JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE

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United States Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District Regulatory Branch Post Office Box 60267 New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267

(504) 862-2099 Project Manager Stephen Pfeffer Permit Application Number MVN 2015-00566-MS State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ATTN: Water Quality Certifications Post Office Box 4313 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

Project Manager Elizabeth Johnson (225) 219-3225 / fax: (225) 219-3156 WQC Application Number WQC 150317-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS30:2047 A(3), and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

RELOCATION OF WEST PRIEN LAKE ROAD IN CALCASIEU PARISH

<u>NAME OF APPLICANT:</u> Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, P.O. Box 94245, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804.

LOCATION OF WORK: The project site is located in Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 38, Township 10 South, Range 09 West beginning near West Prien Lake Road's intersection with Holly Hill Road and extending northwest to Nelson Road in Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, within Hydrologic Unit Code 08080206 as shown on the attached drawings.

CHARACTER OF WORK: The proposed project includes clearing, grubbing, and deposition of fill material all for the addition of approximately 0.9 mile of new roadway to West Prien Lake Road. Project components will include the installation of new road base, construction of new roundabout interchanges and installation of drainage structures. Approximately 1.0 acre of jurisdictional wetlands and 0.2 acre of jurisdictional waters of the U.S. will be affected by this project. The applicant's mitigation plan proposes to purchase compensatory mitigation credits from an appropriate mitigation bank.

The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close **20 days** from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, **ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH**. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Issuance of this public notice solicits input from the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer regarding potential impacts to cultural resources.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work is Not Likely to Adversely Affect any species listed as endangered by the U.S. Departments of Interior or Commerce, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of any endangered species.

This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of <u>0.2</u> acre of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

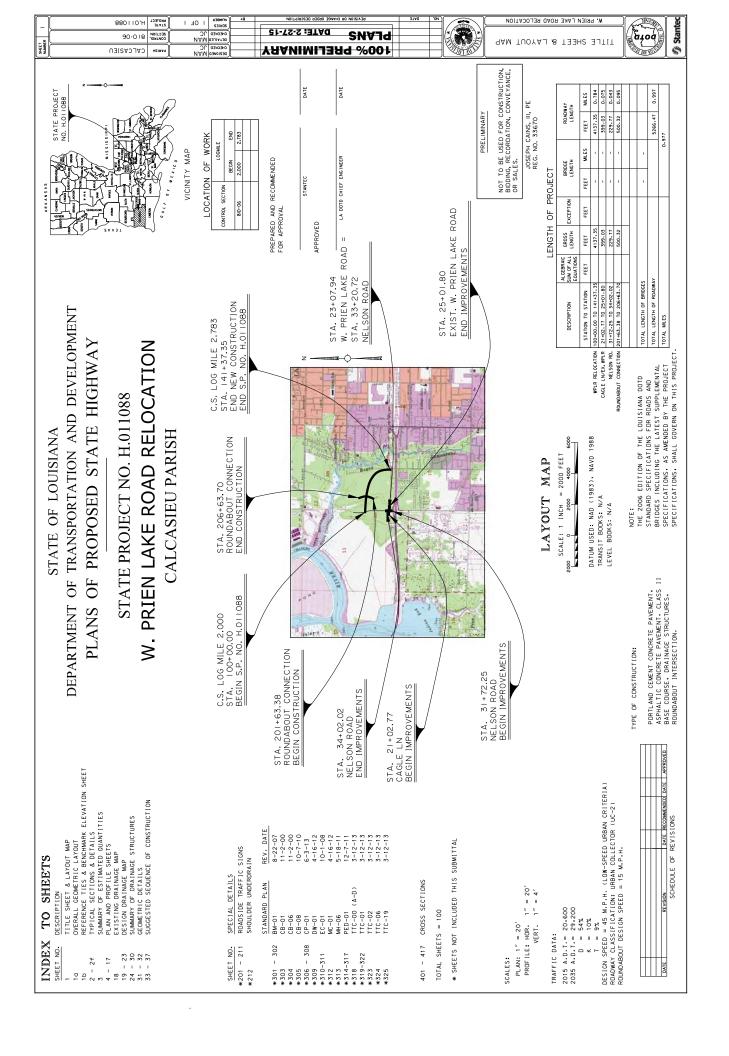
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality before a permit is issued.

