

St. Bernard Transportation Corridor

The Port of New Orleans is working with local, state, and federal transportation partners to support the design and construction of a new roadway.

The St. Bernard Transportation Corridor is envisioned as an elevated roadway located outside the levees along the 40 Arpent Canal. This parallel project would connect Lower St. Bernard Parish to the interstate system.

The Port supports the Regional Planning Commission and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in their efforts. The Port is coordinating with these agencies on the early steps of the project in an effort to mitigate future potential traffic impacts and address historical needs of St. Bernard Parish residents.



Conceptual Rendering

The new roadway will:



Help to relieve traffic congestion that would happen with or without the terminal



Offer an alternative route for trucks



Serve as another hurricane evacuation route for residents of the Parish



Reduce safety concerns on local roadways



Attract and keep new economic investments and industries



Local officials and community members have envisioned a third roadway for years. Now, the Louisiana International Terminal can help catalyze this much-needed infrastructure.

The Louisiana Highway Project Delivery Process

The St. Bernard Transportation Corridor is a parallel project to the Louisiana International Terminal. Port NOLA is a dedicated advocate and partner in this effort. The Regional Planning Commission (RPC) awarded a contract to GIS Engineering in June to conduct a feasibility study, which is jointly funded by the RPC and Port NOLA.



TRAFFIC STUDIES

- Formally document the need for a roadway
- Identify potential impacts to the human and natural environments



PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

- Determine the roadway alignment
- Develop a budget
- Collect public input
- Identify additional projects to improve traffic flow in the parish



DESIGN

- Finalize the roadway design
- Obtain necessary permits
- Develop a traffic management plan for construction



CONSTRUCTION

- Design roadway according to design



FUNDING

\$50M ALREADY COMMITTED

Louisiana Legislature committed \$50 million in capital outlay for

- Analysis
- Planning
- Design Phases

TRUCK TOLL & STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR REMAINING FUNDS

Likely to be financed through a toll on container trucks paid to a private partner that provides up-front construction funding.

Traffic flow is key to the success of the Louisiana International Terminal and to the quality of life in St. Bernard Parish. Port NOLA is working with regional and state agencies to deliver transportation improvements when or before they are needed.