



July 16, 2010

ANNOUNCING PREFERRED ALIGNMENT REVISIONS PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) will hold two open-forum public meetings to present revisions based on comments received to the Preferred Alignment identified in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the I-69 Section of Independent Utility (SIU) 15 Project between U.S. Highway 171 near Stonewall in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana and Interstate 20 near Haughton in Bossier Parish, Louisiana. The **public meetings will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 PM** in the following communities. All interested parties are invited and encouraged to attend.

- Monday, August 2, 2010 Haughton, Louisiana Haughton Middle School, 395 South Elm Street
- Tuesday, August 3, 2010 Stonewall, Louisiana North DeSoto Parish High School, 2571 Hwy 171

The public meetings will include a video presentation summarizing the National I-69 Corridor; the environmental and location study and alternatives development efforts; the identification of a Preferred Alignment in the Draft EIS; and the revisions to the Preferred Alignment developed in response to comments received. The Draft EIS was distributed in June 2005 and Public Hearings held in July 2005.

The Draft EIS is still available locally for public review at DeSoto Parish public libraries in Stonewall, Logansport, and Mansfield; the Shreve Memorial Library's South Caddo Branch, Cedar Grove/Line Avenue Branch, and Downtown Branch in Caddo Parish; Bossier Parish public libraries in Haughton and Bossier City, and at the DOTD District 04 Headquarters in Bossier City.

All interested parties are encouraged to express their views regarding the Preferred Alignment revisions developed. Verbal comments will be recorded at these meetings. All comments received during the public meetings and written comments mailed to the following address and will be considered if postmarked within ten (10) calendar days following the meetings. If you are unable to attend the meetings, you may mail your comments to the address listed below.

**I-69 SIU 15
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Beginning August 5, 2010, the public meeting exhibits will be available for review during regular business hours at the Stonewall and Haughton Town Halls and the DOTD District 04 Headquarters. Information concerning the Project can also be viewed on the Project website at www.i69dotd.com.

These public meetings are an important part of the transportation decision-making process and your involvement is encouraged and appreciated. If you have any questions regarding these public meetings, please contact the I-69 SIU 15 Toll-Free Hotline at 866-469-3683, or the DOTD at Environmental Engineer Administrator, Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245. Should anyone require special assistance due to a disability, to participate in the public meetings, please contact the DOTD at least five working days prior to the public meetings dates.