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Re: Stage 0 Feasibility Study on LA 3040

Mr. Morvant:

The Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) would like to formally request that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) consider conducting a Stage 0 feasibility study on LA 3040 between Hollywood from and LA 24, locally named Martin Luther King Blvd. Improvements to this roadway have been identified as a priority in our regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and it is one of the roadways we receive the most complaints during our public participation process. The roadway is approximately 2.5 miles long and is the region's major commercial corridor with many national retailers and restaurants located there. DOTD's website gives it an AADT of 28,220 vehicles per day. According to crash records, there were 791 crashes on this corridor during the three year period of January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2014 – or approximately 264 crashes per year. Thankfully, none of these crashes resulted in a fatality, but there were 465 injuries. The public has made many suggestions – everything from simply lowering the speed limit to a complete redesign including a median and j-turns. At a minimum, we would like to see DOTD take a look at the roadway and work with both Terrebonne Parish and the MPO to develop a strategy to reduce the number of crashes as well as to provide better infrastructure for bicycles and pedestrians along the roadway.

Please feel free to contact the MPO's transportation planner, Mr. Joshua Manning (985-851-2900, josh@scpd.org), if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dirk Guidry
Chairman
Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Planning Organization