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Louisiana Joint Transportation Committee Approves DOTD Priority Programs

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Baton Rouge, LA – The Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) announced today that the Joint Transportation, Highways and Public Works Committee has approved priority programs for highways, aviation, ports, and flood control for fiscal year 2021-2022. These programs identify infrastructure projects around the state anticipated to let during FY 21-22.

The Highway Priority Program received approval for an estimated \$1.02 billion investment in highway preservation, operations, and safety. Congestion mitigation, local road safety programs, road transfers, and other items are also included in the program. In November, DOTD held nine legislative public hearings where the public and legislators in attendance provided public comment and insight on DOTD infrastructure projects. For more information about the Highway Priority Program, visit the [DOTD website](#).

“I would like to commend the members of the Joint Transportation Committee for the oversight and leadership as we work together to improve and maintain the state’s infrastructure,” said DOTD Secretary Shawn D. Wilson, Ph.D. “I appreciate all the insight and input we get from the public and our local and state elected officials as we travel Louisiana. This information exchange is why the legislative public hearings are so important. I look forward to continuing our working relationship and to a busy and productive 21-22.”

To Read Full Story: [Louisiana Joint Transportation Committee](#)



Grace's Corner

“If you want to make sure you do something, put it on your calendar. Without a schedule, things don't get done. A mental note of, “I'd like to get to that” – just doesn't work.”



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News Feed

Self-Employed Would Get a Bigger Slice of Remaining \$51 Billion in PPP Under New Bill

With just over \$50 billion still available in the Paycheck Protection Program, Senate lawmakers on Tuesday introduced a new bill that would make good on a Biden administration promise to get more money into the hands of solopreneurs

The bill, dubbed the PPP Flexibility for Farmers, Ranchers, and the Self-Employed Act, would allow sole proprietors, independent contractors, and the self-employed to retroactively apply for more money through the forgivable loan program.

To Read Full Story:

[PPP Under New Bill](#)



How Are Your State's Roads Funded?

Both the federal government and the states raise revenue for infrastructure spending through taxes on motor fuel and vehicles. The states also collect fees from toll roads and other road charges. This system constitutes a well-designed user fee system, as taxes paid by users of infrastructure are dedicated to building and maintaining infrastructure. However, neither the federal government nor the vast majority of states collect enough taxes through these levies to cover infrastructure-related spending.

To Read Full Story:

[Louisiana State Roads Funded](#)



Louisiana's COVID-19 Vaccine Supply Exceeds Demand

(The Center Square) – When COVID-19 vaccine doses became available, Louisiana officials rationed their limited supply by focusing vaccination efforts on high-risk individuals and key professions.

State officials now have shifted gears to meet a very different challenge: trying to convince as many people as possible to get vaccinated while making it easier for them to do so.

“We are trying very hard to meet people where they are,” Gov. John Bel Edwards said.

To Read Full Story:

[Louisiana COVID-19 Vaccine](#)



Gov. Edwards Joins DOTD, Legislative Leaders to Announces Coronavirus 2020 Relief Act Projects for Road and Infrastructure Improvements Across Louisiana

Gov. John Bel Edwards joined officials from the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and the Louisiana Legislature today to announce that, as part of the 2020 Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, the state of Louisiana has received approximately \$216 million to be allocated for road and infrastructure projects throughout the state. This \$1.4 trillion relief package was passed by Congress last year.

To Read Full Story:

[COVID 2020 Relief Act Projects](#)





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Dear DBE Firm:

The Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program is designed to ensure that small minority and women-owned businesses are able to compete on an equal basis for contracting opportunities within the transportation industry.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey below in order to properly identify areas of concern. Your assistance will aid in creating common solutions and increase contracting opportunities for all.

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

Business Email: _____

Business Phone No.: _____ Specialty Areas: _____

Do you actively quote LADOTD projects? Yes No

If not, why? _____

Do you bid as a prime contractor or sub-contractor ?

Have you been awarded a LADOTD job? Yes No

Do you plan to actively pursue LADOTD work in the future? Yes No

If not, why: _____

Do you have a Business Development Plan? Yes No

If no, would you be interested in participating in our Business Development Program? Yes No

Are you interested in learning more about the DBE Supportive Services Program and what it has to offer? Yes No

Please circle the areas of assistance you are interested in being provided.

