

APPENDIX D:

Record of Correspondence



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Staff Review Form E. O. 12372 Process

Contact Person: Maria Bernard Reid

Date: June 19, 2019

Phone: 985-622-5501

Applicant	ELOS Environmental/Tangipahoa Parish
Project Title	Manchac Greenway Project in Tangipahoa Parish
State Project No.	
Federal Aid Project No.	
Total	
Total \$	

	YES	NO
Does the project conflict with any region-wide plans?		X
Is the project redundant with other federally funded projects?		X
The Capital Region Planning Commission (CRPC) staff on 03/04/2019 has reviewed the above referenced project and offers the following comments:		
The CRPC staff supports the above referenced project.		
The CRPC staff is neutral regarding the above reference		X
The CRPC staff has negative comments regarding the above referenced project. (See comments below)		
 _____ James C. Setze Executive Director		



State of Louisiana
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
OFFICE OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT

06/24/2019

ELSO ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC
43177 E. PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD
HAMMOND, LA 70403
Attn: Maria Reid

**RE: P20190630, Solicitation of Views
TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT**

Description: TPG proposes a phased development of the Manchac Greenway to include a multi-use path separated from existing highways. The first phase would improve the existing Share-the-Road facility by paving and widening shoulders of existing highways.

Location: Center Point of project - Lat 30° 21' 34"N / Long -90° 25' 04"W; US Highway 51B, US Highway 51 and Old Highway 51 from the City of Ponchatoula south to Pass Manchac.

Tangipahoa Parish, LA

Dear Maria Reid:

We have received your Solicitation of Views for the above referenced project, which has been found to be inside the Louisiana Coastal Zone. In order for us to properly review and evaluate this project, we require that a complete Coastal Use Permit Application packet (Joint Application Form, locality maps, project illustration plats with plan and cross section views, etc.) along with the appropriate application fee be submitted to our office. Using your complete application, we can provide you with an official determination, and begin the processing of any Coastal Use Permit that may be required for your project. You may obtain a free application packet by calling our office at (225) 342-7591 or (800)-267-4019, or by visiting our website at

[Applying for a Coastal Use Permit](#)

We recommend that, during your planning process, you make every effort to minimize impacts to vegetated wetlands. As our legislative mandate puts great emphasis on avoiding damages to these habitats, in many cases the negotiations involved in reducing such disturbances and developing the required mitigation to offset the lost habitat values delay permit approval longer than any other factor. Additionally, the following sensitive features may require additional processing time by the appropriate resource agencies:

State-claimed lands and waterbottoms - Office of State Lands
Joyce WMA - LDWF

Should you desire additional consultation with our office prior to submitting a formal application, we recommend that you call and schedule a pre-application meeting with our Permit Section staff. Such a preliminary meeting may be helpful, especially if a permit application that is as complete as possible is presented for evaluation at the pre-application meeting.

If you have any questions, would like to request an application packet or would like to schedule a pre-application meeting, please contact Amelia Wolfe at (225) 342-0566 or amelia.wolfe@la.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karl L. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Karl L. Morgan
Administrator

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Attachments

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Final Plats:

1) [P20190630](#) [Final Plats](#) [06/20/2019](#)

cc: Jordan Cobbs, OCM w/plats
Craig Leblanc, CMD/FI w/plats
TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT w/plats

Maria Reid

From: Robert Moreau
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:57 PM
To: Maria Reid
Subject: Re: FW: Solicitation of Views - Manchac Greenway Tangipahoa Parish

Maria, yes that seems to be the reasonable way to approach the issue. Do the widening of the existing HWY 51 now but with the ultimate goal being to have a separate multi-use path off of the highway. I recommend the "old hwy 51" that is off in the weeds to the east of the current HWY 51, although it obviously will need lots of repairs and new bridge crossings.

Rob

On Tue, Jul 16, 2019 at 7:17 AM Maria Reid <mreid@elosenv.com> wrote:

Dr. Moreau,

You requested that I re-send this letter after July 8. Please send a response at your convenience. The response date of July 12 is not applicable.

Thank you,

Maria

Maria Bernard Reid

ELOS Environmental, LLC

985-662-5501 (o)

225-235-3187 (m)

From: Maria Reid <mreid@elosenv.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 12:15 PM
To: 'rmoreau@southeastern.edu' <rmoreau@southeastern.edu>
Subject: Solicitation of Views - Manchac Greenway Tangipahoa Parish

Dr. Moreau,

Please review the attached letter and design drawings. We look forward to receiving your input on the Tangipahoa Parish proposal for the Manchac Greenway.

