Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development 2025 APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS DOTD TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM			
		SPONSOR INFORMATION	
Entity Name			
Type of Sponsor	Jniversity/School	Federal Agency	Local Government
🗌 State G	overnment	overnment 🗌 Nonprofit	
Other:			than one, explain)
Address			
City		State	Zip
Contact Person (Signatory)		Title	
Contract Person (Responsible)		Title	
Email		Phone #	
Population		UEI #	
Federal ID		Vendor #	
	C	CONSULTANT INFORMATION	
their own consu	• ·	design and CE&I? Note- DOTD p	sign and CE&I in-house, or obtaining provided consultant only permissible
	Provided	Own Design	Own CE&I
If hiring your own consultant, please provide consultant information if known; otherwise, list as TBD. Please note that companies that are on DOTD's disqualified or disbarred lists cannot be used on Federal Aid projects. The lists may be found by accessing <u>www.dotd.la.gov</u> > "BUSINESS Working With DOTD" > "Construction Services" > "Consultant Contract Services" > "DOTD Disqualified" or "DOTD Debarred"			
Name of Compa	ny	Phone #	

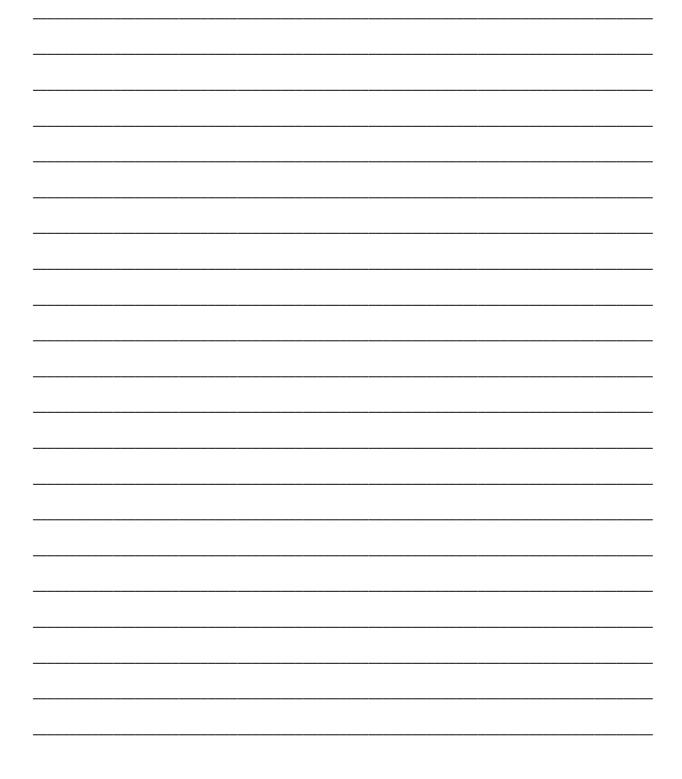
Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEF PROJECT INFORMATION		
Name of Project		
Roadway or Facility Name (if different from Project Name)		
Preliminary Purpose and Need – state the purpose (	reason) and need (problem or issue)	
Brief Project Description (detailed version is later in		
	applicable)	
	Parish(es)	
State House District No	State Senate District No	
School, etc.)	? (Agricultural, Commercial, Government, Residential,	
Are there any drainage issues or features associated		
Please provide a project location vicinity map as an	attachment.	
	Project Sponsor this cycle)	
Does this project require professional design service		
Is Sponsor providing funding for required match?		
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GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)				
Will additional funding be provided over required match? If yes, how much?	☐Yes ☐No —			
Is this project a continuation of a multi-phase project?				
State Project #/Names of other Phases:				
For Metropolitan Areas over 50,000 population, has the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) endorsed the project? If yes, provide letter of endorsement.	□Yes □No □N/A			
For areas under 50,000 population, is the project endorsed by the local government? If yes, provide letter of endorsement.	□Yes □No □N/A			
Does all right-of-way (ROW) necessary for the project fall within public ownership or lease? If yes, was ROW obtained using federal guidelines? If no, can the Sponsor obtain the ROW (or 25-year lease within	□Yes □No □Yes □No □N/A			
one-year of acceptance into the program) in accordance with the Federal Uniform Act?	□Yes □No □N/A			
Will all of the project be constructed within State-maintained ROW? If not all, will any of the project be constructed within State-maintained ROW?	□Yes □No □Yes □No □N/A			
Does any part of the project encroach on or cross railroad ROW? Yes No If yes, attach a document from the affected railroad stating they are aware of the project.				
Is the Sponsor aware that the project must conform to applicable requirements of the American with Disabilities Act or any other State or Federal laws concerning accessibility?				
Has the DOTD Complete Streets Policy been considered in the scope?				
Which modes of alternative transportation are accommodated by this project? Bicyclist Pedestrian Transit				
Which, if any, of the following high-need areas are accommodated by this project? Distressed Low-income Rural Transit-dependent				

#### DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Describe all work necessary for the project. If the project is to be phased, first give overall description of entire project with cost, then detail items for which funding is sought. Description should reflect only activities checked under project category (see page 5 for categories) and limited to the space provided.



#### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Letters of Support, Resolution (i.e., commitment to funding), and Internal Control Questionnaire (ICQ) form may be included as attachments to this application.

#### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Selecting all categories possible does not ensure or increase eligibility. Each category selected must meet all criteria listed for that activity in the DOTD Transportation Alternatives Program (DOTDTAP) Application Guide.

Project category – select those that qualify the project to be funded with DOTDTAP

Safe Routes for Non-Drivers

Conversion of Abandoned Railway Corridors to Trails

Scenic Turnouts, Overlooks, and Viewing Areas

Outdoor Advertising Management

Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities

Vegetation Management

Archaeological Activities

Stormwater Mitigation

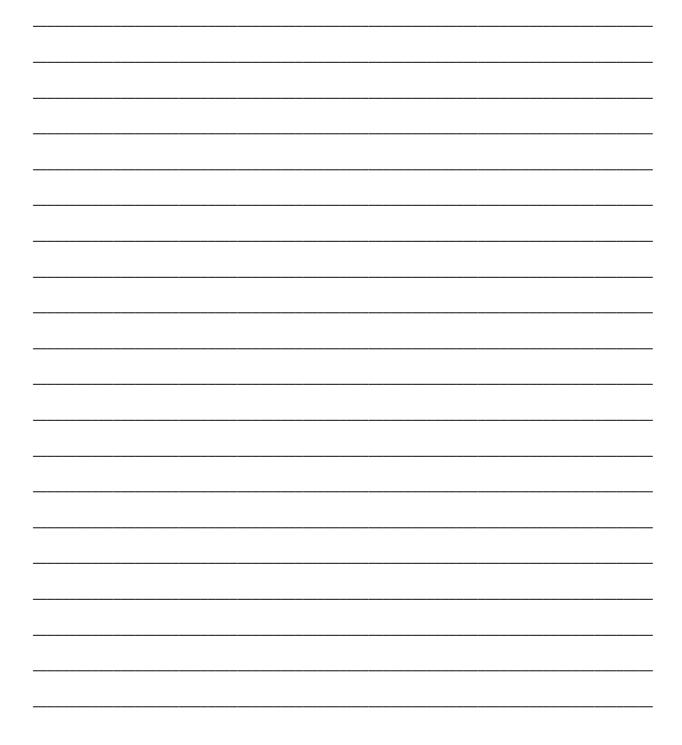
Wildlife Management

#### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY

If the project involves landscaping activities on State-maintained highway ROW, has the project been discussed with the DOTD District?	□Yes □No □N/A
If the project involves Scenic Turnouts, Overlooks, and Viewing Areas along a designated Louisiana Byway, has a letter of no objection been obtained from the Louisiana Byways Manager at DCRT? If yes, attach a copy of the letter of no objection.	□Yes □No □N/A
If the project involves Historic Preservation and Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Facilities, is the property on the National Register of Historic places? If not registered, has registration been applied for?	□Yes □No □N/A □Yes □No □N/A
If the project involves piping a ditch (subsurface drainage that is over 50% of the overall project cost, has there been reported vehicular or pedestrian safety incidents? If yes, please provide reports.	□Yes □No □N/A
If no, is the Sponsor aware that the remaining 50% is local cost?	∐Yes ∐No ∐N/A

#### MAPS, PLANS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Attach project location map(s), project boundary map, and site plan (if available). Include photographs of the existing site and/or facility if applicable. Please note this application will be reproduced, so please provide maps in a "reproducible friendly" format (on 8-1/2" X 11" paper; no Polaroid pictures please). Comments (if necessary) on the attached maps and photographs should be outlined in the space provide below.



