

# COMPLETE STREETS VISION & POLICY STATEMENT



A road forward for East Baton Rouge Parish 2013

#### Adopting a Complete Streets Policy Will Change Transportation Planning in the Parish

Currently, most roads and streets in East Baton Rouge Parish are designed and built with only automobiles in mind. For decades, we have planned our streets and roads with sole focus on the speed and movement of motorized vehicles, and for decades we have experienced problems related to our streets—parents feeling that their children can not safely walk or bike to school, older adults becoming housebound and lonely when they can no longer drive, obesity rates rising while people have fewer places to walk. All of these are strong reasons for a change in the way we make decisions about roads and streets.

In primarily focusing on auto transportation, we have made access to the streets difficult and more dangerous for all non-motorized road users, yet sidewalks, bike lanes, and transit connections are often the first "amenities" to be cut during any project planning or construction.

This Complete Streets Policy ensures that transportation planners and engineers consistently plan, design, operate, and maintain the entire roadway with all users in mind—including bicyclists, public transportation vehicles and riders, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. Now is the time to focus on changing the way that transportation planning is being conducted in East Baton Rouge Parish.





# What are Design Levels?

A continuum of urban form from "base standards" (design level 1) to "urban core" (design level 5)



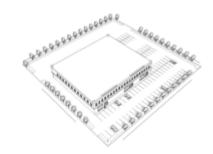
# Design Level 1 Base Standards



 Applicable to the majority of the parish and includes rural and suburban areas not otherwise designated in an urban design level



# Design Level 3 Walkable Area



 Includes areas with moderate to heavy autouse and high potential for walkability



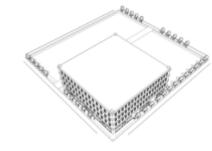
# Design Level 4 Urban Center



 Includes pedestrian-oriented areas that generally have lower density than downtown Baton Rouge



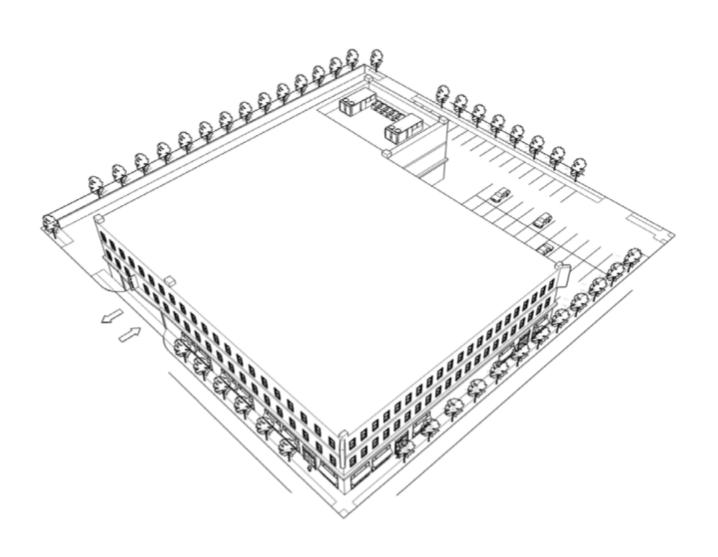
# Design Level 5 Urban Core



 Includes pedestrian-oriented areas within downtown or other pedestrian-oriented areas with similar densities as downtown



# **Design Level 4**Urban Center



#### OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS (To be placed in parking chapter) (Please

review for concept – still working on exact requirements)

USE		
RESIDENTIAL	PARKING REQUIREMENT (BASE)	WALKABLE DISTRICT PARKING REQUIREMENT
Single Family (per unit)	2	1.5
Two family/duplex (per unit)	2	1.5
Multi-family 1 bedroom (per unit)	1	0.75
Multi-family 2 bedrooms (per unit)	2	1.31
Multi-family 3 bedrooms (per unit)	2.5	1.5
Multi-family 4 bedrooms (per unit)	4.4	1.52
Dormitories and lodging houses (which includes rooming/boarding houses) (per room)	1	0.25
Fraternity & sorority houses (per active member)	1 per 5	1 per 7
Group homes, halfway homes, & special homes (per 3 beds)	1	1
Townhouses (per unit)	2	1.5

