

Overview

Mississippi River Bridge South Screening Survey

Survey open April 25 – May 13, 2022

A new bridge over the Mississippi River is proposed south of metro Baton Rouge connecting LA 1 and LA 30. The project, entitled "MRB South - Greater Baton Rouge: LA 1 to LA 30 Connector" is identified by DOTD as State Project Number H.013284 and the website is mrbsouth.com. The study encompasses an area stretching from I-10 in Baton Rouge down to the LA Hwy 70 Sunshine bridge near Donaldsonville, Louisiana.

This phase of the project seeks to scrutinize and further screen the 10 remaining preliminary alternatives, reducing the number to just a few which will proceed into the Environmental Evaluation.

Future connectivity to freeways or arterials beyond LA 1 and LA 30 that could provide expanded route continuity and usability (e.g. having this project be a functional portion of a future corridor) are beyond the scope of this project. However, traffic impacts created by this project and associated required mitigation actions will be evaluated and considered.

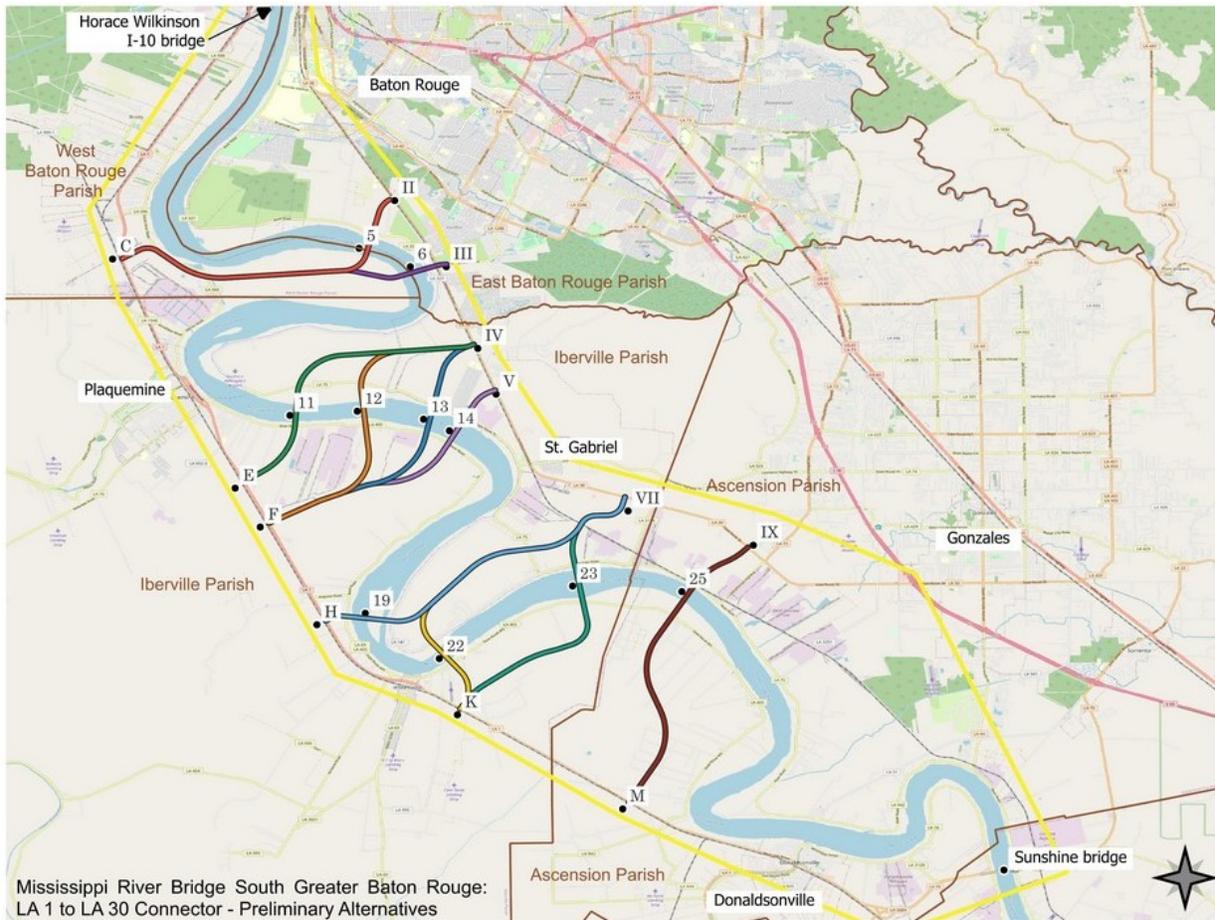
Route Names

Let's first understand how the alternative routes are named. The 10 potential alignments are displayed on the map below. You will notice each route name contains three parts, from west to east, and run from north to south:

- The capital letters (A, B, C, D, E, etc) refer to a point on the west bank of the Mississippi river at LA 1.
- The numbers (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc) refer to specific crossings of the river.
- The roman numerals (I, II, III, IV, V, etc) refer to points on the east bank of the river on LA 30.