#### **PROJECT BENEFITS**

Please indicate in the space provided how the project benefits the state and/or community. Examples include economic, quality of life, quality of transportation, and quality of environment. If project benefits safety of pedestrians, bicyclists, and/or motorists, please include information on applicable accident and/or fatality information/records. If project provides access to schools, please show location of school to the project on the location map. <u>Prioritization of high-need areas and equity should be conveyed in this section.</u> Though attachments may be included, "See attached" for project benefits description is NOT acceptable.



#### IMPLEMENTATION

Explain how the Sponsor plans to implement the project (include anticipated start date, design date, implementation timeframe, completion date, and any anticipated "hold-ups"). Please note that per program policy, if a project has not shown significant progress (as determined by the Program Manager) 3 years after inclusion into the program, the project may be cancelled.



#### **PROJECT COST**

Itemize ALL project elements and costs for which funding is being sought. All construction contracts will be advertised and bid by DOTD- take this into consideration when preparing project costs. List item, description, quantity, unit price, and amount. Include items for mobilization, temporary signs and barricades, and construction layout (if layout is applicable and to be performed by contractor). Be sure to have as complete and accurate a cost estimate as possible for all phases of the work and consider inflationary costs due to time in the program.

#### **Construction Costs**

		UNIT OF	QUANTITY	UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
DOTD ITEM #	DOTD ITEM DESCRIPTION	MEASURE	(A)	(B)	(A * B)
	1			SUBTOTAL	
Mobilization			(5-10	% of Subtotal)	
Traffic Control			(2-10)	% of Subtotal)	
Construction Layout			(0-59	% of Subtotal)	
Contingencies			(0-10	% of Subtotal)	
		CC	ONSTRUCTION	COSTS TOTAL	

Provide additional sheets if necessary.

## **PROJECT COST (continued)**

#### Engineering Costs

ENGINEERING	For estimating purposes, use minimum 20% of Construction Costs for projects >
DESIGN AND CE&I	\$100,000; use minimum 40% of Construction Costs for projects < \$100,000
	ENGINEERING COSTS TOTAL

Does the Sponsor have a population < 50,000 and is requesting DOTD to pay for Engineering Costs?

□Yes □No □N/A

Other Costs (if necessary)	AMOUNT
RIGHT-OF-WAY	
UTILITY RELOCATION	
MISCELLANEOUS	
OTHER COSTS TOTAL	

#### **Project Cost Summary**

TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (Construction + Engineering + Other)	
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS ELIGIBLE FOR DISBURSEMENT (Typically Construction Only)	
FEDERAL PARTICIPATION/LOCAL MATCH (Percentage – 80/20, 90/10, 95/5)	
TOTAL REQUESTED FEDERAL FUNDS	
LOCAL MATCH	

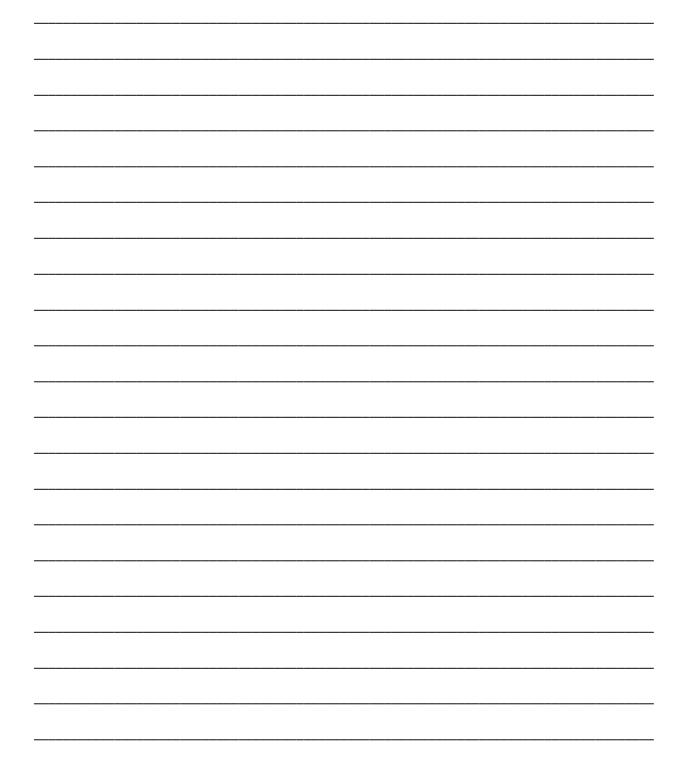
## List of Sources of Local Funding

A- Local Funding - City Budget	
В-	
C-	
D-	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF LOCAL FUNDING	

