

# H.013284

## MRB South GBR: LA 1 to LA 30 Connector



December 15, 2025

- Project Progress Overview



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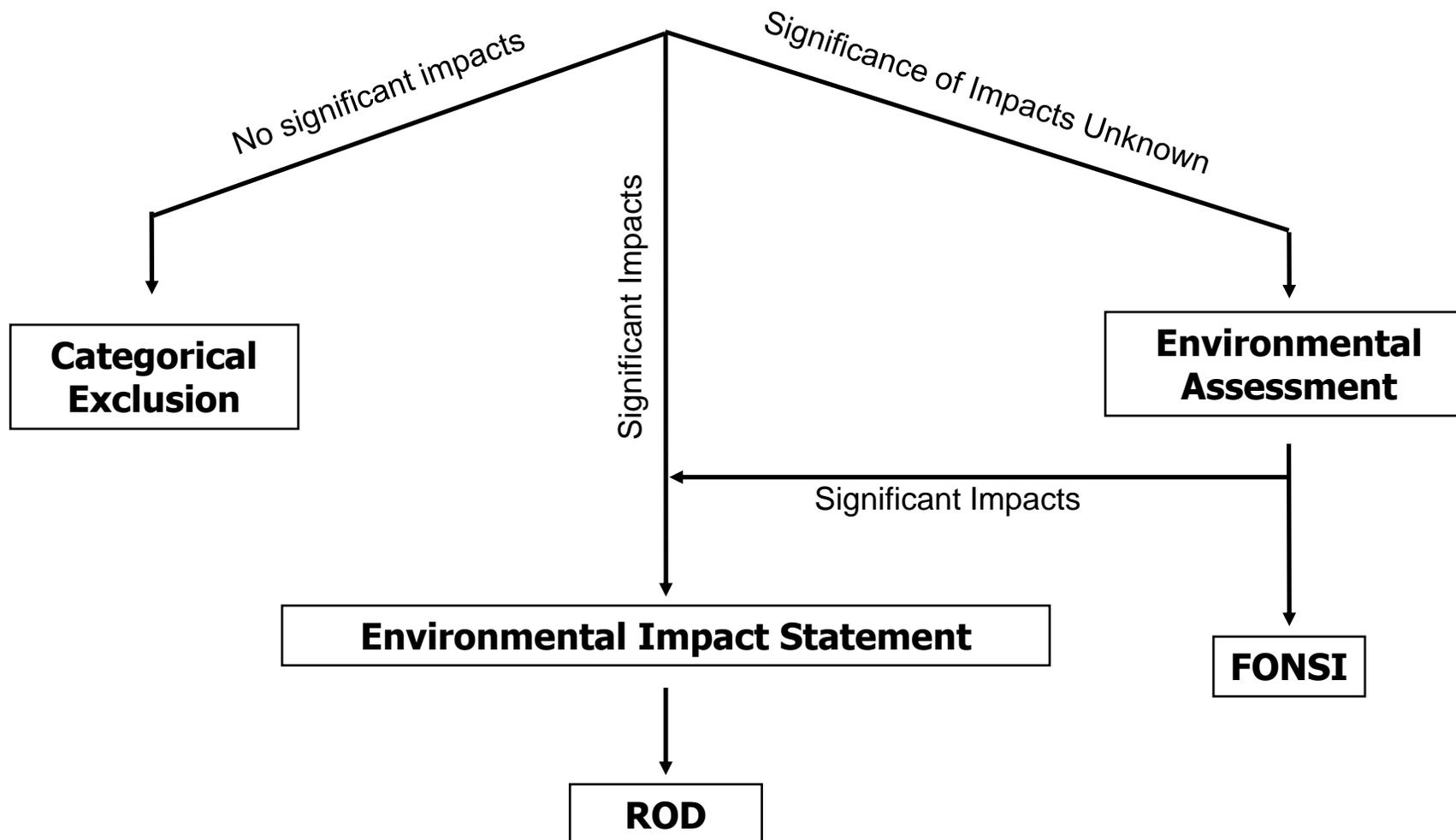
# Proposed Project



A new crossing of the Mississippi River between the I-10 Bridge and the LA 70 (Sunshine) Bridge from LA 1 to LA 30

