

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION

POWELL ROAD PROJECT

AGENCY: FHWA-Office of Tribal Transportation

ACTION: Review and Comment of Draft Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: The FHWA-Office of Tribal Transportation (OTT) is asking for review and to provide comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment for the Powell Road project

FURTHER INFORMATION: Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on Draft EA to the Coushatta Tribe for 30 days beginning 3/28/26. To obtain copies of the Draft EA, for further information, or to submit a comment, please contact: Mr. Steve Manuel, Infrastructure Manager, Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana. Address: 1940 CC Bel Road, Elton Louisiana 70532. Phone: (337) 584-1595. E-mail: [SManuel@coushatta.org](mailto:SManuel@coushatta.org). The Draft EA is also available for public review at the Administration Building for the Coushatta Tribe located at 1940 CC Bel Road, Elton Louisiana 70532 for 30 days beginning with 3/28/26.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana has received funds from the FHWA, TTPSF, and TTFBP for road improvements and bridge replacements along NTTFI Route #0101 Powell Road. The Powell Road project is a significant infrastructure initiative aimed at improving transportation safety and resilience in Elton, LA. The project begins at the intersection of Raymond Church Rd. and 1<sup>st</sup> Street extending north for approximately 3.2 miles with 0.54 miles in Jefferson Davis Parish and 2.7 miles in Allen Parish. The project area totals approximately 51.3 acres. The project ends on the northern side at the intersection with CC Bel Rd, on Tribal Trust Lands. The project will consist of the widening of both Powell Road and the bridges, added shoulders and a 9-ft multi-use path on the eastern side of the road within the city limits of Elton.

Based on the Draft EA, the project would have no significant impact (or no impacts) to land resources, air, living resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic conditions, resources use patterns, or other values, including but not limited to water quality, wetlands, floodplains, land use, aesthetics, transportation, or human health and safety.

Through implementation of mitigation measures should any unanticipated discovered be identified during construction, it was determined that the proposed project will have no adverse effect on resources listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Agency has also concluded that through implementation of mitigation measures, the proposed project will have no effect on federally listed threatened and endangered species or designated critical habitat. The proposed project will not disproportionately affect minority and/or low-income populations.