You will notice that most potential alignments overlap other alignments for a portion of their length. Panning and zooming the maps on subsequent pages of this survey will be helpful in viewing these overlapping segments. We recommend use of a personal computer or tablet device rather than a mobile phone due to limited screen size.

Preliminary Alternatives Map



The above map depicts the 10 preliminary alternatives for a new Mississippi River Bridge South crossing. Colors used in the above or other maps in this survey have no meaning other than to visually distinguish one route from another.

Your Input

The project team would like to receive your ideas, concerns and comments relative to these 10 potential alternatives. Some comments will be general, but many will be location specific. This survey provides an interactive map, similar to Google or Apple maps, which allows you to zoom in, pan around, and place pin markers on locations and then type in your comment at those locations. The project team will review your comments and consider them in the screening process to select those preliminary alternatives that will move forward into the Environmental Evaluation.

Preliminary Alternatives

Locate your ideas and concerns

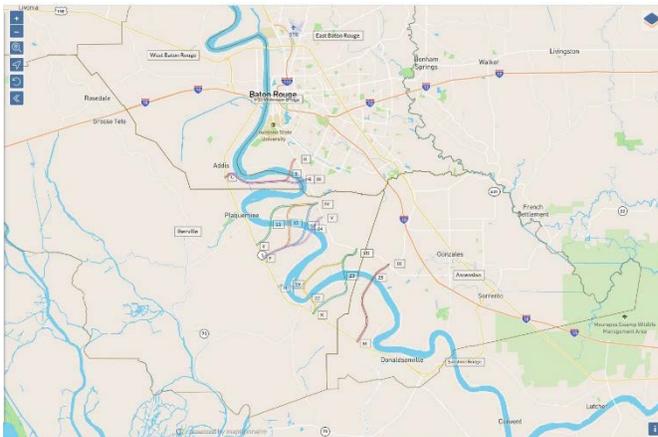
As the project team continues to evaluate potential alternatives, your input is important. For each of the 10 preliminary alternatives, we want to learn about specific concerns related to:

- travel demand, routes, congestion, etc.
- impacts to properties
- impacts to communities
- impacts to the natural environment
- impacts to cultural & historic sites
- impacts affecting project cost

The colored buttons below may be used to place one or more points on the map to which you may add your typed comments. Understand that it is your comments which are most useful. Points lacking associated comments will be ignored when survey results are summarized.

The menu icon at the top, right corner of the map allows you to turn layers on and off, and you may switch from a street map to air photo map background to see more detail.

Examples of the types of comments DOTD is seeking are: "I would like to see a connection here" or "Can a traffic signal be placed here?" A concern could be "there is a small cemetery here that I would not want to see impacted" or "this employer generates a lot of traffic."



I have an idea here...

Idea



I have a concern here...

Concern

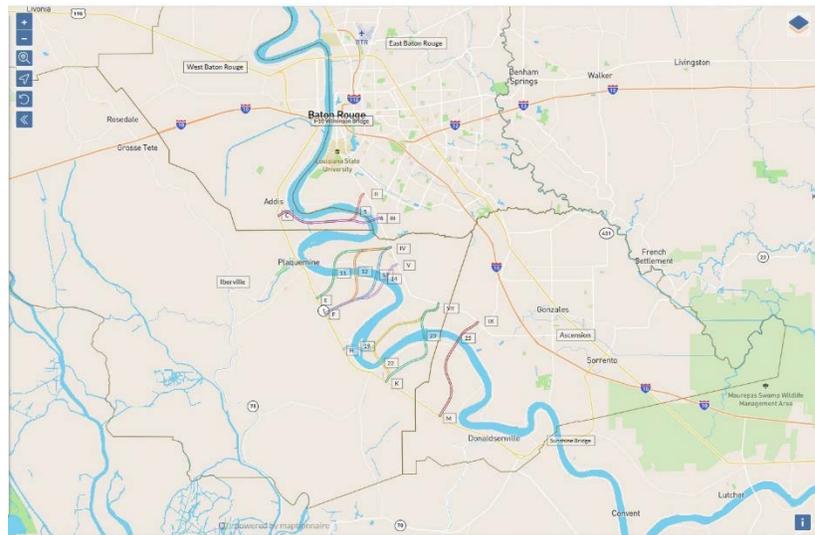


My favorite is...

