

LA 1 Improvement Project Phase 2

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development

Lafourche Parish, Louisiana

Proposed Award: \$135,000,000

Estimated Future Eligible Project Costs: \$445,000,000

Estimated Minimum Non-Federal Funding: \$310,000,000

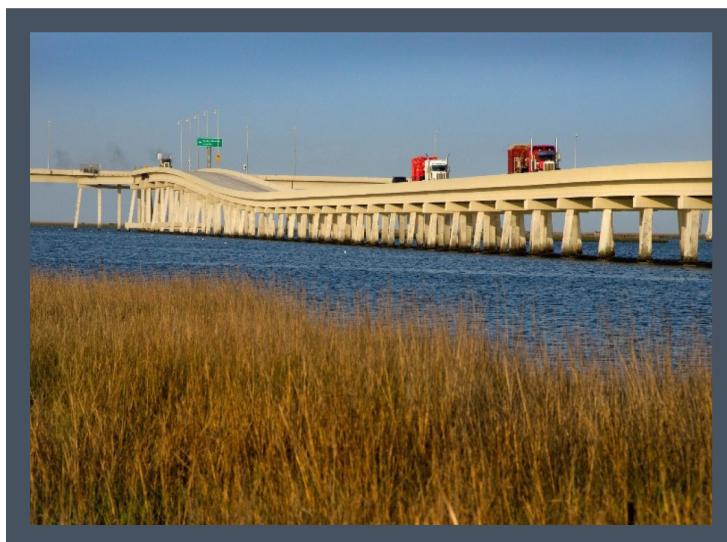
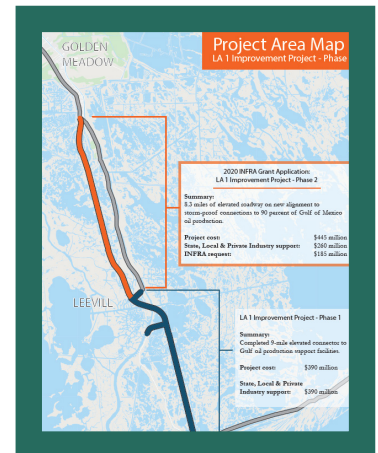
Urban-Rural Designation: Rural

Project Description

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development will be awarded \$135 million to construct 8.3 miles of elevated highway from Leeville Bridge to Golden Meadow. The project constitutes the second phase of the 19-mile LA 1 Improvement Project, providing an elevated and therefore flooding-resilient access road to the energy industry cluster at Port Fourchon, Louisiana.

Project Benefits

The project supports economic vitality by providing a faster, more direct route for vehicles accessing the energy production industries located at Port Fourchon. At present, LA 1 is inundated and subject to closure up to 10 days per year, and that is likely to increase in the coming years. The project will elevate LA 1 to 22 feet above the surrounding bodies of water, eliminating the flooding threat. LADOTD has committed to deploying 5G broadband to the project corridor, supporting the use of sensors to monitor weather and bridge condition, and to using innovative construction techniques, such as Accelerated Bridge Construction.



LADOTD agreed to an accountability measure: if it does not start construction by September 2024 and complete construction by December 2028, the project will be subject to forfeit or return of up to \$10 million.