

FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

OFFICE OF TRIBAL TRANSPORTATION

FARM TO MARKET 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 Farm to Market Project

FURTHER INFORMATION: Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on Draft EA to the Coushatta Tribe for 30 days beginning 6/10/26. 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 6/10/26.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana proposes enhancements to approximately 10.9 miles of roadway along NTTFI Route #0106 (Lauderdale Woodyard Road) and Route #0108 (Clyde Chachere Road). The project includes improvements to about 7.3 miles of Lauderdale Woodyard Road between United States Route 190 (US 190) and US 165, and about 3.6 miles of Clyde Chachere Road between US 165 and Lauderdale Woodyard Road. Planned improvements include widening travel lanes from 9 to 11 feet, adding 2-foot paved shoulders, raising low-lying sections to reduce roadway flooding, and reestablishing roadside drainage ditches and irrigation canals with recoverable side slopes. These upgrades would improve safety, mobility, and connectivity for all users while supporting the efficient transport of agricultural goods from local farms to regional markets and distribution centers. The project is intended to create a roadway network capable of meeting current and future traffic needs, including large agricultural vehicles and freight trucks, and to improve reliable access for the agricultural industry that is vital to long-term economic growth for the Coushatta Tribal community.

Based on the Draft EA, the project would have a less than significant impact to land resources, water quality, wetlands and floodplains, air quality, biological resources, noise, and agricultural resources. The project would have no significant impact to cultural resources. The project would have a beneficial effect on land use, socioeconomic conditions, transportation resources, and public health and safety. Through implementation of mitigation measures there would be no significant impact or cumulative adverse impact to human health and the environment associated with the project.