AMOUNT

#### **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS**

Briefly describe the Operating and Maintenance Plan for this project. Include an estimate of the annual cost of maintenance and operation including the source of those funds. For projects with landscaping and/or electrical systems, a formal operation and maintenance report will be required at the final plan submittal.

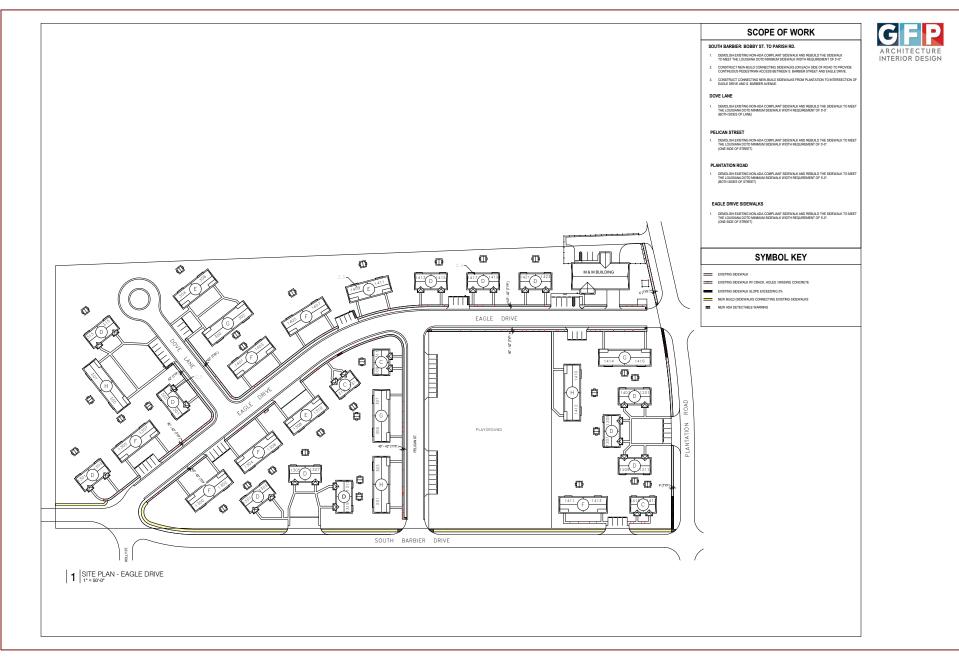


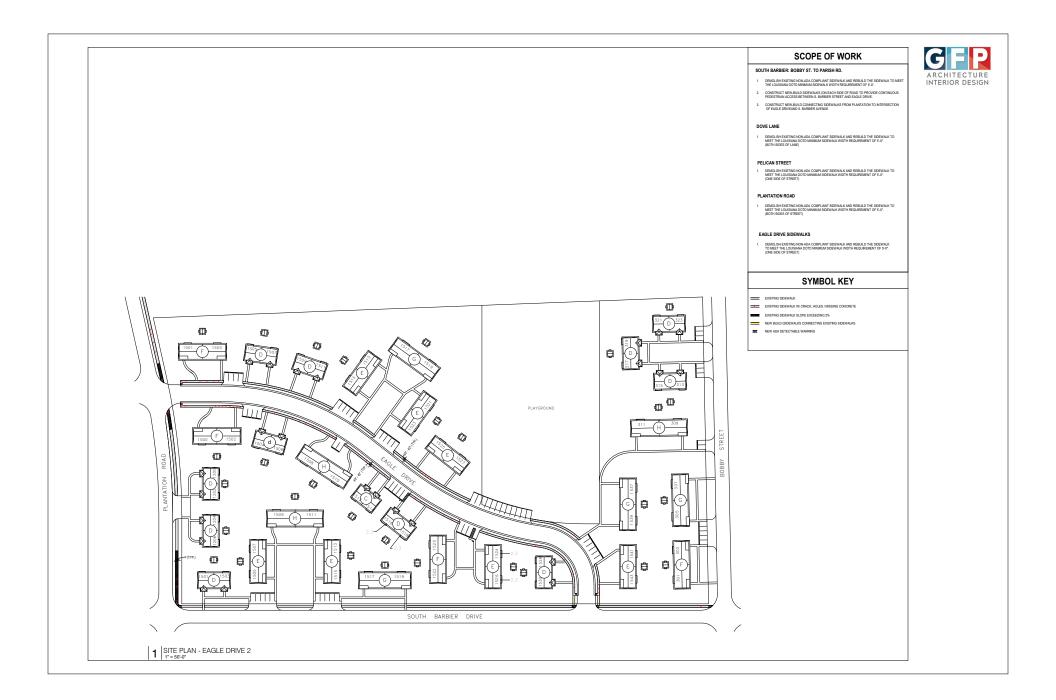
#### CERTIFICATION

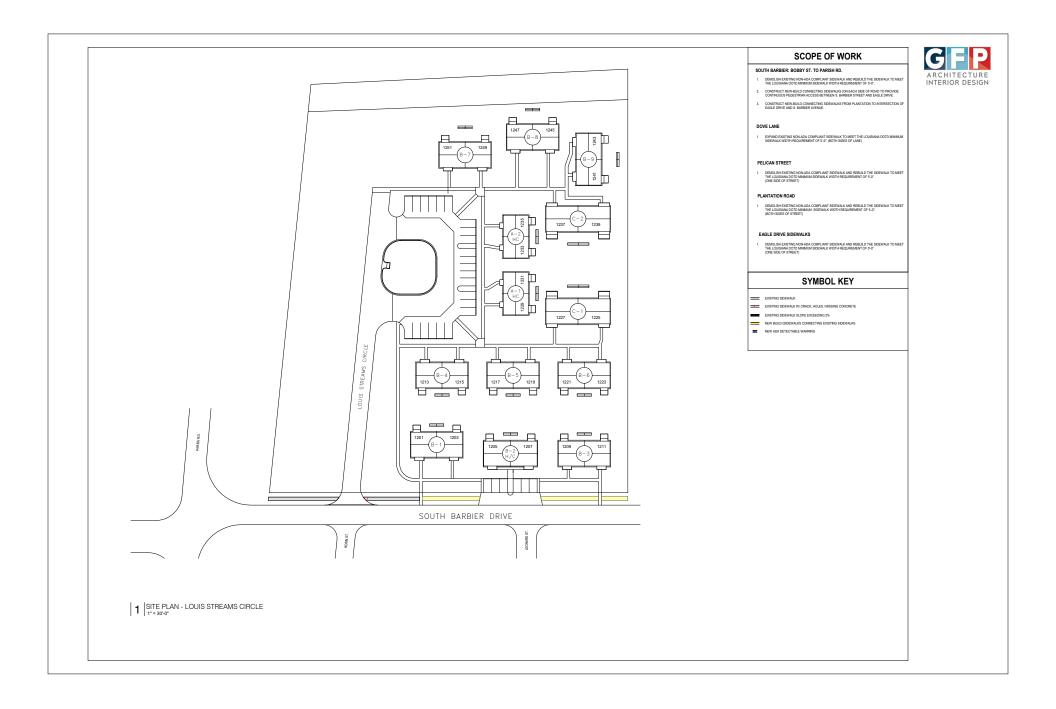
The undersigned has authority to sign on behalf of the Sponsor and certifies that the undersigned has legal authority to enter into a contract to implement this project. The undersigned certifies that all information provided is complete and accurate to their best knowledge. The undersigned acknowledges that if the project is accepted into an LPA program that funding and scope of work requested in this application shall not be changed from that originally requested without approval by DOTD. Any additional costs will be borne by the Sponsor. The undersigned understands that this application may also be considered for funding under the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP).