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|--|----------------------------------|
| Accounting & Record Keeping | Job Cost Control |
| • Financial Analysis | • Preparing Budgets |
| • Accounting Software | • Actual Cost Reports |
| Financial Assistance | Scheduling & Planning |
| • Cash Flow/Working Capital | • Plans & Specs |
| • Loan & Bond Packaging | • Project Scheduling |
| Business Management | • Labor/Bar Chart |
| • Business Planning | • Material Delivery |
| • Project Management | • Estimating/Bidding |
| Marketing | Legal |
| • Marketing Strategies | • Contract Negotiations |
| • Marketing Plan | • Delay Contract |
| | • Construction Lien Law |
| Contract Compliance | Contract Compliance |
| • Federal/State Compliance | • Hardware/Software |
| • EEO/Affirmative Action | • Other: _____ |

Please complete and return to SJB Group, LLC

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To Complete the survey on-line

Please visit: [DBE Needs Assessment](#)

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DBE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

**MAYOR ADRIAN PERKINS:
OPPORTUNITIES FOR DBE'S IN
SHREVEPORT LA**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH AT 6:00PM CT



Guest

Mayor Adrian Perkins
Mayor of
Shreveport LA



Host

Sevetri Wilson
CEO/Founder
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Tune In Via Zoom:

[zoom.us/w/89080465669](https://zoom.us/j/89080465669)

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+1 301 715 8592

Topic:

Mayor Adrian Perkins: Opportunities for DBE's in Shreveport LA

Description:

SJB Group hopes you can join us on Wednesday, May 5th for a Webinar with

Mayor Adrian Perkins.

Mayor Adrian Perkins: Opportunities for DBE's in Shreveport LA" In this webinar, we host Mayor Adrian Perkins to discuss both new and ongoing opportunities for infrastructure projects from a local, state, and federal level and how DBE's can win and contract with the city of Shreveport.

Click Here To Register:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vBQLyXluTC-MP4Y1d2lfIA

Small Business Resources Available Through Louisiana Economic Development

The [Small and Emerging Business Development Program](#) provides managerial and technical training, and one-on-one assistance to help small businesses sustain and grow.

The [Louisiana Contractors Accreditation Institute](#) is a six-week course that offers small and emerging construction businesses critical information about construction management, and assists with preparing for the business and law portion of the contractors licensing exam.

The [Bonding Assistance Program](#) provides guarantees for bid, payment, and performance bonds at reasonable rates that mitigate risk for the surety company, and help small businesses build or expand their bonding capacity.

The [Hudson Initiative](#) provides a small business certification that expands opportunities with State contracts and procurement.

The [Veteran Initiative](#) provides a veteran-owned and service-connected disabled veteran-owned small business certification that expands opportunities with State contracts and procurement.

[Economic Gardening](#) connects growth companies to a team of highly skilled research specialists that provide customized information to address a company's specific growth challenges in areas including market research, geographic information systems, and digital marketing.

[CEO Roundtables](#) bring together key decision-makers from growth companies 10 times over the course of a year for collaborative, growth-oriented roundtable sessions that support a trusting environment in which they can safely explore business, and personal issues with the guidance of experienced facilitators.

[Louisiana Business Connection](#) is a portal designed to connect major business projects with disadvantaged business enterprises, minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, veteran-owned businesses, and the other small businesses of Louisiana to promote growth and inclusiveness in the state. Large and small businesses operating in Louisiana may register at no cost and discover contract opportunities.

You can visit the highlighted links by pressing "Control" on your keypad and clicking on the link.

If you would like more information about each program please feel free to contact Ms. Stephanie Hartman, the LED Small Business Services Manager, at (225) 342-5677 or Stephanie.Hartman@la.gov



Fatigue – You're More Than Just Tired

Fatigue at Work, on the Road Can be Deadly

[Daylight Saving Time](#) begins every year on the second Sunday in March. We "lose" an hour when the clocks are set forward (except in Hawaii and most of Arizona), and for many that means a tired couple of days as our bodies adjust.

People often make light of how little sleep they get on a regular basis; an [over-worked, over-tired condition](#) has become the norm for many. But a good night's sleep is not just a novelty, it's a necessity. The effects of fatigue are far-reaching and can have an adverse impact on all areas of our lives.

