



I-10 LAKE CHARLES CALCASIEU RIVER BRIDGE

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Project Update

The I-10 Calcasieu Bridge Improvements Project is proposed to improve Interstate 10 (I-10) between the I-10/I-210 west and I-10/I-210 east interchanges in Calcasieu Parish, LA. The project corridor includes the Calcasieu River Bridge that connects the cities of Lake Charles and Westlake. The project length is approximately 9 miles and includes the interstate roadways, the bridge approaches, the I-10 frontage roads, and several interchanges that connect the interstate to state and local roads.

Three alternatives have been identified as reasonable and will be studied in detail in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared for public and agency review in 2021. Improvements at the west

end of the corridor from I-210 to west of Sampson Street would be the same for all three alternatives. Improvements at the east end of the corridor from Ryan Street to I-210 would also be the same for all three alternatives. For purposes of evaluation, these improvements will be compared to the existing condition or an alternative known as the No Build.

The area in the center of the corridor — from the point where the on-ramps– and off-ramps for Sampson Street begin to Veterans Memorial Boulevard — is where the alternatives differ. These differences are being evaluated to determine which alternative in combination with the improvements at each end of the corridor will be selected for construction.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How long will it take to finish the EIS?

The plan is to make the draft EIS available for review in 2021.

2. Which alternative will be selected for construction?

The draft EIS will present a series of analyses to compare the benefits and impacts of each alternative. Based on the outcome of this comparison along with input from local officials, the public, and agencies with responsibility for protecting resources, LADOTD and FHWA will identify an alternative that is preferred. Once the preferred alternative is presented to the public and agencies, final coordination will be undertaken to resolve any questions or issues. A final selection will be made and included in the Record of Decision.

3. How does the Ethylene Di-Chloride (EDC) Contamination affect the project?

The EDC release is located above the Chicot Aquifer, which supplies the drinking water for Lake Charles and surrounding communities. The new bridge design and other aspects of the three alternatives have been developed to minimize the risk. Types and placement of foundation piles are being considered to find the best technical solutions for the bridge.

4. What has been decided about the height of the bridge over the Calcasieu River?

The vertical clearance of the bridge will be 73 feet. An

update to the navigational study is being prepared. Anyone with an interest in navigation in the Calcasieu River is encouraged to take a survey by using a smartphone camera to scan the bar code below, or visit www.s.surveyplanet.com/n1T1a3tnX. You can also access the survey link by visiting our website at www.i10lakecharles.com.

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5. How will the project be paid for?

In 2019, the State of Louisiana made a commitment of \$85 million in state funding to match federal dollars, if they become available, that will be needed to complete the environmental review and initiate alternative delivery for design and construction of the I-10 Calcasieu River Bridge Improvements Project. Tolling is being evaluated as a new revenue source to finance a significant portion of construction costs.



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Project Timeline



Alternatives

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