We'll now ask you to pick your favorite locations for a new bridge over the Mississippi River.

Map layers may be toggled on and off using the layers icon at the top, right of the window; and you may switch from street map to air photo background. Please check up to three preliminary alternatives you like best.

- C-5-II
- C-6-III
- E-11-IV
- F-12-IV
- F-13-IV
- F-14-V
- H-19-VII
- K-22-VII
- K-23-VII
- M-25-IX



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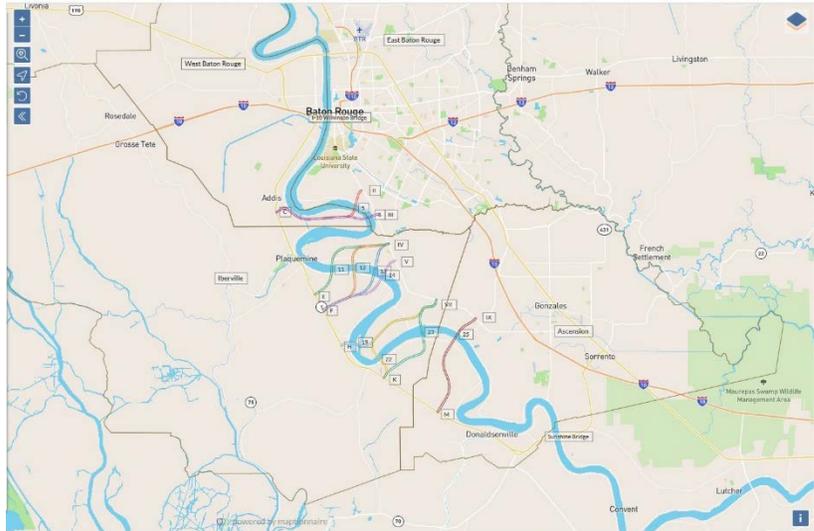
I dislike this route...

Now the opposite question... please select routes you like the least.
Please select 3 bridge alternatives you like the least.

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Participant Characteristics

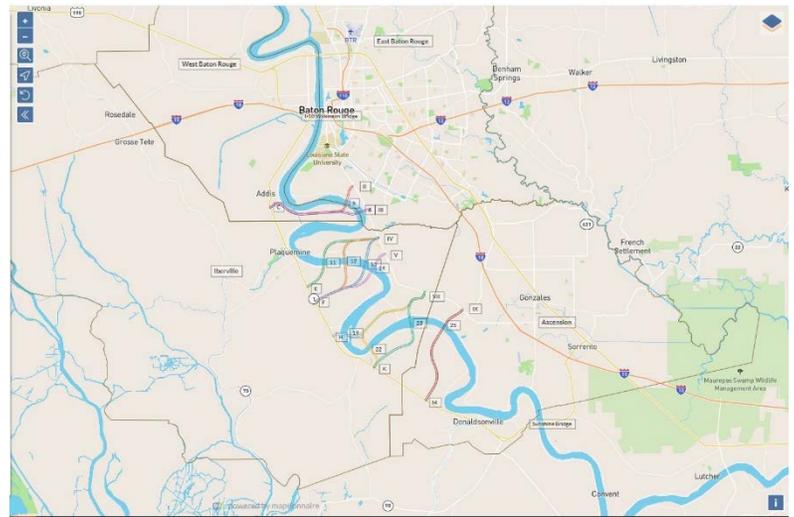
Travel Habits

Please tell us a little about your regular travel routes. Click the blue button on this page to place a blue icon near where you live, or where your trips originate from; then click the orange button to place an orange marker at your frequent destinations such as work, school, shopping, etc.

I live here

I travel to here

Do you often cross the Mississippi River? If so, click the pink button and use the tool to draw a line on the map showing the route you most often take to cross the river. For each of these exercises don't worry about precision. We will be looking at the big picture of where survey participants drive from and to. If you get it wrong at first you can delete the line and start over. When I cross the Mississippi River I use this route...



My routes

Survey Conclusion

If you have additional statements you wish to contribute please use the form below.

My Additional Comments Are...

First Name

Last Name

My Zip Code

My email

Yes! Use my email to send project updates to me.

Thank you for participating!