

Stipulations in the Section 106 MOA to Protect Historic Properties

A Section 106 Study was conducted during the Environmental Impact Statement in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act. It was determined that unavoidable visual impacts would occur at the Sterling Grove Historic District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). A MOA was signed by FHWA, DOTD, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, with three MPO committees and the Lafayette MPO as concurring parties, that requires actions to minimize or mitigate impacts to the Sterling Grove Historic District and potential effects to archaeologically significant properties. Two other properties adjacent to the project, Wallis Estate and Trappey's Plant Complex, were determined to be eligible for the NRHP; however, the project will not be an adverse visual effect. Another eight properties in the study area were determined eligible for the NRHP, but the Selected Alternative does not affect these properties. Mitigation in regard to Sterling Grove will be considered through the CSS process and defined in the Sterling Grove Mitigation Plan.

For additional historic properties identified during this Functional Plan phase, FHWA and DOTD will consult with the SHPO and other Consulting Parties.

The Stipulations in the MOA require DOTD to address the following:

1. Prepare a mitigation plan for Sterling Grove Historic District
2. Consideration of the following in the plan: landscaping, earthberms, masonry walls, special lighting, long span bridges, attention to use of under bridge areas, hardscape and brick paver treatment, fencing and parks
3. Consideration of downlighting as appropriate on all lighting installations
4. Provide the following to St. Genevieve Church and School:
 - a. Lighting in front and along adjacent streets for aesthetic and security purposes
 - b. Develop an illuminated and landscaped plaza in front of church
 - c. A decorative fence enclosing the area
5. St. Genevieve will accept ownership and maintenance responsibilities upon completion of No. 4
6. Greig Street will be redeveloped in a manner that enhances the St. Genevieve properties
7. Assure that construction methods will minimize vibration damage to the church
8. Seek input from St. Genevieve Catholic Church and School and the general public and the local government before submitting details to the SHPO under No. 9
9. Receive approval of the plan from the SHPO prior to preparing final plans
10. Owners of other historic properties will be made aware of the MOA and their comments will be considered for amendments to the MOA

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Open House Public Information Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2015
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
 Rosa Parks Transportation Center
 101 Jefferson St.
 Lafayette, LA 70501

State Project No. H.004273.5
Federal Aid Project No. H004273
I-49 Lafayette Connector
 (Lafayette Regional Airport to
 I-10/I-49/U.S. 167 Interchange)

The Purposes of this Open House Public Meeting are to provide you with:

- Information on the completion of the Functional Plan for this phase of the project that will include:
 - Re-evaluation of the 2003 Record of Decision (ROD)
 - Follow-up on the commitments and stipulations made in the ROD
 - Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process for the conceptual design of the Project
 - Sterling Grove Mitigation Plan
 - Joint Use Development Plan
- Information regarding the Selected Alternative for construction that was approved in the ROD
- Information on how you can participate in the process
- An opportunity to ask questions and to submit comments

What is in this Information Packet?

- The Event Facility Maps with the locations of the information stations for the Public Information Meeting
- Project Fact Sheet
- Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process overview
- Project Comment form
- Map of the Selected Alternative for construction of the I-49 Lafayette Connector
- List of the Commitments in the Record of Decision (ROD) and the Stipulations in the Section 106 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

How to make a Comment:

A principal purpose of the meeting is to provide you with information and to receive your comments on the project.

You may comment in the following ways:

- Make a verbal comment this evening that is recorded by the court reporter. Please sign-up at the Comment Check-in station to assure you of a turn to have your comment recorded
- Make a written comment this evening by completing a comment sheet and returning it to the Comment Check-in station
- E-mail your comments to comment@lafayetteconnector.com
- Mail the comment sheet, or other written comment, to:

Lafayette Connector Partners
 Attention AECOM
 1515 Poydras St., Suite 2700
 New Orleans, LA 70112

Description of the Selected Alternative

The DOTD Selected Alternative approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in the 2003 ROD is Alternative RR-4 Elevated in conjunction with the MPO Subalternative and Subalternative H. The Selected Alternative uses parts of the existing Evangeline Thruway alignment as well as a new alignment adjacent to the railroad right-of-way.

Following the Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), the LCG adopted the RR-4 Elevated alignment as the locally preferred alternative with the request that two local collector streets remain open under the freeway. This request, identified as the MPO Subalternative was included in the Selected Alternative. Subalternative H applies to the area north of Willow Street. It provides U-turns both north and south of the Martin Luther King Jr. Drive/ Castille Avenue intersection and another U-turn farther north nearer the I-10 interchange.

