

1 Introduced February 25, 2014, by
2 Councilman Cusimano, seconded by
3 Councilwoman Harbison, (by request of
4 Administration)

5 **RESOLUTION R14-05**

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7 A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Slidell to execute a
8 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Louisiana Department of
9 Transportation and Development (DOTD) & the City of Slidell (City), State Project No.
10 H.009152, Legacy Project No. 714-52-0011, Cleveland Avenue Road Construction with
11 Crossing Closure.

12 WHEREAS, the City has agreed that for safety reasons the railroad crossing
13 at Cleveland Street should be closed; and

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15 WHEREAS, Textron Marine & Land Systems has agreed to fund the design
16 of a roadway that will connect the westerly right-of-way of Cleveland Street to Bayou
17 Liberty Road; and

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20 WHEREAS, DOTD has agreed to fund the construction of said roadway; and

21 WHEREAS, DOTD requires that the City execute the attached MOU.

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23 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that
24 pursuant to Charter Section 4-02(D) the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the MOU
25 between DOTD and the City of Slidell for State Project No. H.009152, Legacy Project No.
26 714-52-0011, Cleveland Avenue Road Construction with Crossing Closure, a copy of
27 which is attached hereto.
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4 **ADOPTED** this 25th day of February, 2014.

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8 Landon Cusimano
9 President of the Council
10 Councilman-at-Large

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13 Council Administrator
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**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)
BETWEEN THE
THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND DEVELOPMENT
AND
CITY OF SLIDELL**

**STATE PROJECT NO. H.009152
LEGACY PROJECT NO. 714-52-0011
NS (SLIDELL)
CLEVELAND AVENUE ROAD CONSTRUCTION WITH CROSSING CLOSURE
ST. TAMMANY PARISH**

This Memorandum of Understanding, hereafter referred to as “MOU”, between the City of Slidell, hereafter referred to as “City”, and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, hereafter referred to as “DOTD”, sets forth the Parties’ responsibilities with respect to the construction of a new City roadway from Cleveland Street to LA 433 to allow for the removal of the roadway approaches to the Cleveland Street Norfolk Southern railroad crossing, DOT No. 725160T. This work is proposed to be done under State Project No. H.009152 (formerly Legacy No. 714-52-0011) and funded with Federal funds made available from the Federal Railroad Administration high speed rail safety grant, hereinafter referred to as “Project”. This Project has been cleared environmentally. See Attachments A and B for the environmental clearance letter and the proposed roadway layout. This Project will allow for the removal of the Cleveland Street Norfolk Southern railroad crossing, DOT No. 725160T.

The purpose of this MOU is to memorialize the Parties’ intent relative to the captioned project for DOT No. 725160T all in the Parish of St. Tammany, identified under the DOTD State Project No. H.009152 (formerly Legacy No. 714-52-0011).

The City and DOTD hereby agree as follows:

Each Party to this MOU will voluntarily undertake the acts set forth herein, subject to the constraints of their respective budgets and applicable laws.

1. Design Plans – The City will have plans designed consistent with state and Federal Highway Administration standards, guidelines and DOTD Plan Development Procedures to construct the new roadway and remove portions of the existing roadway near the Cleveland Street Norfolk Southern railroad crossing, DOT No. 725160T.
2. Right of Way – The City will acquire all right-of-way in compliance with all Federal and State laws, regulations and policies.
3. Permits – The City will obtain all permits to enable the Project’s letting in accordance with DOTD and Federal Highway Administration standards and guidelines. DOTD will assist in the application and coordination of any required permits for the Project.

4. Construction – DOTD will review the design of Project’s plans. Then making use of available funds, DOTD will enter into a Construction contract with a roadway contractor for this Project and coordinate the construction activities for all permits related to this Project. DOTD will oversee this Project until it is completed per DOTD and Federal Highway Administration standards & guidelines.
5. Ongoing Maintenance of Roadway– Upon completion of Project and acceptance by DOTD, the ownership of the new roadway will be transferred to City, and City agrees to accept and maintain said roadway as a City route. Both US 11 and LA 433 will continue to be maintained by DOTD.
6. Closure of Existing Railroad Crossing – Upon completion of Project and transfer of the new roadway to City, City hereby agrees, in the interest of public highway/rail safety along the Norfolk Southern line, to allow Norfolk Southern to close the existing Cleveland Street Norfolk Southern railroad crossing and remove the existing Cleveland crossing approaches thereto within Norfolk Southern right of way.

The MOU shall become effective upon execution by the parties.

