completed and a Corridor Studies Report has been submitted to Federal regulatory and resource agencies for review. After reviewing the comments received from the Federal regulatory and resource agencies, a Preferred Corridor decision will be announced via flyers and the project's Internet website (www.i69dotd.com). **We anticipate making a Preferred Corridor announcement by December 31, 2002.** At that time, exhibits showing the location of the Preferred Corridor will be available for public review at the Haughton Town Hall, Stonewall Town Hall, DOTD District 04 Headquarters, and Michael Baker Jr., Inc. The project website lists the addresses and viewing times for these locations.

Public participation is an important part of the transportation decision-making process and your involvement is encouraged and appreciated. We appreciated your patience as we completed our additional studies. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the DOTD I-69 SIU 15 Hotline at (866) I-69-DOTD.

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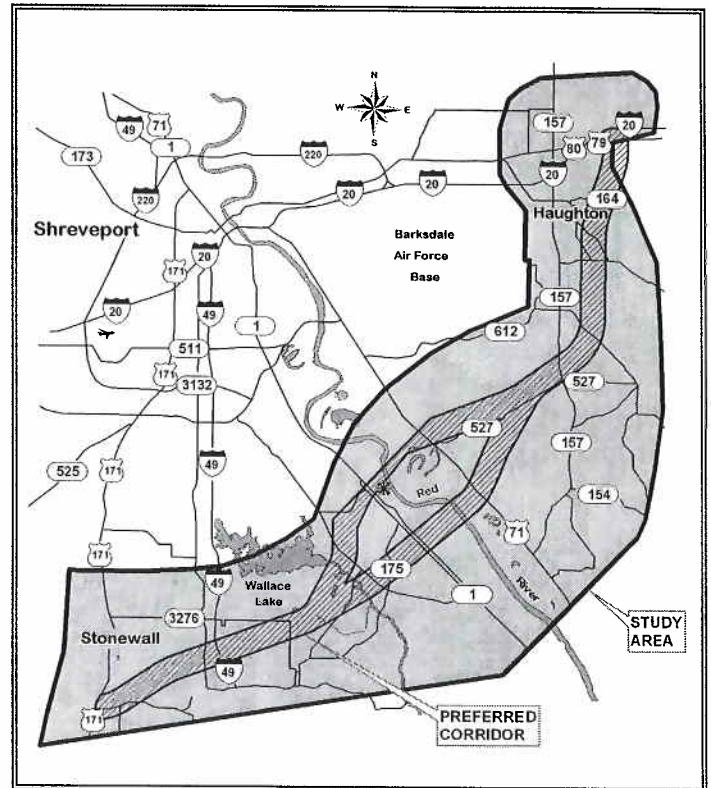
December 31, 2002

DOTD ANNOUNCES THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 69, SIU 15 PREFERRED CORRIDOR

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) is pleased to announce the Preferred Corridor to be studied in detail for the proposed Interstate Highway 69 (I-69), Section of Independent Utility (SIU) No. 15, between US Highway 171 (US 171) near the Town of Stonewall in DeSoto Parish, to Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) near the Town of Haughton in Bossier Parish.

The original and additional corridors presented at previous public outreach meetings reflect public, local officials and federal and state resource agency concerns. The Preferred Corridor provides the greatest opportunity to ultimately develop a highway alignment that best balances the expected project benefits with the overall impacts.

The Preferred Corridor shown in the diagram is 1-mile in width and will allow room to minimize residential displacements as well as avoid or minimize impacts to important natural resources when locating the highway. The next phase of the project involves detailed studies within the Preferred Corridor that will begin in early 2003 and continue for several months. These studies will consist of the development of several highway alignment locations (approximately 300 feet in width) and in-depth field investigations. Public involvement meetings will be held in the spring of 2003 to solicit public comment on the alignments.



Baker personnel will be evaluating resources throughout the Preferred Corridor and will be requesting access to private property. Your cooperation with this effort will ensure that all resources on your property are thoroughly considered during this phase of study. Exhibits showing the Preferred Corridor can be viewed at the Haughton Town Hall, Stonewall Town Hall, DOTD District 04 Headquarters, and Michael Baker Jr., Inc. The project website (www.I69DOTD.com) lists the addresses and viewing times for these locations.

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July 7, 2003

ANNOUNCING ALIGNMENT STUDIES PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) will be holding two public meetings to present the results of the alignment location studies for the proposed Interstate Highway 69 (I-69), Section of Independent Utility (SIU) No. 15, between US Highway 171 (US 171) near the Town of Stonewall in DeSoto Parish, to Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) near the Town of Haughton in Bossier Parish. During the alignment studies phase, highway alignments, approximately 300 feet in width, were developed within the Preferred Corridor. The public meetings will be held in the following communities:

Stonewall Area

Tuesday, July 22, 2003
North DeSoto Parish High School
2571 Highway 171
Stonewall, LA

Haughton Area

Wednesday, July 23, 2003
Haughton Middle School
395 South Elm Street
Haughton, LA

The meetings will begin at **6:30 PM** with a short technical presentation. Following a brief intermission, interested persons will then have the opportunity to make a statement for the public record. Representatives from DOTD and Michael Baker Jr., Inc. will be available prior to, and following the meeting to informally discuss the project. Comment forms will also be available to provide written comments on the alignments presented and to obtain additional environmental information.

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