

I-49 North Inner City Connector

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Caddo Parish Commission

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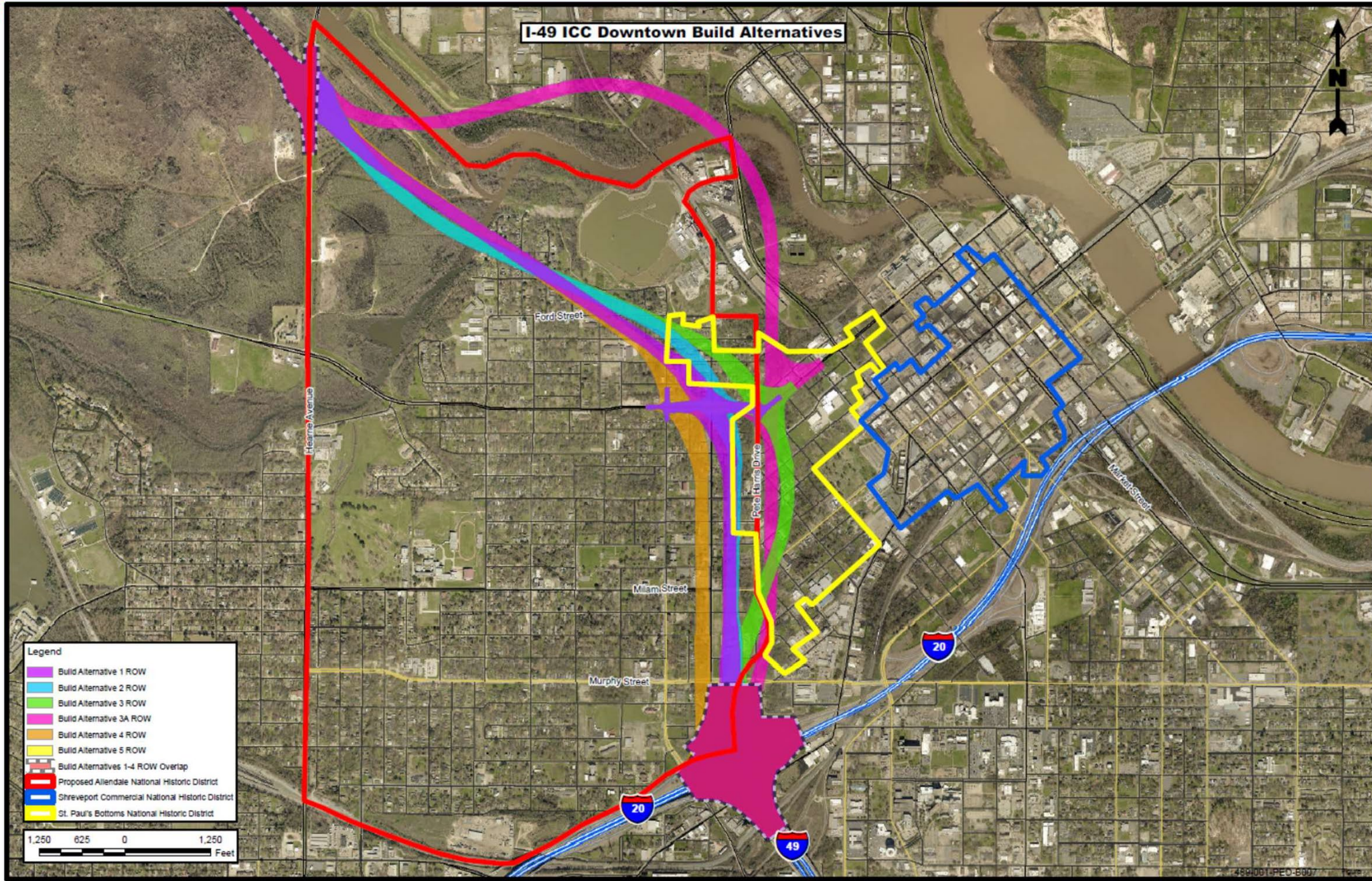
Project Team



Project Update

- **A preferred alternative for the draft EIS has been approved by DOTD, pending FHWA approval**
- Four build through build alternatives (Build Alternatives 1, 2, 3, and 3A) and one build around build alternative (Build Alternative 5) were evaluated for impacts to identify a preferred alternative

I-49 ICC Downtown Build Alternatives



Legend

- Build Alternative 1 ROW
- Build Alternative 2 ROW
- Build Alternative 3 ROW
- Build Alternative 3A ROW
- Build Alternative 4 ROW
- Build Alternative 5 ROW
- Build Alternatives 1-4 ROW Overlap
- Proposed Aliendale National Historic District
- Shreveport Commercial National Historic District
- St. Paul's Bottoms National Historic District

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Project Update

- A draft EIS was turned in to DOTD on March 16, 2026
- The draft was reviewed by DOTD then provided for concurrent review to FHWA
- Following Initial Comments **Revised Draft Submitted March 26, 2027.**
- FHWA approved provision of the draft with a draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) for Section 106 Mitigation
- The PA and the Draft EIS will need to be approved by FHWA prior to advertising for public review and holding the public hearing

Project Schedule 2026

➤ Legal Sufficiency Review of Draft EIS by FHWA*

1st and 2nd Quarter 2026

- Review by FHWA
- Concurrent review of Civil Rights Inquiries

➤ Publish draft EIS

2nd Quarter 2026

- Assumes 30 days to address comments from Legal Sufficiency Review
- Must notify public and provide a minimum 15 up to 30-day review period prior to Public Hearing

*Review times may be longer than 60 days, which could result in schedule modifications.

Project Schedule (continued)

➤ Public Hearing

2nd / 3rd Quarter 2026

- Draft EIS review times and approval to publish presumed to require the first four to five months of 2026
- Public can make comments up to 10 days following the Hearing
- Responses to public comments must be included in final EIS

➤ Submit final EIS and draft Record of Decision (ROD)

3rd / 4th Quarter 2026

➤ ROD approval by FHWA

4th Quarter 2026

The EIS is still completed in 2026, in accord with the 2024 schedule

Project Schedule - Notes

- The Legal Sufficiency Review starts procedural reviews that are bound by regulatorily required time frames and could push the schedule
- The publication of the draft EIS is in the 2nd Quarter of 2026
- The Public Hearing 2nd / 3rd Quarter of 2026 due to review time frames
- Updates will continue to be provided to the MPO once per quarter
- **In accord with the 2024 schedule, the EIS and FHWA Approved ROD are completed in 2026**

Questions?