

Urban

North Baton Rouge Mobility Projects

INFRA Award: \$59,619,429

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Applicant: City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Project Description:

This project has three components: 1) The Airline Highway North Expansion will improve a five-mile segment of U.S. Route 190 by adding a lane in each direction, improving turn lanes, and adding connections to local transit, bike and pedestrian networks; 2) The Florida Boulevard component will make pedestrian and bus improvements, and establishes BRT infrastructure along approximately six miles of Business U.S. Route 90. 3) The Scotlandville Parkway Mobility Network will convert an existing trail to a new, linear, multimodal pathway for pedestrians and bicyclists.

Project Benefits:

The project makes pedestrian improvements on a few key corridors in Baton Rouge, which is one of the more dangerous pedestrian cities in America with disproportionate impacts to communities of color. Proposed improvements benefit an area where 95% of city's unemployed residents live and will provide more affordable transportation options to help people get to jobs and social services. The project design is reflective of a local planning process that was developed by a diverse group of residents and stakeholders, particularly through the "MOVEBR" engagement process focused on equitable transportation, the East Baton Rouge Parish Pedestrian and Bicycle Master Plan that involved more than 70 community organizations, and the BREC parkway strategic planning initiative which used surveys and meetings to reach out to nearly 1,000 residents.

