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Draft EIS

- Draft EIS Circulated for Public Comment – June 2005
- Public Hearings – July 2005
- Addressing Comments
DEIS Preferred Alignment

- Six Alignments presented in Draft EIS
- Draft EIS Preferred Alignment
- Corridor Preservation MOA executed with Port of Shreveport-Bossier
Traffic Demand Model

- Expanded existing NLCOG TDM to include DeSoto Parish
- Parish-wide Traffic Counts
- Employment Data
- External Travel Surveys
- Results needed for Final EIS and Traffic Studies
Interchange Justification Studies

- Compliance with FHWA Directives
- I-49 and I-20 Interchanges
- Quantify Operating Conditions
- Validate conceptual configurations included in Draft EIS
Additional Engineering Studies

- Conceptual Bridge Design to satisfy navigation concerns
  - Navigation clearances
  - Pier locations and span lengths
  - Scour and backwater analysis
  - Bridge Type and Cost Estimate

- Frontage/Access Road connecting Frierson to Ellerbe Road
  - 150-foot Corridor adjacent to SIU 15 Mainline
  - Expanded Environmental Studies
Biological Assessments

- Compliance with the Endangered Species Act
- ILT – Consultation complete. FWS concurred with “may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect” determination
- RCW – finalizing BA for submittal to FWS

Red-cockaded Woodpecker

Interior Least Tern
Environmental Studies

- Wetlands and Streams Technical Report
- *Draft* CWA Section 404 Permit Application
- Phase I Cultural Resources Assessment / Section 106 MOA
- Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment
- Highway Traffic Noise Study
Stage 1 Schedule

- Final EIS – 2Q 2007
- ROD – 3Q 2007
- Design Public Meetings – 4Q 2007
- Moving Forward – Stage 3
  Final Design depends on funding
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