Signature	Kevin Clement	Date
Printed Name		Phone #
Title		

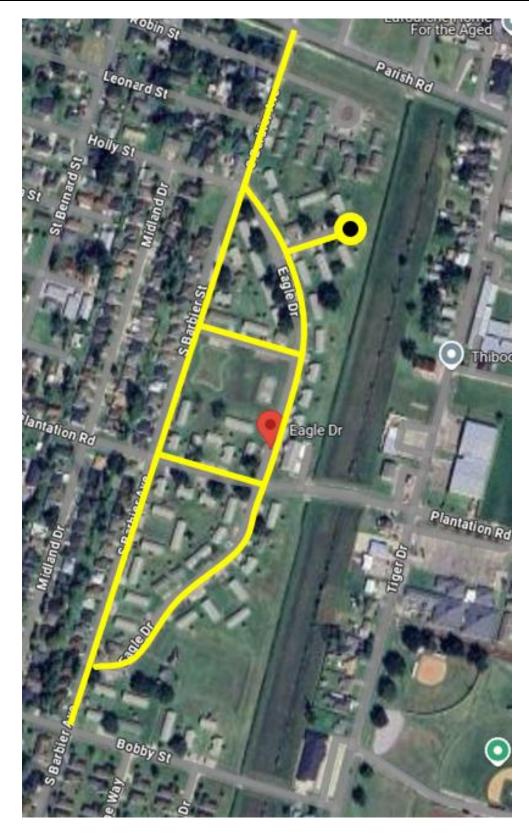
# **APPENDIX 1**







# THIBODAUX HOUSING AUTHORITY ADA SIDEWALK UPGRADES AND CONNECTIONS



# SOUTH BARBIER ROAD



Intersection of Parish Rd. and South Barbier Rd.



-Area of proposed new-build sidewalks connecting existing sidewalk routes on South Barbier Rd. and Eagle Drive intersection.



-Area of proposed new-build sidewalks connecting existing sidewalk routes along South Barbier.



-South Barbier Rd. not meeting standard minimum width requirements of LaDOTD



Figure 1: S. Barbier Ave. at Bobby St. Intersection



Figure 2: S. Barbier Ave.





Figure 4: S. Barbier Ave.



Figure 5: S. Barbier Ave.





Figure 7: S. Barbier Avenue - Approaching Plantation Rd.



Figure 8: S. Barbier Ave. at Plantation Road Intersection





Figure 10: S. Barbier at Pelican Street Intersection



Figure 11: S. Barbier Ave.







Figure 16: S. Barbier Ave. - Approaching Parish Road - Bus Stop



# **EAGLE DRIVE**





Figure 18: Eagle Drive

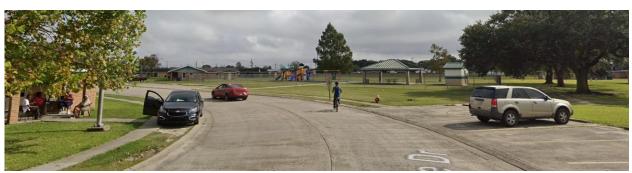


Figure 19: Eagle Drive



Figure 20: Eagle Drive







Figure 26: Eagle Drive



Figure 27: Eagle Drive - Approaching Pelican St.



Figure 28: Eagle Drive



Figure 29: Eagle Drive at Dove Ln. Intersection







Figure 32: Dove Lane at Eagle Drive Intersection



# **PLANTATION ROAD**



-Plantation Road not meeting standard minimum width requirements of LaDOTD.



-Plantation Rd. existing condition.



-Plantation Road not meeting standard minimum width requirements of LaDOTD.