Please submit comments, suggestions, or letters of support by July 22, 2019 to me, see contact information below.

Thank you,

Maria

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Maria Reid

From: Cristine Gowland
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 12:40 PM
To: Maria Reid
Cc: Jennifer Branton; Clay James
Subject: RE: Solicitation of Views - Manchac Greenway Tangipahoa Parish

Maria, I wanted to let you know that I forwarded this on to Jennifer Branton and Clay James for their review as well. I did have a couple of comments regarding the submittal:

1. The plans show sharrows in the shoulder area. Sharrows are only supposed to be painted in areas where bicycles share lanes with cars, so they should not be recommended on the shoulders.
2. If a pedestrian sidewalk is proposed along the edge of the shoulder, what is the required offset for a 55mph roadway?
3. Has any study been done regarding the proposed bike crossing on sheet 3c?
4. Sheet 3d shows the path crossing the railroad tracks. Have they contacted the railroad about requirements and permission?

Thanks,

Cristine Gowland, P.E.
Traffic Operations Section
LaDOTD District 62
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Fax: 985-375-0280
cristine.gowland@la.gov

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From: Maria Reid [mailto:mreid@elosenv.com]
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 12:37 PM
To: Cristine Gowland <Cristine.Gowland@LA.GOV>
Subject: Solicitation of Views - Manchac Greenway Tangipahoa Parish

Dear Cristine,

Please review the attached letter and design drawings. We look forward to receiving your input on the Tangipahoa Parish proposal for the Manchac Greenway.

If you are not the correct person to receive this solicitation, please forward as appropriate.

Please submit comments, suggestions, or letters of support by July 22, 2019 to me, see contact information below.

Thank you,
Maria

Maria Bernard Reid

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Maria Reid

From: Frank Neelis
Sent: Friday, August 2, 2019 2:35 PM
To: Maria Reid
Cc: Ben Taylor; Frank Neelis
Subject: Comments: Manchac Greenway A/E Project # 20-1837

Dear Ms. Ried,

Comments re. aforementioned by Frank Neelis 8/2/19. Friends of Manchac Greenway/Founder

a). Relevant too specific measures

b). Questions too specific proposals

General: Generally pleased with proposal. Looking forward to additional input and responds to questions (b).

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Sheet 3a/ 3b/ 3c

Required Pedestrian bridge over No. Pass. Alt #1b/2a.

Comment. Have studies superstructure of existing bridge: noted possible, subject to check, addition to bridge for Ped/bike lane.

#1 Shared shoulders - add stencils bike/peds at appropriate locations.

b). (Questions)

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Sheet 3c. Detail of bike cross at Joyce Walkway?

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Trailhead, detail/access?

Sheet #4. Gradient of shoulder?

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Detail: how long/length/height/type?

Sheet #5. d/5 multi use path

Maintenance requirements?

Wetlands aspects?

Vegetation - existing/potential?

Fencing requirements?

Security aspects?

R.R. row aspects?

Maria Reid

From: Ben Taylor
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 9:43 AM
To: Maria Reid
Cc: Frank Neelis; Frank Neelis
Subject: Re: Comments: Manchac Greenway A/E Project # 20-1837

Maria,, Everything in your presentation looks good to me. I assume "Adaptive Management" is in the mix so that minor unforeseen details can be reckoned with without too much expense.

It's too bad the LA DOTD can't countenance roundabouts to and from a resurfaced Hammond Highway route and the old US 51 shoulder instead of insisting on all those expensive bridges over the sloughs. Otherwise, I'd think the cost of taking up the asphalt from the present old US 51 shoulder and laying it back down would be comparable to resurfacing the abandoned Hammond Highway roadbed instead. Thanks for your good work,, Ben

> On Aug 5, 2019, at 8:28 AM, Maria Reid <mreid@elosenv.com> wrote:

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> Mr. Frank,
> Thank you for your comments. I'm meeting with Bridget Bailey on Thursday.
> Hopefully, I can get some answers/clarification for you.

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> Maria Bernard Reid
> ELOS Environmental, LLC
> 985-662-5501 (o)
> 225-235-3187 (m)

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Frank Neelis <neelis.frank@gmail.com>
> Sent: Friday, August 2, 2019 2:35 PM
> To: Maria Reid <mreid@elosenv.com>
> Cc: Ben Taylor <Maurepas@charter.net>; Frank Neelis
> <bucktree@bellsouth.net>
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