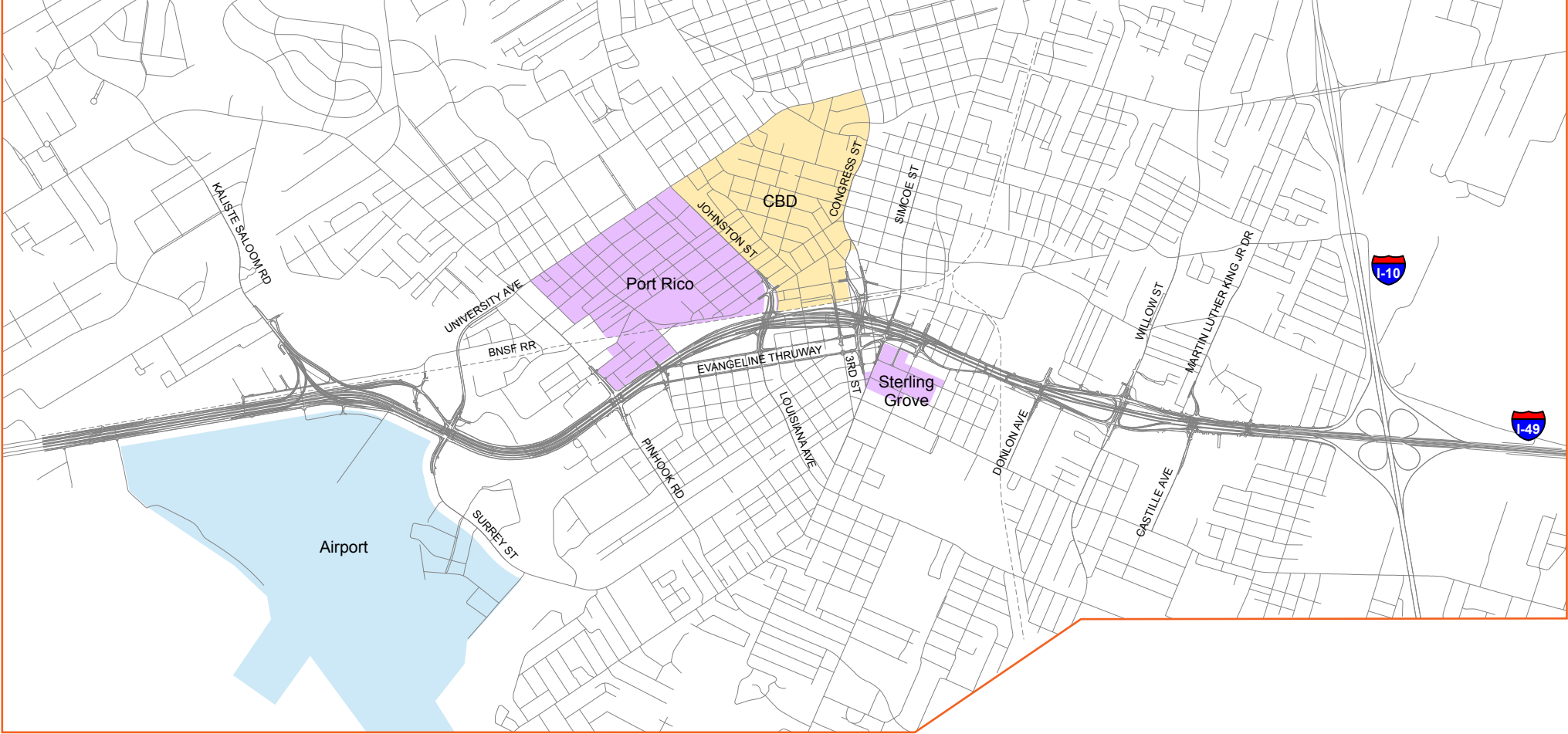
The Selected Alternative represents a balance of impacts in which certain factors were weighed in reaching a decision.

The ROD provides three factors that stand out as the most favorable:

- The Selected Alternative would require the smallest number of residential displacements
- The Selected Alternative moves traffic on both I-49 and the Evangeline Thruway farther from the Sterling Grove Historic District and provides greater enhancement to the St. Genevieve Church and School than the other alternatives with the exception of RR-3, which has the same alignment in that area
- The Selected Alternative is on a new alignment in the core area, and, therefore, it offers more opportunities for direct access to the Central Business District

The Selected Alternative does have environmental impacts relative to wetlands and hazardous waste sites when compared to other alternatives that were considered, but these are more than offset by its reduction in impacts to residential, business, and community facilities.

Selected Alternative I-49 Lafayette Connector



Commitments in the ROD to Avoid, Minimize or Mitigate Potential Adverse Impacts

The 21 Commitments in the 2003 ROD to provide measures to avoid, minimize or mitigate potential adverse impacts are as follows:

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| 1. Displacements | 7. Waste Sites | 12. Vermilion River | 17. Local Access and Circulation |
| 2. Standing Structures and Archaeological Investigations | 8. Water Quality | 13. Parks (Section 4(f) and 6(f) Properties) | 18. Community Impacts and Cohesion |
| 3. Sterling Grove Historic District | 9. Chicot Aquifer | 14. Live Oak Trees | 19. Corridor Preservation |
| 4. Other Historic Properties (Eligible for Listing on the National Register of Historic Places) | 10. Lafayette Regional Airport Runway/ Taxiway Displacement | 15. Construction Debris | 20. Facility Construction |
| 5. Noise | 11. Wetlands | 16. Destination Signing and Traffic Control Plans | 21. Joint Use Development Plan |
| 6. Air Quality | | | |

More information about these commitments can be found in the ROD posted at LafayetteConnector.com