

Joey/John:

Each of you have inquired about the long-awaited Collins Blvd widening project.

This State DOTD project encompasses a new bridge/overpass, a series of new roundabouts, and widening of Collins Blvd (US Hwy 190) from Front St by The Chimes to the intersection at LA Hwy 25. It will be accomplished in four (4) phases, hopefully completed by the end of this decade. Here is the breakdown of phases with project numbers and descriptions:

State Project Number H.001344, US 190: LA437 – US 190 BUS (PH 1). Project consists of the 0.85 miles of widening to 4 lanes of US 190 between LA 437 to US190B including construction of a new bridge over the Bogue Falaya River. The project environmental, surveying, preliminary design, right-of-way maps have been completed by LADOTD. Final plans are 98% complete and ***LADOTD currently has the project scheduled for a letting date of March 9, 2022.***

State Project Number H.012398, US 190 @ LA 25 Roundabout (PH 2A). Project consists of the construction 1.18 miles of roadway including a roundabout at the LA25/US190 intersection to replace an existing signalized intersection. The Project environmental and survey have been completed. No funds have been allocated in the TIP for this project and no letting date has been set. I would like to see engineering for this project begin so that the next phase of work at this intersection can continue to progress. This intersection is a safety concern.

State Project Number H.012382, US190: LA 25 – Bogue Falaya (PH 2B). Project consists of the 1.79 mile widening to 4 lanes of US 190 between LA 25 and the Bogue Falaya River. The project will include the construction of 5 roundabouts at intersections along the route. The Project environmental and survey have been completed. No funds have been allocated in the TIP for this project and no letting date has been set. I would like to see engineering for this project begin so that the next phase of work can continue to progress.

State Project Number H.012386, US190: LA 437 – US190 BUS (PH3). Project consists of 1.25 miles 4-lane widening roadway, a bridge and the construction of 4 roundabouts. The Project environmental and survey have been completed. No funds have been allocated in the TIP for this project and no letting date has been set. I would like to see engineering for this project begin so that the next phase of work can continue to progress.

I hope this has been helpful to you. Please review and contact me if you have questions or need additional information regarding this important transportation project for Covington and St Tammany Parish.

Regards,

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