May H. Brown
 Witness

Mary Anne Carroll
 Witness

 Date

[Signature]
 City of Slidell
 Taxpayer ID # 72-6001341
139-454-3001

March 10, 2014
 Date

Cassandra A. Day
 Witness

Carmel Dupont
 Witness

[Signature]
 Secretary - DOTD

[Signature]
 Chief Engineer

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Susan Buciunas
 CONSULTANT CONTRACT
 SERVICES SECTION

Attachment "A"



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GOVERNOR

STATE OF LOUISIANA
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SHERRI H. LEBAS, P.E.
SECRETARY

June 14, 2012

STATE PROJECT NO: H.009152 (714-52-0011)
F.A.P. NO.: STP-5205(500)
NS (SLIDELL)
DOT No. 725-160T
CLEVELAND STREET EXTENSION
ST. TAMMANY PARISH

Mr. Wes Bolinger
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
5304 Flanders Drive, Suite A
Baton Rouge, LA 70808

SUBJECT: Categorical Exclusion

Dear Mr. Bolinger:

Attached is the Categorical Exclusion with an Environmental Determination Checklist for the captioned project. Based on the information contained herein, we feel that the project meets the requirements for classification as a Categorical Exclusion. We request your concurrence. If you have any questions, please call Carl Winter at (225) 242-4506.

Sincerely,

for Noel Ardoin
Environmental Engineer Administrator

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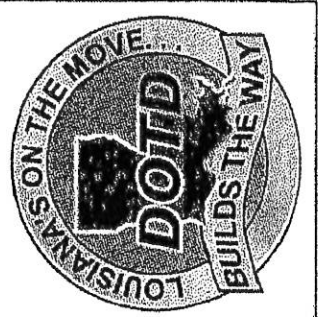
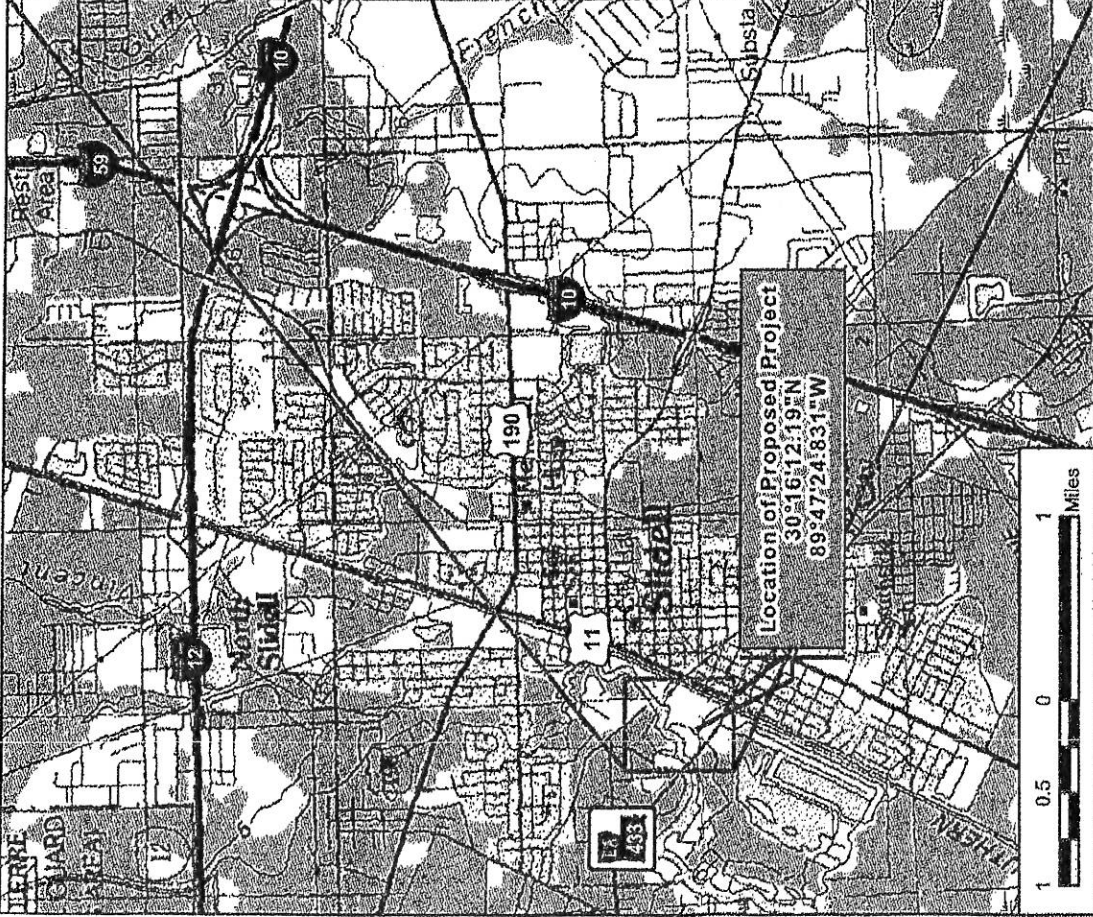
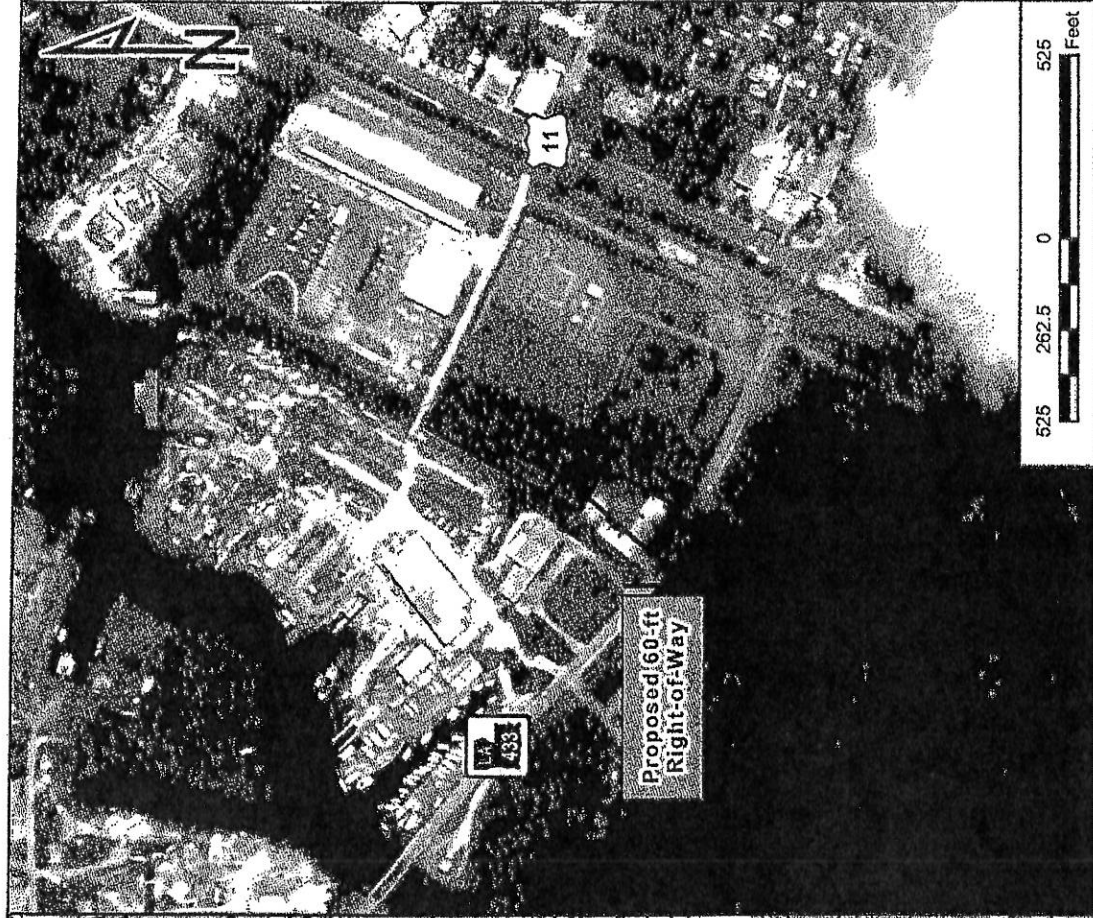
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cc: Bill Shrewsberry