Figure 34: Plantation Road: S. Barbier to Eagle Drive - Aerial



Figure 35: Plantation Road at Eagle Drive Intersection





Figure 38: Plantation Road at S. Barbier Ave





Figure 39: Pelican Street Aerial





BRIEF PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The City of Thibodaux, in collaboration with the Thibodaux Housing Authority, is implementing a sidewalk improvement project to enhance pedestrian safety, accessibility, and connectivity within local residential neighborhoods. The project involves demolishing and reconstructing approximately 6,115 linear feet of substandard sidewalks that do not meet the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD) minimum width requirement of 5 feet or comply with ADA standards. Upgrades will take place throughout the Thibodaux Housing Authority area, including South Barbier Street, Dove Lane, Pelican Street, Plantation Road, and Eagle Drive, with both reconstruction and new sidewalk installations. Key additions include 500 LF of new sidewalk from Plantation Road to Eagle Drive and 200 LF from Eagle Drive to Robin Street to improve pedestrian continuity. This project reflects the City's commitment to building an inclusive, walkable community by modernizing critical pedestrian infrastructure.
PURPOSE	The purpose of the City of Thibodaux Housing Authority ADA Sidewalk Upgrades and Connections Project is to implement a continuous, accessible pedestrian network that meets Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards and strengthens critical non- motorized travel connections in a historically underserved, low-income, and minority residential area. The project will target key streets that currently have non-compliant or missing pedestrian facilities—specifically South Barbier Avenue (from Bobby Street to Parish Road), Dove Lane (including its cul-de-sac), Pelican Street, Plantation Road, and Eagle Drive. These corridors serve high-density housing units and public amenities but lack uniform, accessible infrastructure, resulting in mobility limitations for residents who rely on walking as a primary means of transportation. This project is designed to eliminate ADA compliance gaps and create functional pedestrian linkages between homes, parks, and essential services. For instance, sidewalk upgrades on South Barbier Avenue will close crucial connectivity gaps at Holly Street and Robin Street and directly integrate with ongoing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) sidewalk work on Bobby Street. On Dove Lane, new sidewalk construction within the cul-de-sac will ensure safe access for residents, while upgrades throughout the corridor will bring both sides of the roadway into compliance. Similar improvements will be made along Pelican Street, where only one side currently serves pedestrians, and along Plantation Road and Eagle Drive, where sidewalks on both sides of the road are non-compliant. The project will also incorporate drainage improvements where needed to support long-term usability, safeguard pedestrian safety, and protect the integrity of the new infrastructure. These improvements will enhance overall connectivity, promote equitable access to transportation options, and foster a more walkable and inclusive community. In doing so, the project fully supports DOTD TAP's mission to prioritize pedestrian mo

	The City of Thibodaux Housing Authority ADA Sidewalk Upgrades and Connections Project is critically needed to address substantial accessibility and connectivity challenges in a predominantly low-income, minority community where many residents rely on walking as their primary means of transportation. The project area encompasses high-density residential streets, including South Barbier Avenue, Dove Lane, Pelican Street, Plantation Road, and Eagle Drive—all of which currently lack ADA- compliant pedestrian infrastructure and consistent sidewalk connectivity. On South Barbier Avenue, from Bobby Street to Parish Road, the absence of compliant sidewalk features hinders mobility and safe pedestrian access to key intersections, including Holly Street and Robin Street. Dove Lane presents additional accessibility concerns, as its sidewalks on both sides are not ADA compliant and no sidewalks currently exist within the cul-de-sac, leaving residents without safe pedestrian access from their homes. Along Pelican Street, sidewalk coverage is incomplete, and the park
NEED	side of the roadway is completely unserved. Both Plantation Road and Eagle Drive have sidewalks on both sides of the street, but none currently meet ADA standards. The community served by this project includes vulnerable populations such as individuals with disabilities, older adults, and children—groups who depend on safe and accessible pedestrian routes for their daily activities. The current sidewalk network fails to provide continuous, compliant pathways between housing developments, parks, public amenities, and other neighborhood resources. This gap in connectivity significantly limits independence, safety, and equitable access to essential services.
	This project proposes a comprehensive response by establishing a transportation- oriented, ADA-compliant pedestrian corridor that will bridge existing gaps, enhance walkability, and support multimodal travel throughout the neighborhood. Where needed, drainage improvements will be incorporated to reinforce infrastructure performance and protect sidewalk usability. In addition, the project will integrate with ongoing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-funded sidewalk improvements on Bobby Street, forming a more complete and functional pedestrian system.
	By directly addressing the needs of a historically underserved population and improving access to everyday destinations, the project advances DOTDTAP priorities of equity, accessibility, and investment in high-need areas through safe, non- motorized transportation infrastructure.
DRAINAGE ISSUES	Drainage features are present at the location of the proposed sidewalk path. There are no known drainage issues at the location of the proposed path.
DETAILED PROJECT DESCRIPTION	The City of Thibodaux, in partnership with the Thibodaux Housing Authority, is undertaking a comprehensive sidewalk improvement project to enhance pedestrian accessibility, safety, and connectivity within residential neighborhoods. This infrastructure initiative involves the demolition and reconstruction of approximately

