



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



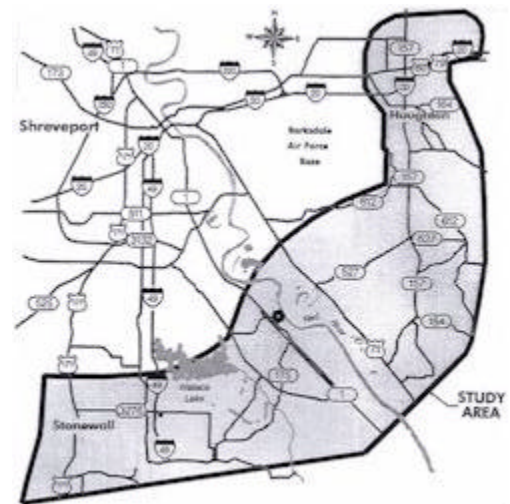
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DOTD KICKS OFF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 69 STUDY

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) has initiated an environmental and location study to construct a segment of the proposed Interstate Highway 60 (I-69) in Bossier, Caddo, and DeSoto Parishes, Louisiana. This project will provide a divided four-lane, limited access highway on new location 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, a distance of approximately 30 miles.

The proposed new highway is a portion of the planned improvements to Congressionally-designated High Priority Corridor Number 17, which will link Indianapolis, Indiana to the lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas. This study will provide the detailed and comprehensive environmental and engineering information necessary to develop specific highway alternatives.

The DOTD has retained the firm of Michael Baker Jr., Inc. (Baker) to conduct this study. A series of public meetings will be held as the study progresses to distribute project information and obtain public comment. The first of these meetings will be held June 6th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM and will present the study process and obtain initial public comment. This meeting will include an open forum session from 6 – 7 PM where you will have an opportunity to talk with representatives from DOTD and Baker. This will be followed by a short technical presentation and a question and answer period. Comment forms will be distributed to obtain public input. The meetings will be held in the following areas:



Haughton Area

Wednesday, June 6, 2001
Haughton Middle School
395 South Elm Street
Haughton, LA

Stonewall Area

Thursday, June 7, 2001
North DeSoto Parish High School
2571 Highway 171
Stonewall, LA

These meetings are an important part of the transportation decision-making process and your involvement is encouraged and appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these meetings, contact Michael Baker Jr., Inc., Petroleum Square II, 1324 North Hearne Avenue, Suite 225, Shreveport, LA 71107, or call (318) 222-8110.