Approved:
By: Carl M. Highsmith
Project Delivery Team Leader

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Attachment "B"



LOCATION MAP

SOURCE: (left) USGS 1:100,000 TOPOGRAPHIC MAP - GULFPORT QUADRANGLE;
(right) 2010 NATIONAL AGRICULTURE IMAGERY PROGRAM (NAIP)

STATE PROJECT NO. H.009152
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. STP-5205(500)
CLEVELAND STREET EXTENSION
ST. TAMMANY PARISH





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March 10, 2014

Honorable Freddie Drennan, Mayor
City of Slidell
2055 Second Street
Slidell, LA 70458

RE: Memorandum of Understanding
State Project No. H.009152
Legacy Project No. 714-52-0011
NS (Slidell)
Cleveland Avenue Road Construction with Crossing Closure
St. Tammany Parish

Dear Mayor Drennan:

Attached is one fully executed copy of the document between the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) and the City of Slidell.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact **Mr. Bill Shrewsberry** at (225) 379-1543 or email at william.shrewsberry@la.gov.

Sincerely,

Alan A. Dale, P.E.
Consultant Contract Services Administrator

AD: sw

Attachments

pc: Mr. Bill Shrewsberry
District 62 Administrator [Ms. Allison Schilling]
District 62 Assistant District Administrator of Engineering [Mr. Jesse McClendon]
District 62 Assistant District Administrator of Operations [Mr. William Murray]
District 62 Area Engineer [Mr. Larry Sharp]
Mr. Tim Mathison - CAO
Mr. Bryan Haggerty – City Attorney
Ms. Sharon Howes – Finance Director
Ms. Donna O'Dell
Mr. Carl Highsmith
Ms. Diane Chastain
Financial Services Section
Ms. Terri Campo