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STATE LAWMAKERS URGE CITIZENS TO HAVE SAY ON HIGHWAY PRIORITY PROGRAM

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULED ACROSS THE STATE ON HIGHWAY NEEDS

Beginning Tuesday, January 31, state lawmakers will hold a series of public hearings across the state to get citizens' input on the development of Louisiana's highway priority program. Members of the Joint Highway Priority Construction Committee, composed of members of both the House and the Senate Committees on Transportation, Highways and Public Works, want to know what citizens and local officials think about the state's highway improvement plans in their communities across the state.

"I encourage citizens concerned about the transportation needs in their communities to take this opportunity to meet with lawmakers and have their voices heard," said District 36 State Senator Robert Adley (R-Benton), chairman of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works. "It is extremely important that we as legislators travel the state to get a first hand look at what the transportation needs of the state are, so that we can make responsible decisions on how to best use available state and federal highway funds."

At the community meetings, legislators and state transportation officials will outline the state's highway priority program and discuss the planned projects for specific areas of the state. The highway priority hearings are held each year, by law, to make sure the public knows about the highway improvement plans and has an opportunity for input on the proposals.

The public hearings will begin January 31, 2012 in Pineville and Bossier City and continue through February with additional scheduled meetings in Monroe, Winnsboro, Lake Charles, Lafayette, Baton Rouge, New Orleans and Hammond. The hearings are scheduled by highway district. The schedule is as follows:

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JOINT HIGHWAY PRIORITY CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

District 08

(Avoyelles, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides, Sabine, Vernon and Winn Parishes)

10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Pineville City Hall Council Meeting Room

910 Main St., Pineville, LA

District 04

(Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Claiborne, Desoto, Red River and Webster Parishes)

3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

Bossier Civic Center Bodcau Room

629 Benton Rd., Bossier City, LA

District 05

(East Carroll, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Union and West Carroll Parishes)

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Monroe City Hall Council Chambers

400 Lea Joyner Expressway, Monroe, LA

District 58

(Caldwell, Catahoula, Concordia, Franklin, LaSalle and Tensas Parishes)

2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Franklin Parish Media Center

7923 Prairie Rd., Winnsboro, LA

District 07

(Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron and Jefferson Davis Parishes)

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Lake Charles Civic Center Contraband Room

900 Lakeshore Dr., Lake Charles, LA

District 03

(Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary and Vermillion Parishes)

3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

Clifton Chenier Center

220 West Willow, Lafayette, LA

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District 61

(Ascension, Assumption, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Pointe Coupee, St. James, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana Parishes)

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Louisiana State Capitol, John J. Hainkel, Jr. Room

District 02

(Jefferson, Lafourche, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Charles and Terrebonne Parishes)

9:30 a.m.

Friday, February 10, 2012

Traffic Management Center

10 Veteran's Blvd., New Orleans, LA

District 62

(Livingston, St. Helena, St. John, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa and Washington Parishes)

3:00 p.m.

Friday, February 10, 2012

Louis J. Tallo Council Chambers

312 E. Charles St., Hammond, LA

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