State Project No. H.013284

# Classes of Action in NEPA



Source: FHWA

# Completed Tasks

- Solicitation of Views
- Public Engagement in 2022:
  - Compile Stakeholders
  - 6 open house events
  - 14 stakeholder meetings
  - 12 agency briefs
- EPI (Enhanced Planning Investigation)
- PEL (Planning & Environmental Linkages) document (includes Stage 0 report)
- Finalize Alternatives
  - E-11-IV
  - F-13-IV
  - F-14-V
- Surveys:
  - LiDAR
  - Topo
  - SUE
  - Elevation
  - Data Analysis
  - Bathymetric Studies
  - Navigation Studies

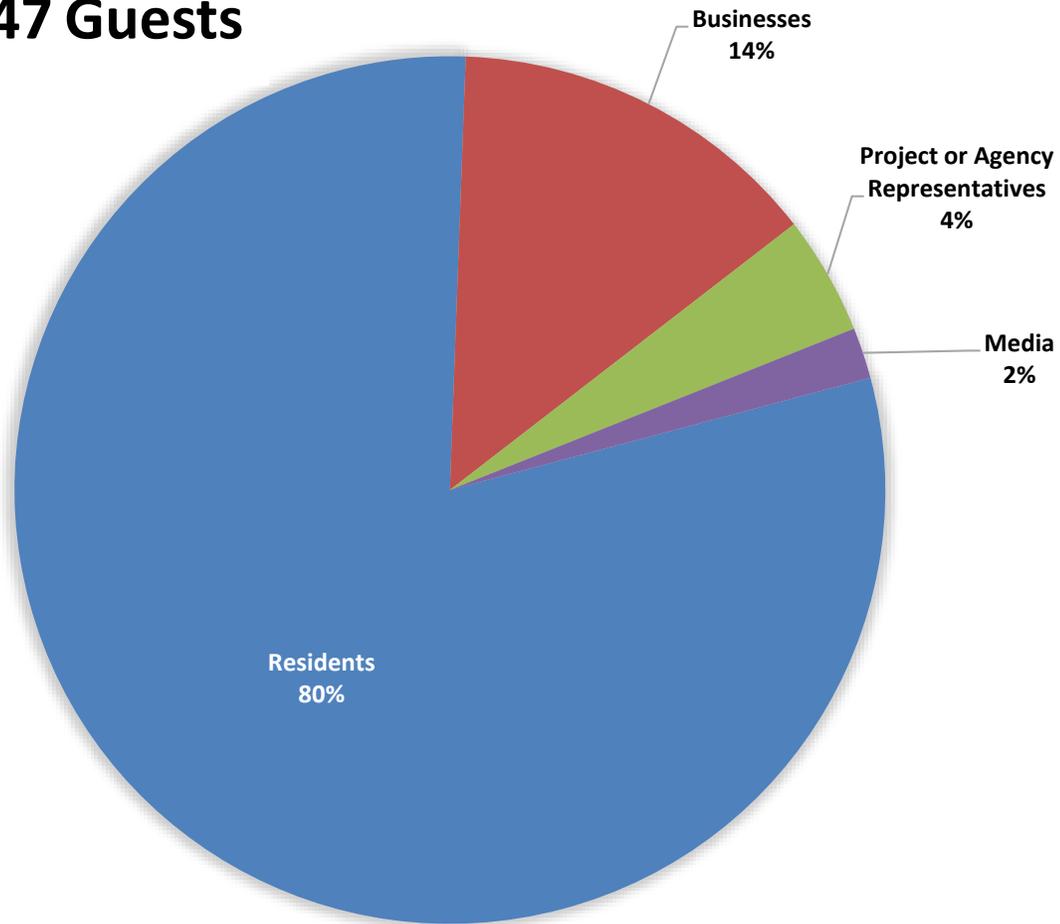
# Completed Tasks

- Bridge Design
  - Develop Design criteria
  - Draft line and grade
- Cultural
  - Cultural Field Work
  - Tribal Coordination
  - **Draft Cultural Resources Report**
- Wetlands
  - Wetlands Field Work
  - **Final Wetlands Report**
- Geotech
  - Geotech Field Work
  - Borings
  - Foundation Analysis
  - Embankment Analysis
- Traffic
  - Data Collection/Volume Counts
  - Build/No Build Models
  - Preliminary ROW Assessment
- Toll Analysis
  - Level 1 Study
  - Level 2 Study
  - Preliminary Cost Estimate
- Socioeconomic Analysis
- Phase 1 ESA
- **Public Engagement 2025:**
  - **2 open house events**