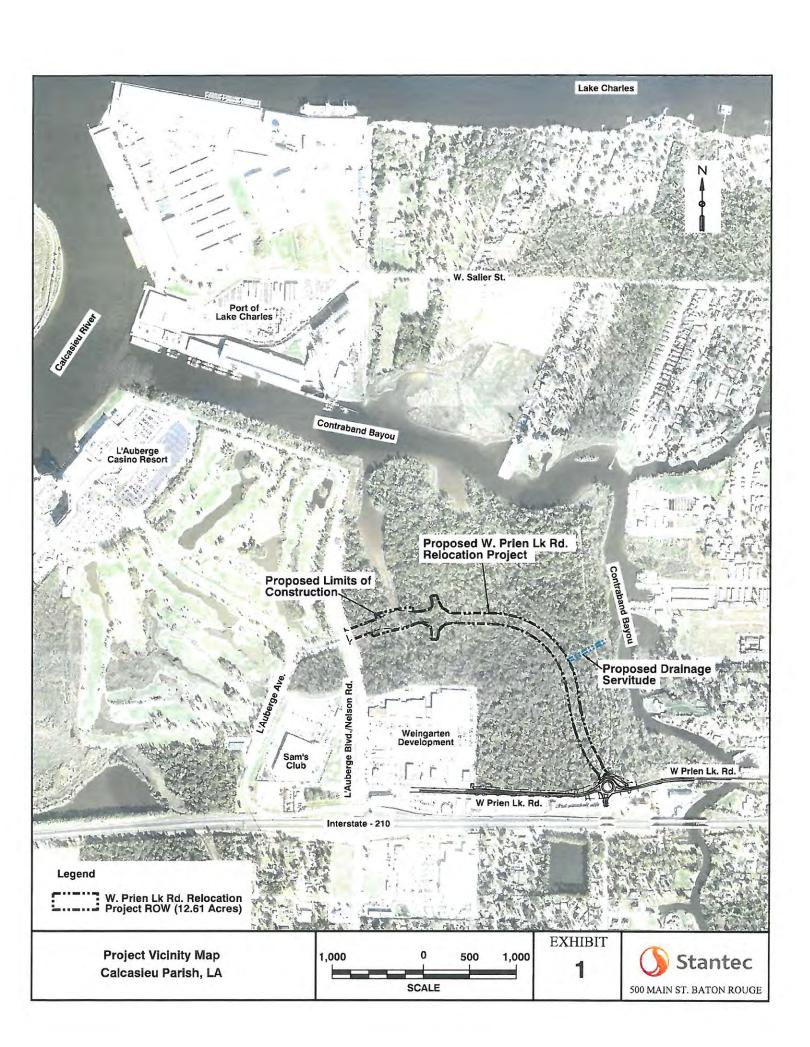
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

