Capital Area Road and Bridge District
Meeting Minutes

Time/Date: 2:00 p.m., June 29, 2026

Location: Louisiana State Capital
Senate Committee Room "E"

Members Present: Chairman, Mr. J. H. Campbell, Jr., Governor's Appointee
Mr. Brandon Bourgoyne (representing Parish President Jason Manola, West Baton Rouge)
Mr. Daniel Helms (representing Parish President Clint Cointment, Ascension Parish)
Hon. Secretary of DOTD Glenn Ledet
Hon. Parish President Chris Daigle, Iberville Parish
Mr. Fred Raiford (representing Parish President Emile Edwards, East Baton Rouge Parish)
Hon. State Representative Dixon McMakin

Member Absent: No Representative from Livingston Parish was in attendance.
Hon. State Representative Paul Sawyer

- Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes:
Minutes from the March 30, 2026, were approved, on motion made by Mr. Fred Raiford and seconded by President Chris Daigle.

Next on the Agenda, there was an update on the Environmental Analysis and the Environmental Assessment (EA) being made by DOTD represented by Ms. Christina Brignac, since the last meeting, on the Bridge Project, and its identified tasks and timelines.

A. Introduction of Representative(s) of DOTD – Ms. Christina Brignac.
B. Comparison of Timelines and Tasks to actual performance by DOTD.
C. Further updates on the three remaining alternatives for potential Bridge location.

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Christina Brignac, the Project Manager, of DOTD, reported on the bridge project as follows:

1. Conceptual Renderings for each of the current three options for the Bridge route and location.
2. Review of the 2023 Planning & Environmental Linkages (PEL) Study.
3. Review of the Project Purpose and Need.
4. An Overview of the Mainline Alternatives.
5. Review of the possible interchanges of each remaining option.

6. An Alternatives Evaluation.
7. Examples of the Evaluation Matrix Criteria.
8. The current activities being performed by the DOTD.

Under New Business:

Next, Neil McMonagle of Ernst & Young (EY) presented an overview of the potential Federal and Other Funding and Financing Opportunities available to the CARB-D and the DOTD. He provided an analysis of the MRB South and the screening of delivery models advancing under an IFAC grant. He gave a thorough review of the potential "Funding" and "Financing" opportunities that might be available and considered. He reviewed the TIFIA Loan Program, Private Activity Bonds, and potential grants which could be used for "Funding" of the Bridge project.

Then Neal McMillin of the DOTD gave a presentation on the Surface Transportation Reauthorization. He reminded everyone that the IIJA was set to expire on September 30th of 2026, unless the Congress were to take action to extend it. Without such a reauthorization, such funding would no longer be available to CARB-D or DOTD. He then reviewed the funding for bridges in the BUILD America 250 if the Congress also were to increase the funding for investments in bridges in America.

A discussion then ensued about the current relationship which the DOTD has with EY. CARB-D expressed interest in working with DOTD to secure the services of EY in a consulting arrangement with such a firm experienced in public financing projects.

A motion was made by Representative McMakin and seconded by Mr. Helms to authorize the Chairman of the CARB-D to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement or other such arrangement with DOTD in order to draft and execute an appropriate consulting services agreement with EY through the DOTD. The motion was approved without any objection.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Chairman Campbell called for public comments. He reminded all in attendance that the **Capital Area Road and Bridge District** (**CARB-D**) does not make any decision about the actual location of the site where the Bridge would make its crossing. He reminded all in attendance that the CARB-D was created as a Taxing District, and the entities involved in the site selection process were the DOTD, and their Contract Consultant, Atlas Technical and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Campbell asked if there was any opposition to any of the proposed crossings other than **Location E-11-(IV)**.

All Public Comments were received only on **Location E-11-(IV**), as follows:

Speaking in **Opposition** to **Location E-11-(IV)** were:

Clifford Comeau; Laura Comeau; John Day; Nancy Grush; Caleb Hutchinson; Jody Shugart; and Harvey Stern.

Opposition views covered such topics as the finding of a significant environmental impact on any of the final three sites, unsubstantiated and unproven claims of favoritism and conspiracies with DOW and Shintech and the DOTD, concerns about deforestation, biological, ecological and the quality of life for residents, the

destruction of a 259-year-old community, and the impact on wild life, plants, and pollution to be created. Traffic concerns were expressed and wetlands preservation.

Sec. Ledet reminded all in attendance that a final decision has not been made and that comments are still being gathered and received, and all will be properly included in the final report.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Campbell called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was offered by President Daigle.

Without objection, the meeting was deemed adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Secretary of CARB-D

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President Chris Daigle, Iberville Parish

Attest:

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J.H. Campbell, Jr. Chairman of CARB-D