Work often requires us to [override those natural sleep patterns](#). More than 43% of workers are sleep-deprived, and those most at risk work the night shift, long shifts or irregular shifts. Following are a few facts for employers:

- Safety performance decreases as employees become tired
- 62% of night shift workers complain about sleep loss
- Fatigued worker productivity costs employers \$1,200 to \$3,100 per employee annually

Employees on rotating shifts are particularly vulnerable because they cannot adapt their "body clocks" to an alternative sleep pattern

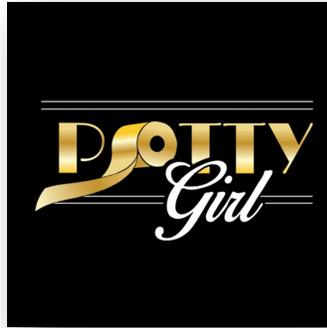
Drowsy driving is impaired driving, but while we wouldn't allow a friend to drive drunk, we rarely take the keys away from our tired friends or insist they take a nap before [heading out on the road](#). NSC has gathered research that shows:

- **You are three times more likely to be in a car crash if you are fatigued**
- **Losing even two hours of sleep is similar to the effect of having three beers**
- **Being awake for more than 20 hours is the equivalent of being legally drunk**

[According to the CDC](#), the fall time change can also create, "a sudden change in the driving conditions in the late afternoon rush hour – from driving home from work during daylight hours to driving home in darkness. People may not have changed their driving habits to nighttime driving and might be at somewhat higher risk for a vehicle crash."

To Read Full Story: [FATIGUE](#)





Potty Girl is a leader in the portable toilet industry. We promote excellence and compliance at your construction site. Portable restrooms have many names like port-o-let, portajohn, portable toilet, latrine or portapotty. Whatever your crew may call them, we can meet any size construction project's portable toilet needs.

Potty Girl provides the highest quality construction grade porta potty rentals and restroom trailers that will be delivered to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We provide daily, weekly and monthly porta potty rentals. We service:

- Commercial Construction
- Residential Construction
- Governmental Construction
- Industrial Construction
- Renovation Sites

Potty Girl's golden rule is one portable restroom for every ten workers. As the size of your construction site changes, our experienced team can modify your restroom needs promptly.

Our construction grade portable toilets have extra features, such as construction hat and tool belt hooks. Our hand wash stations are freestanding and rugged to eliminate the spread of dirt and contaminants at your construction site. We will clean, sanitize and restock once per week or more depending on your growing construction needs.

We value our loyal, short and long-term, commercial and residential customers and consider every customer part of the Potty Girl family. Potty Girl's exceptional customer service makes you a priority.

Website: <https://pottygirllrestroom.com/> **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/pottygirlla>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/pottygirlla> **LinkedIn:** <https://www.linkedin.com/company/15247874/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/pottygirl/> **Google My Business:** <https://g.page/pottygirlla?we>

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**Bidding & Estimating
Scheduling
Project Management
Need Assistance?**

Call Kenyatta Sparks at 225-769-3400
to schedule a personal
one-on-one training session with
Mr. Daryl Ivy, P.E.
Senior Project Manager





Louisiana AGC has partnered with ATSSA to provide Traffic Control Training in Louisiana. The courses are compliant with Louisiana DOTD regulations and provide individuals with Traffic Control Technician (TCT), Traffic Control Supervisor (TCS) and Traffic Control Supervisor Refresher certificates upon successful completion.

Our upcoming schedule is as follows:

May 11 - 13 - Online Training
June 29 - July 1 - Online Training

For each of the above mentioned classes the TCT Course is held on Day 1. The TCS Course is held days 2 & 3. Please be reminded that the Traffic Control Technician course is a pre-requisite to sit through the Traffic Control Supervisor course.

For information on attending a TCS Refresher Course please contact **Michael Demouy**. Per DOTD regulations individuals must complete this TCS Refresher Course every 4 years to keep their TCS Certificate valid.



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Or visit our social media platforms [@SJBDBELouisiana](https://twitter.com/SJBDBELouisiana)

Events & Workshops

For the full list of events/workshops please visit:
LSBDC Events & Workshops



Letting of 5/12/2021 LADOTD Headquarters

For more information on lettings or to download construction documents, visit:

[Letting of 5/12/2021 LADOTD Headquarters](#)



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