



# U.S. 61

## Thompson Creek to the Mississippi State Line

### Project Overview

The 20-mile U.S. 61 TIMED project is being widened to a four lane highway. The project is divided into four 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, two segments are complete and two segments are under construction. For more detailed information, please call 1-866-TIMED LA or visit [www.timedla.com](http://www.timedla.com).

### Total Estimated Project Cost

\$94 million

### Status

The U.S. 61 TIMED project is 72 percent complete. Widening of the entire corridor is scheduled for completion in mid 2011.

### 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](http://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.

