



US 171 to I-20
Bossier, Caddo &
DeSoto Parishes



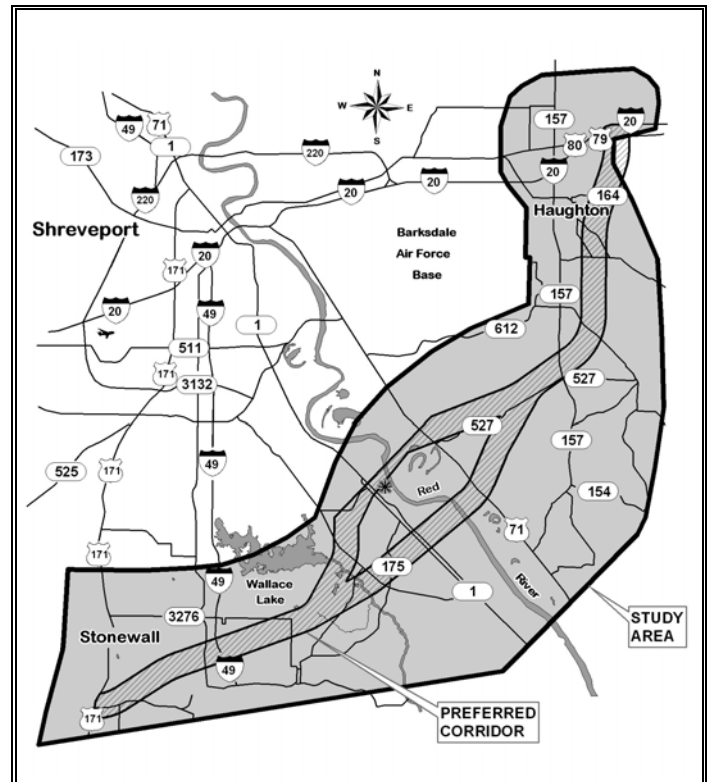
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DOTD ANNOUNCES THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 69, SIU 15 PREFERRED CORRIDOR

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) is pleased to announce the Preferred Corridor to be studied in detail for the proposed Interstate Highway 69 (I-69), Section of Independent Utility (SIU) No. 15, between US Highway 171 (US 171) near the Town of Stonewall in DeSoto Parish, to Interstate Highway 20 (I-20) near the Town of Haughton in Bossier Parish.

The original and additional corridors presented at previous public outreach meetings reflect public, local officials and federal and state resource agency concerns. The Preferred Corridor provides the greatest opportunity to ultimately develop a highway alignment that best balances the expected project benefits with the overall impacts.

The Preferred Corridor shown in the diagram is 1-mile in width and will allow room to minimize residential displacements as well as avoid or minimize impacts to important natural resources when locating the highway. The next phase of the project involves detailed studies within the Preferred Corridor that will begin in early 2003 and continue for several months. These studies will consist of the development of several highway alignment locations (approximately 300 feet in width) and in-depth field investigations. Public involvement meetings will be held in the spring of 2003 to solicit public comment on the alignments.



Baker personnel will be evaluating resources throughout the Preferred Corridor and will be requesting access to private property. Your cooperation with this effort will ensure that all resources on your property are thoroughly considered during this phase of study. Exhibits showing the Preferred Corridor can be viewed at the Haughton Town Hall, Stonewall Town Hall, DOTD District 04 Headquarters, and Michael Baker Jr., Inc. The project website (www.I69DOTD.com) lists the addresses and viewing times for these locations.

For additional information, please contact the DOTD I-69 SIU 15 Hotline at (866) I-69-DOTD.