# December 2025 Public Engagement

Dec. 9 in St. Gabriel

**147 Guests**

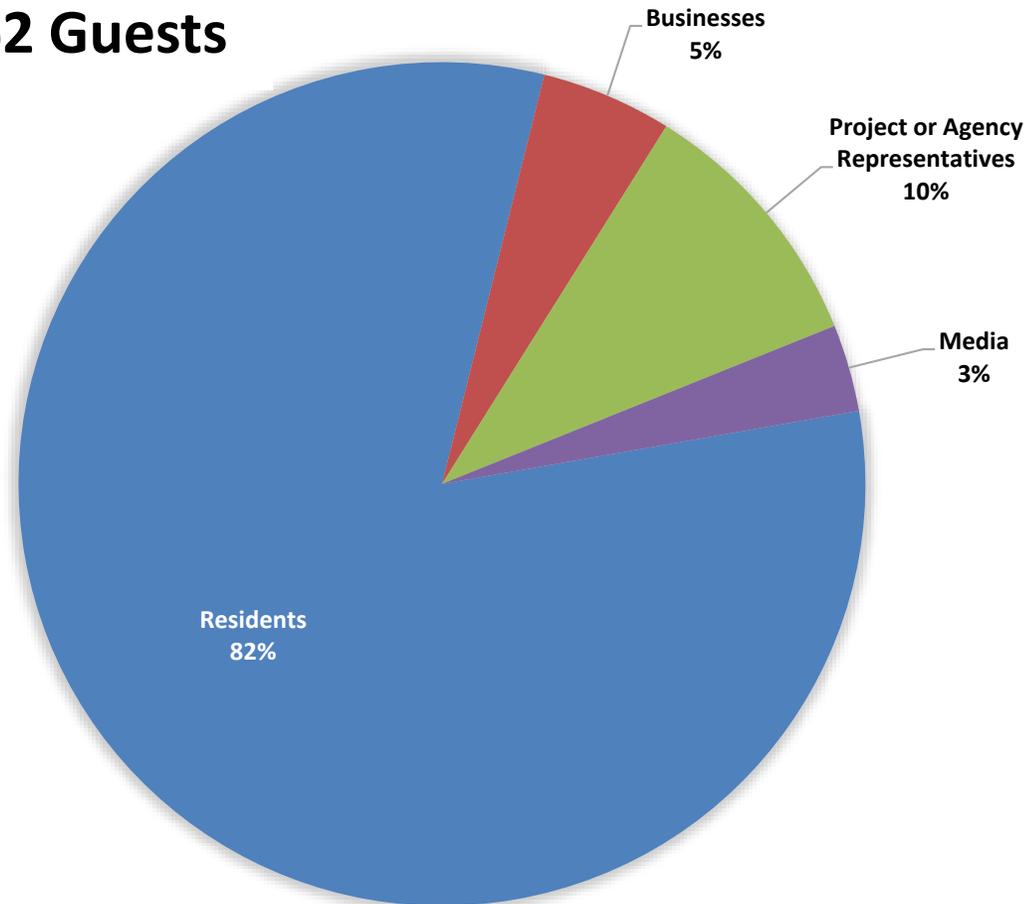


- St. Gabriel Community Briefing 12/9/25
  - 147 in Attendance 80% identified as residents
  - 48 comments received by noon on 12/10/25

# December 2025 Public Engagement

Dec. 10 in Plaquemine

**62 Guests**



- Plaquemines Community Briefing 12/10/25
  - 62 in Attendance, 82% identified as residents
  - 14 comments submitted by noon on 12/11/25