## Level 3 - Example Site

Corner of Government St and East Dr



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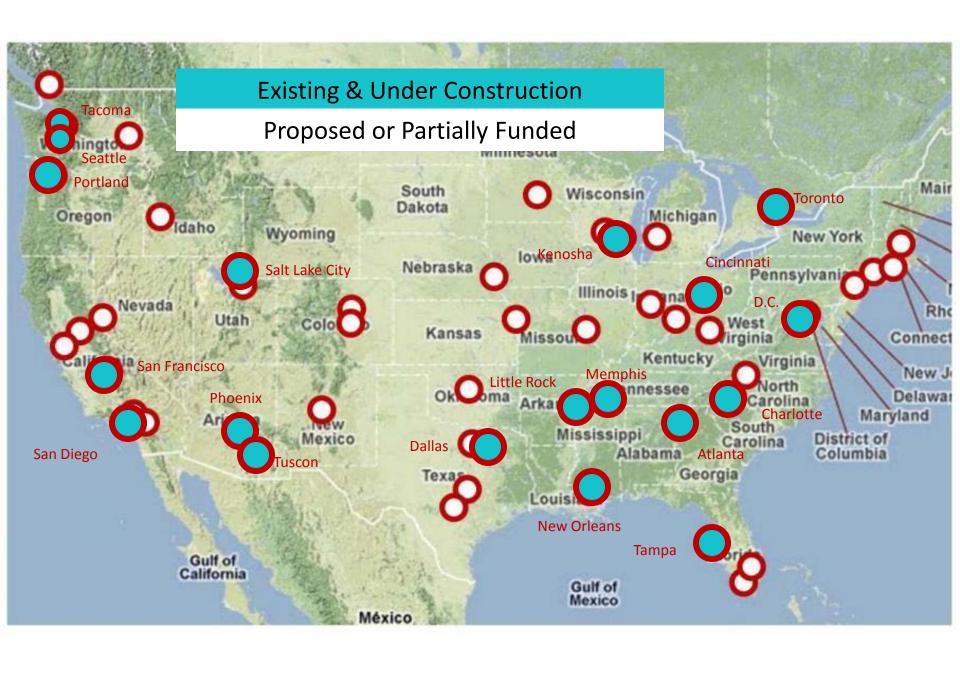




### **Transit Alternative**

#### **Modern Streetcar**





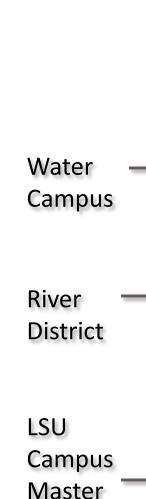




Opportunities are blossoming between the Capitol and LSU

IBM

- IBM
- Water Campus
- River District
- LSU Campus Master Plan



Plan



## Development in the Works

- River District 1800 units
- River House 224 units
- Standard 274 apartments
- 525 Lafayette 95 units + 9 townhomes
- The Onyx 28 units
- Commerce Building 90 units
- LSU 1200 units (student & faculty housing)

#### Total of 3,720 new housing units

# Commercial/Office Development in the Works

- LSU: 130,000 SF retail, 110,000 SF office
- Onyx: 5,600 SF commercial
- Commerce Building: 1 floor retail/commercial
- River District: 100,000 office, 175,000 commercial, 40,000 square foot grocery, 220 room hotel
- River House, 36,000 square feet
- Water Campus: 1.5 million square feet of research campus, 4,000 workers
- Total: over 2 million square feet of development

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Within ¼ mile of proposed streetcar line (880-acre area)

