Louisiana’s Work Zone Task Force
Work Zone Improvements

A Contractor’s Perspective

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Why changes were needed?

- Increase statewide uniformity
  - Bridge City same as Chase
- Improve safety
  - Workers
  - DOTD personnel
- Our customers – motorists
Continued…

- Provided opportunity for much needed training

- Past performance not up to FHWA minimum standards
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Upside For Contractors

- Obligation to protect
- Increased SAFETY = less LIABILITY
  - More $$$ to bottom line!
- Elimination of “trash signs” and “feel good signs”
  - Signage must be meaningful
Training has increased effective communication between contractors and DOTD.

Established clear lines of communication for solving problems.

Inspector - Project Engineer - District Traffic Operations Engineer …
Where do we go from here?

- New “TC” drawings are excellent tool
  - Increase uniformity
  - Ease of “bidding” work
  - SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY
  - Better bottom line on projects
Top 10 things to do in a Traffic Jam

- 10. Wonder where all the Gas Tax money REALLY goes
- 9. Get out and stretch your legs
- 8. A fun game- "Name that road kill!"
- 7. Watch the cars in the oncoming lanes fly by
- 6. Honk your horn - like it matters
Top 10 things to do in a Traffic Jam

- 5. Pick your nose
- 4. Sing off key with the radio
- 3. Chat with the person in the other lane
- 2. Put on a little striptease for the car next to you
- 1. Pick off Construction Workers
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THANKS!