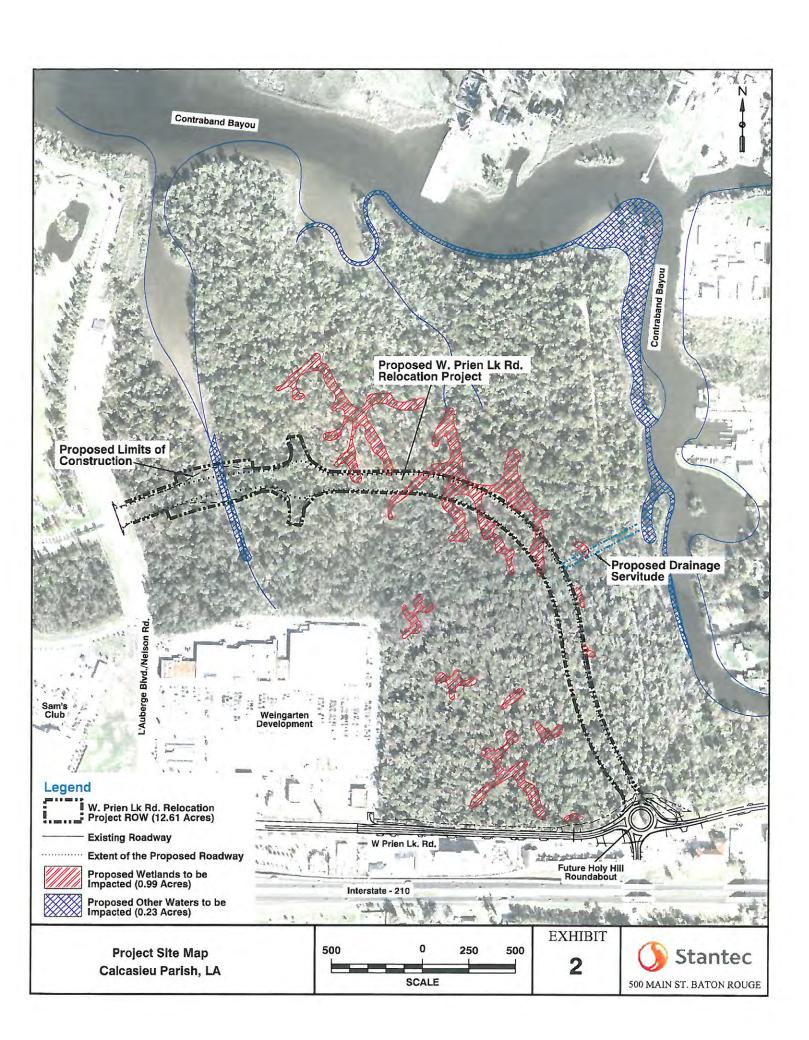
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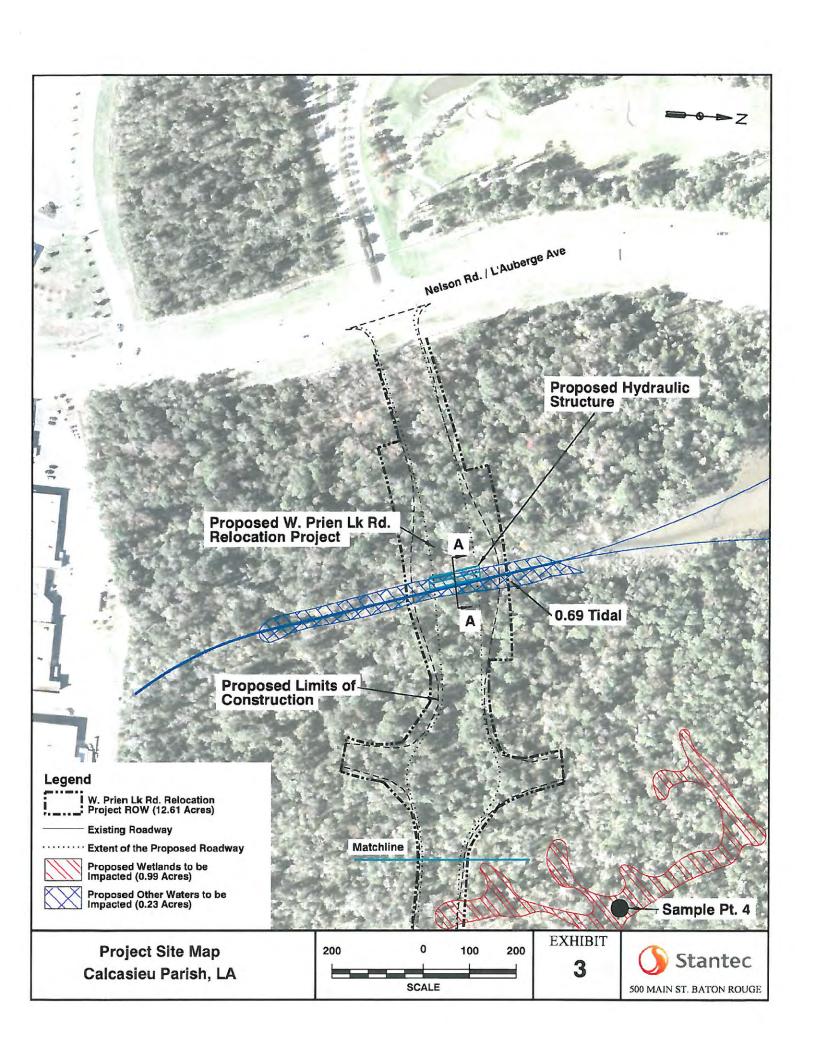
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