# What are the Next Steps?

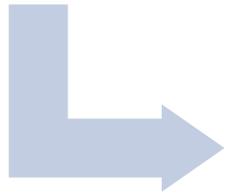


# NEPA & Transportation Decision Making



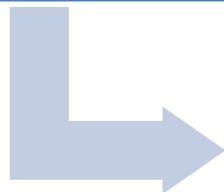
Project Development

- DOTD is responsible for the identification and development of projects



Assessment of Impacts

- DOTD/FHWA evaluates the impact of the project on the environment



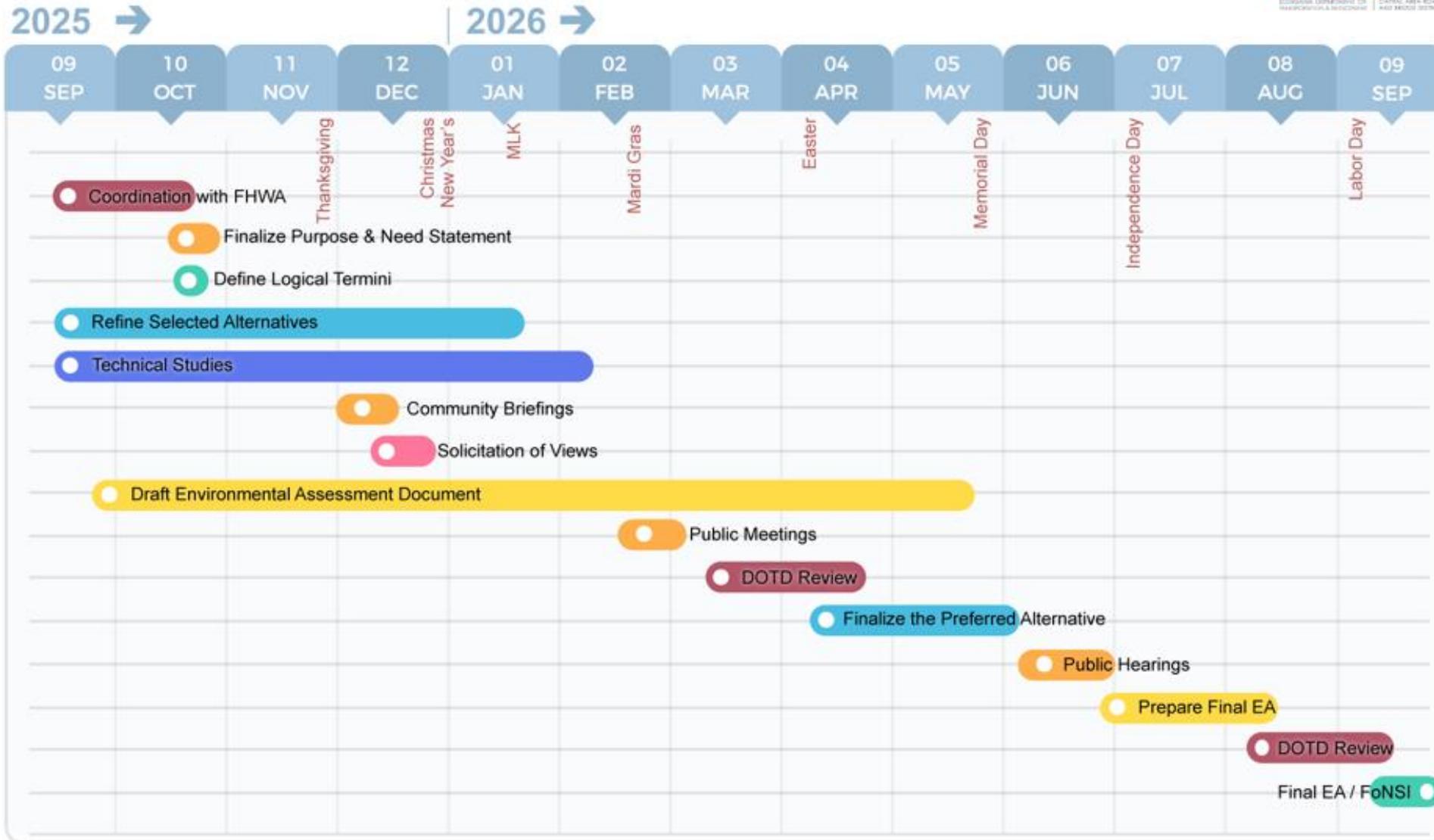
NEPA Document

- DOTD prepares Document
- As Lead Federal Agency, FHWA reviews & approves Document



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# Anticipated EA Process Timeline



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