



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



June 29, 2005

ANNOUNCING PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) will hold two open-forum Public Hearings to present 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 Hearings will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 PM** in the following communities. All interested parties are invited and encouraged to attend.

- Wednesday, July 20, 2005 Haughton, Louisiana Haughton Middle School, 395 South Elm Street
- Thursday, July 21, 2005 Stonewall, Louisiana North DeSoto Parish High School, 2571 Hwy 171

The Public Hearings will include a video presentation summarizing the effects of the Build and No-Action alternatives and will provide an opportunity for all interested parties to express their views regarding the environmental and location study and the alternatives developed. Information on the DOTD right-of-way appraisal and acquisition process will also be available. A transcriber will be available to record verbal comments provided at these Hearings. All [comments](#) received during the Public Hearings and written comments post-marked by the end of the comment period will become part of the official public record for the Project. If you are unable to attend the Hearings, you may mail you [comments](#) to the address listed below. **The official project Draft EIS comment period ends on August 1, 2005.**

The Draft EIS for this Project is available 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. The Draft EIS is also available for public viewing at the Earl K. Long Library at the University of New Orleans, the library at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, LA, and the Louisiana State Library in Baton Rouge, LA. Copies of the Draft EIS can also be purchased for the cost of reproduction.

Beginning July 25, 2005, the Draft EIS Public Hearing 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 Hearings 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 Hearings, please contact the I-69 SIU 15 Toll-Free Hotline at 866-469-3683, or the DOTD at the address listed below. Should anyone require special assistance due to a disability, to participate in the Public Hearings, please contact the DOTD at least five working days prior to the Public Hearing dates.

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