5 acres of adaptive reuse candidates



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- 73 acres of vacant land



#### FuturEBR Land Use

- Downtown
- Town Center
- Mixed-use
- Institutional
- Urban Neighborhood
  - Compact Neighborhood
  - **University District**
  - Parks and Open Space



# Total Development Potential Scenario with Streetcar

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- 7,000 new units
- 2.6 million square feet in new office or commercial use
- \$3 Billion in new value
- More than half already announced



# Nicholson Proof of Concept





#### Potential Streetcar Route

- Opportunity to connect LSU to the Capitol with high quality, comfortable transit
- Incentive for future development
- Total track miles: 7.38



# Northern Segment: 1-10 to the Capitol

Northern track miles: 2.64

Total track miles: 7.38



Southern
Segment:
1-10 to the
LSU Stadium

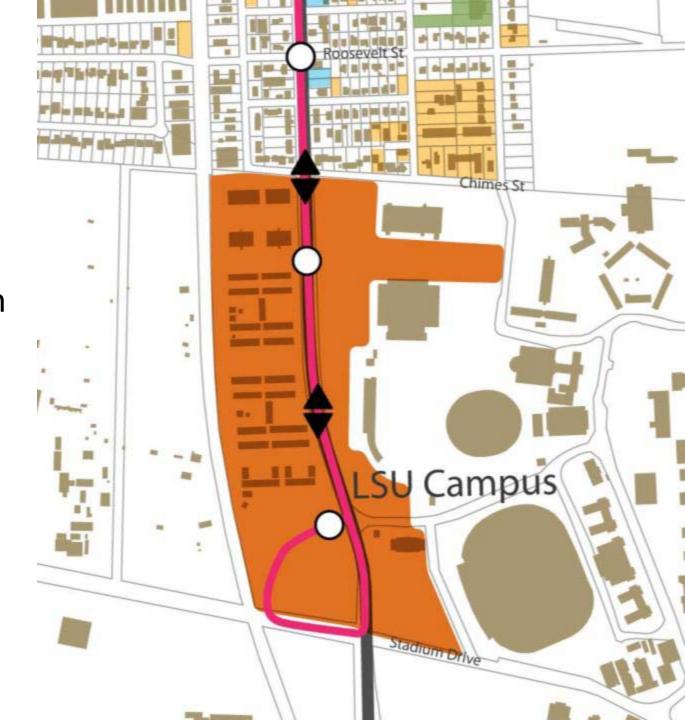
Southern track miles: 4.74

Total track miles: 7.38

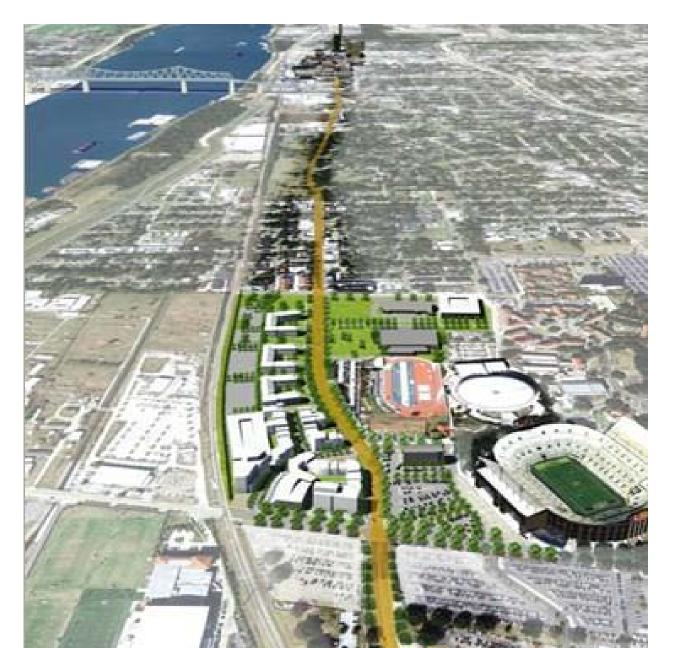


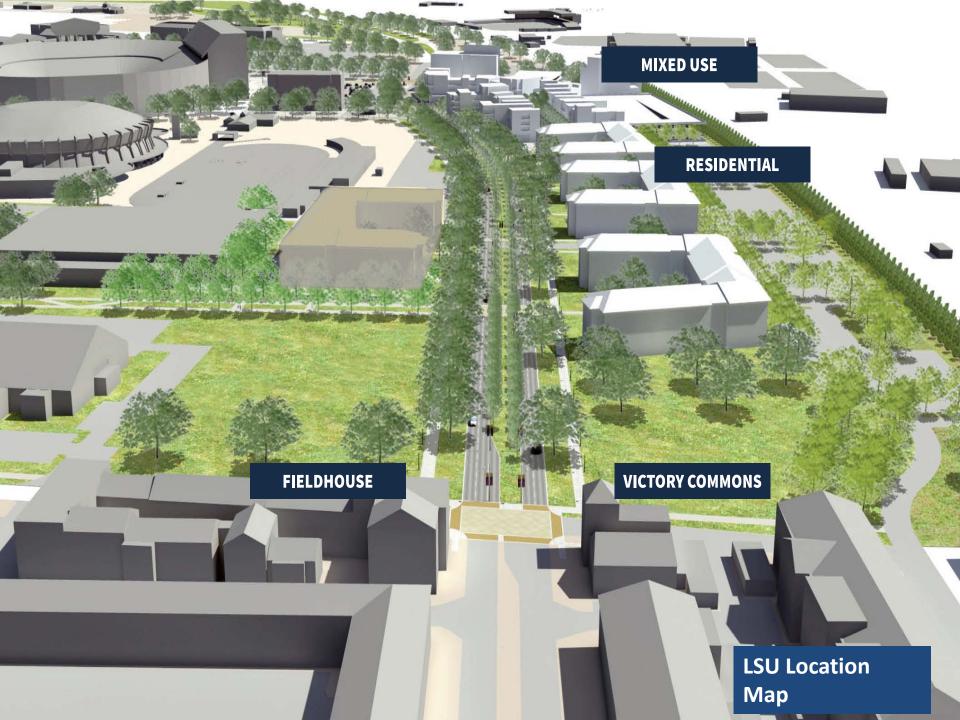
# Stadium to South of Chimes

 Streetcar turn around and two stops



## LSU Master Plan

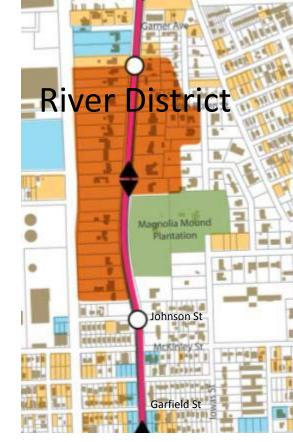






### Garfield to Garner

- Wide median
- Exceeds existing 80' ROW by 31'
- New ROW is111'









#### Garner to I-10

• St Car in travel lanes

Sidewalk

Transit shelter

- ROW acquisition needed for stations
- At stations will exceed 80' ROW by 19'

11'

