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Corps to discuss mitigation for proposed impacts to historical structures of Lake Pontchartrain Causeway

New Orleans, LA – The Corps is hosting a public meeting to discuss the possible impacts and mitigation measures that may be taken to build risk reduction measures at the south shore of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway. The meeting will be held Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2009 at Goldring-Woldenberg Jewish Community Campus, 3747 West Esplanade Ave., in Metairie.

“Community members are encouraged to attend the meeting to provide suggestions on how the affects to these historic properties may be avoided, minimized, or mitigated,” said Mike Swanda, Corps archeologist. “The bulk of the meeting will focus on the content of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Corps and stakeholders regarding these impacts.”

Construction of a concrete T-wall and ramp on the south shore of the Causeway would result in adverse effects to historic properties including the Causeway and southern Toll Plaza, a canopy with the original “Lake Pontchartrain Causeway” sign, a toll-takers booth, and administrative buildings.

The meeting will start with an open house from 6 to 6:30 p.m., immediately followed by a presentation and reading of the draft Memorandum of Agreement at 6:30 p.m.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District is holding this meeting as part of its responsibilities under 36 CFR Part 800, the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

The Memorandum of Agreement is between the Corps, Greater New Orleans Expressway Commission, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer

Any member of the public is encouraged to provide views on how the project may affect these historic properties and ways that these effects may be avoided, minimized, or mitigated. Comments may be submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers for a 15-day period beginning on Sep. 23, 2009 and ending on Oct. 8, 2009 at www.nolaenvironmental.gov or by regular mail.



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