



U.S. 171

Lake Charles to Shreveport

Project Overview

The 121-mile U.S. 171 TIMED project is being widened to a four lane highway. The project is divided into 23 segments, and each segment involves several phases, including strategic planning and design, right-of-way acquisition, utility relocation, environmental impact studies and construction. To date, 22 segments are complete and one segment is under construction. For more detailed information, please call 1-866-TIMED LA or visit www.timedla.com.

Total Estimated Project Cost

\$615 million

Status

The U.S. 171 TIMED project is 96 percent complete. Widening of the entire corridor is scheduled for completion in early 2010.

Funding

The project is funded by a four-cent gas tax established in 1989 and in effect until all TIMED projects are complete. A series of bond sales will help accelerate construction.

Economic Impact to the Area

According to the Federal Highway Administration, for each dollar invested in transportation improvements, the state of Louisiana gains \$2.60 in added benefits, and for every \$1 billion spent, more than 42,000 jobs.

About the TIMED Program

The TIMED Program (www.timedla.com) is the single largest transportation program in state history. The \$5 billion program includes 16 specific transportation projects that include four-laning 536 miles of state highways, widening and/or new construction on three major bridges and improvements to both the Port of New Orleans and Louis Armstrong International Airport, each designed to enhance economic development throughout the state.