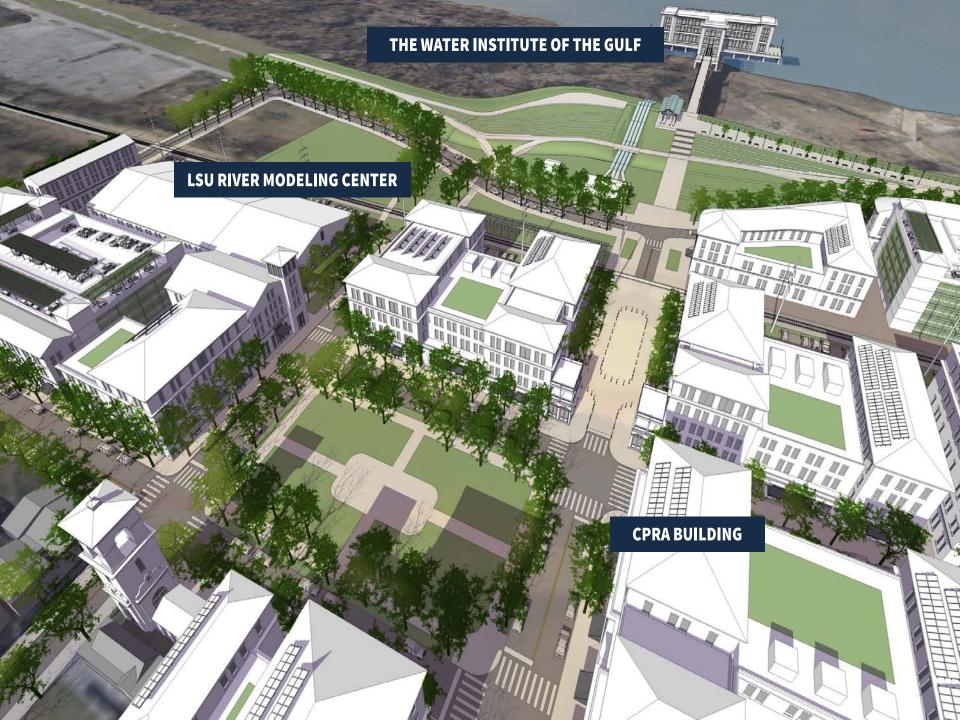
Streetcar

Drive lane

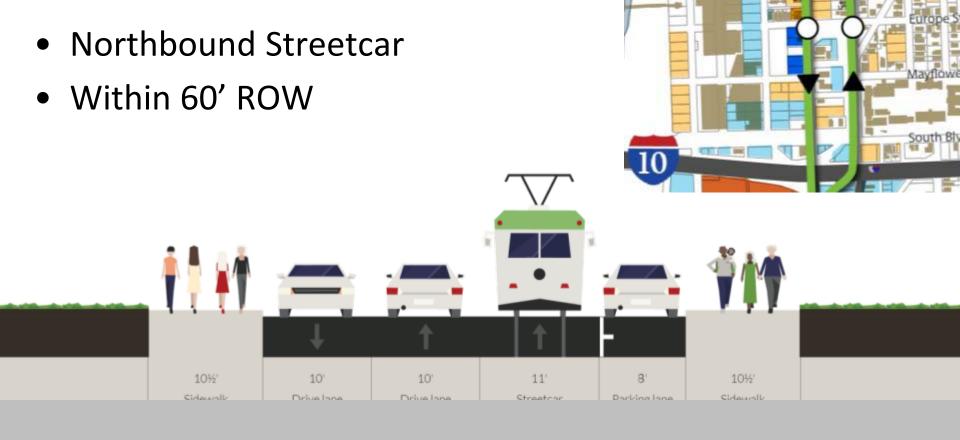
Planting strip







# St. Ferdinand Street from South Blvd to North Blvd



# River Center, Shaw Center, Historic State Capitol, City Hall



# Northbound on 5<sup>th</sup> from North Blvd to North Street

 Connections to downtown and the Capitol



# State Capitol and State Offices





## **Next Steps**

- Adopt Small Area Plan
- Move to Project Development Study
  - Finalization of Alternatives
  - Development of finance package
  - Final project decision
  - Design and 30% engineering
  - Operations and maintenance plan
  - -12 18 months
  - Grant Eligible

## **Next Steps**

# Project Partners?

- The City-Parish
- EBRRA
- LSU
- BRAF
- State of Louisiana
- CATS
- DDD
- Private Developers