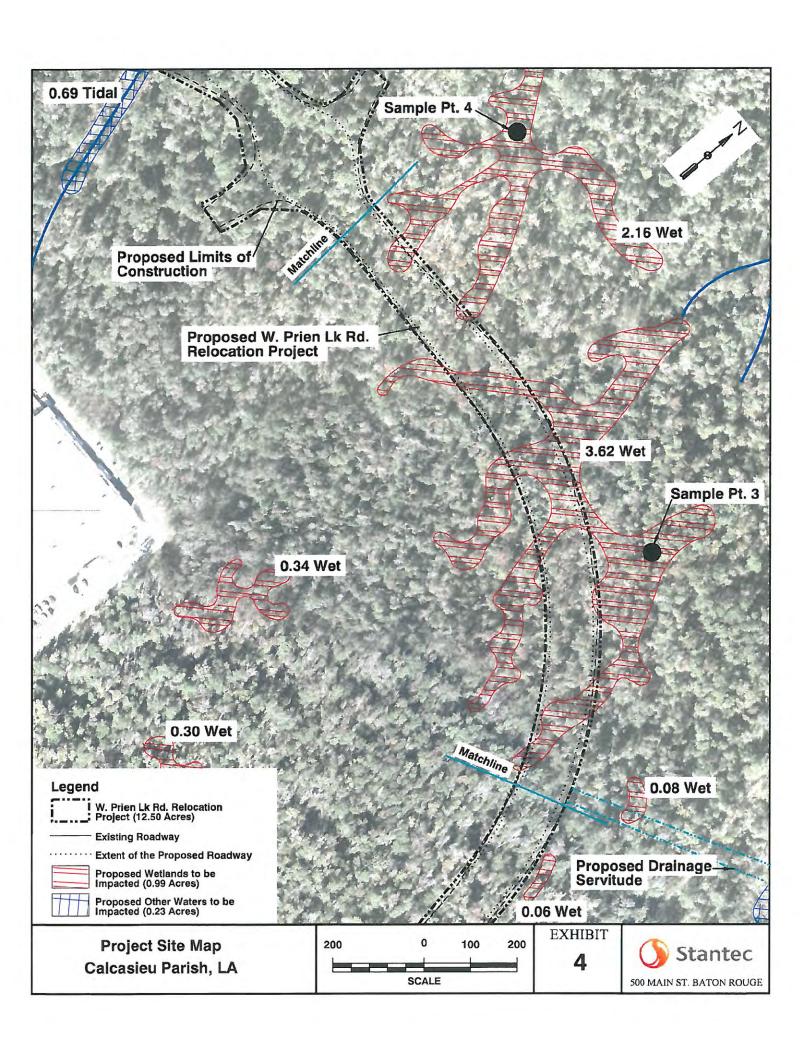
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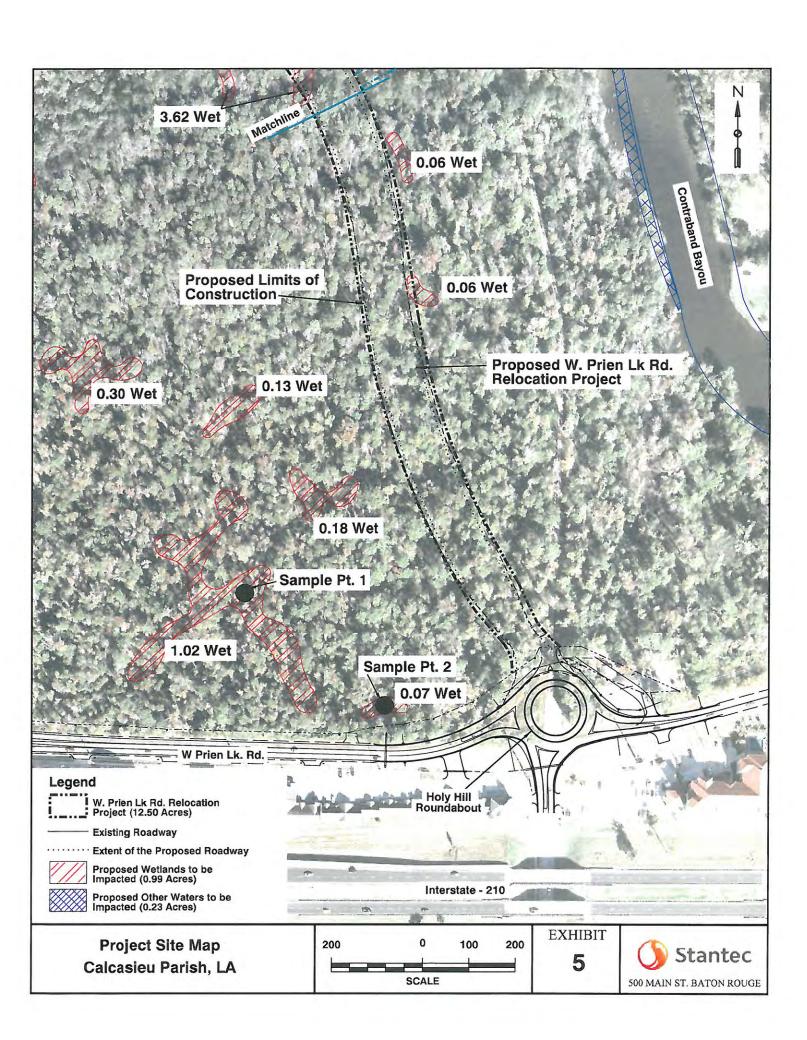




