



November 4, 2005

## TRAVEL SURVEYS PLANNED

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD), in cooperation with the Northwest Louisiana Council of Governments (NLCOG), will be conducting travel surveys in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana. The travel surveys are part of the ongoing environmental and location study efforts for Interstate 69 (I-69) Section of Independent Utility (SIU) 15 between US 171 near Stonewall and Interstate 20 near Haughton.

The travel surveys will be conducted at the following locations on November 15, 16, and 17, 2005 respectively, weather permitting.

- US 171 southbound near the DeSoto/Sabine Parish line
- US 84 eastbound near the DeSoto/Red River Parish line
- US 84 westbound near the DeSoto Parish/Shelby County, Texas line

Traffic control will be implemented at each survey location. Law enforcement officers and traffic maintenance crews will direct travelers either into the survey station or through the survey site. Only vehicles selected for sampling will be directed into the survey station. All other traffic will be allowed to continue through the survey site without stopping. To ensure the safety of both travelers and survey crews, travelers are advised to slow down when approaching the survey location.

Travelers directed into the survey station will be asked to answer a few questions about the trip that they are taking. For example, travelers will be asked where they started their trip, what purpose this trip serves, and which highway was taken if coming from outside DeSoto Parish. ***Travelers' answers will be confidential and used only for this study. The survey will only take a few minutes.*** Travelers' answers will help transportation planners understand travel characteristics and travel patterns in DeSoto Parish and adjacent areas.

These travel surveys are an important part of the I-69 study efforts and the traveling public's cooperation is highly appreciated. Questions regarding the travel survey should be directed to the I-69 SIU 15 Hotline at (866) 469-3683, or the DOTD District 04 Office at (318) 549-8300.