



I-12 To Bush Corridor Study

State Project No. 700-52-0124 (TIMED)
Phase II - Alternatives Analysis

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

Public information meetings were conducted at three locations (July 22 - Sixth Ward Community Center in Pearl River, July 23 - St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers in Mandeville, July 24 - Fifth Ward Junior High School in Bush) within the project area. These were open house/workshop style meetings, where attendees had the opportunity to identify feasible alternatives and voice their issues and concerns to the project team, from 3 to 7 pm at Tuesday's and Thursday's meetings, and from 12 to 7 pm on Wednesday's meeting. This was followed by a technical presentation from 7 to 9 pm on each of the three evenings (*The same materials were presented, and the same process was followed at each meeting location*). After the technical presentation, meeting attendees again had the opportunity to identify feasible alternatives and voice their concerns to the project team, during facilitated breakout sessions.

The following is a summary of the general comments received/issues and concerns raised during the workshops and/or the breakout sessions at each day's meeting. Issues and concerns related to each identified alternative, and questions/comments made during the recorded portion of the meetings can be found in the Public Participation section of the final project report.

QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND GOALS

Goals:

- The project roadway should alleviate traffic congestion around Abita Springs and Covington
- The project roadway should require minimal residential displacements
- The project roadway should try to minimize environmental impacts
- The project roadway should be a "limited access" road

Concerns:

- The project roadway will lead to increases in noise levels
- The project roadway will lead to increased flooding/drainage problems

Questions:

- What is the status of property expropriated by the Department of Transportation and Development under the previous alignment studies ?

Please Note:

Summary maps of the alternatives identified by the Stakeholders and the Public are available on the project website.