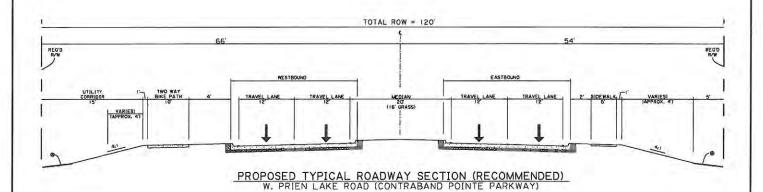








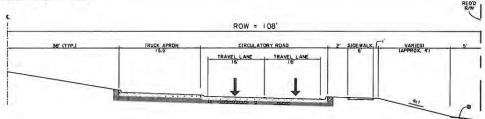




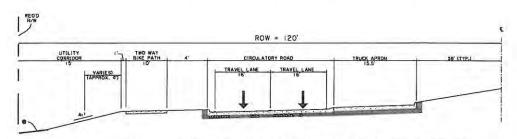
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NOTE: THE SECTION SHOWN IS CONDITIONALLY BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER WILL PROVIDE THE NECESSARY GRADING OF THE EXISTING SITE TO PREVENT WATER FROM FLOWING TOWARDS THE PROPOSED ROADWAY.

PROPERTY OWNER TO GRADE EXISTING GROUND TO FLOW AWAY FROM THE FOOTPRINT OF THE PROPOSED ROADWAY PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.



PROPOSED TYPICAL HALF ROUNDABOUT SECTION (RIGHT SIDE)
W. PRIEN LAKE ROAD (CONTRABAND POINTE PARKWAY)
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PROPOSED TYPICAL HALF ROUNDABOUT SECTION (LEFT SIDE)

W. PRIEN LAKE ROAD (CONTRABAND POINTE PARKWAY)

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Typical Section

W. Prien Lake Road Calcasieu Parish EXHIBIT

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