	6,115 linear feet (LF) of existing sidewalks owned by the City, located throughout the Thibodaux Housing Authority area.
	Many of the current sidewalks are substandard, with widths ranging from 3'-6" to 4'- 0", falling short of the 5'-0" minimum width required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LaDOTD) and failing to meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance. The project will bring these walkways up to code by rebuilding them at the appropriate width and design standard to accommodate all users, including individuals with disabilities, parents with strollers, and pedestrians of all ages.
	In addition to reconstructing existing sidewalks, the project scope includes constructing new sidewalk segments to close connectivity gaps and ensure continuous pedestrian access throughout the area. Notable additions include: 500 LF of new sidewalk extending from Plantation Road to the intersection of South Barbier Street and Eagle Drive, and 200 LF of new sidewalk from Eagle Drive to Robin Street, creating a direct connection to existing pedestrian infrastructure.
	Specific Project Components by Location: South Barbier Street (Bobby Street to Parish Road): Demolish and rebuild existing non-ADA compliant sidewalks to meet 5'-0" LaDOTD standard; Construct new sidewalks on both sides of the street to provide continuous pedestrian access between South Barbier Street and Eagle Drive; Extend sidewalk connectivity from Plantation Road to the Eagle Drive/South Barbier Avenue intersection. Dove Lane: Reconstruct sidewalks on both sides of the lane to meet ADA and LaDOTD standards. Pelican Street: Reconstruct sidewalk on one side of the street to meet the 5'-0" minimum requirement.; Plantation Road: Reconstruct sidewalks on both sides of the roadway to comply with state design standards. Eagle Drive: Demolish and rebuild all non-compliant sidewalk segments along Eagle Drive to meet LaDOTD width standards.
	This project represents a strategic investment in the Thibodaux community's pedestrian infrastructure, addressing long-overdue upgrades and expanding the sidewalk network to support safe, inclusive, and accessible mobility for all residents. Through this initiative, the City of Thibodaux reaffirms its commitment to modernizing infrastructure and fostering a more walkable urban environment.
PROJECT BENEFITS	The City of Thibodaux Housing Authority ADA Sidewalk Upgrades and Connections Project will produce transformative community-wide benefits by expanding equitable access to a safe, continuous, and ADA-compliant pedestrian network in a historically underserved, low-income, and minority neighborhood. By addressing long-standing accessibility and connectivity challenges, the project will enhance non-motorized mobility options for residents who rely on walking to reach essential destinations— particularly individuals with disabilities, children, older adults, and public transportation users.

	The project will rehabilitate and construct ADA-compliant sidewalks along South Barbier Avenue, Dove Lane, Pelican Street, Plantation Road, and Eagle Drive, creating a cohesive system of pedestrian pathways that link high-density housing areas with nearby parks, community amenities, and adjacent sidewalk infrastructure. Importantly, these improvements will connect with the City's ongoing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-funded sidewalk project on Bobby Street, expanding the reach and effectiveness of both initiatives. By enabling safe, independent movement throughout the project area, the new pedestrian corridor will significantly reduce pedestrian exposure to vehicular traffic in a residential zone posted at 25 mph. It will also support the development of a walkable neighborhood environment that encourages active transportation and promotes public health. Where appropriate, integrated drainage improvements will strengthen infrastructure resilience and help maintain safe pedestrian access in all weather conditions.
	The project directly supports the goals of the DOTD Transportation Alternatives Program by delivering transportation-focused pedestrian enhancements that comply with federal ADA standards, eliminate physical barriers, and promote social and environmental equity. By improving mobility, access, and safety for the community's most vulnerable populations, the project will create a more connected, inclusive, and sustainable urban environment—contributing to a higher quality of life for all Thibodaux residents.
IMPLEMENTATION	<ul> <li>Select Design Consultant and Commence Design: 6/1/25</li> <li>Complete Preliminary Plans: 9/1/25</li> <li>DOTD to Complete Review: 12/1/25</li> <li>Complete 95% Preliminary Plans: 2/1/26</li> <li>DOTD to Complete Review: 5/1/26</li> <li>Complete 95% Final Plans: 7/1/26</li> <li>DOTD to Complete Review: 9/1/26</li> <li>Complete Verification Prints: 11/1/26</li> <li>DOTD to Complete Review: 2/1/27</li> <li>Complete Final Plans: 4/1/27</li> <li>Bidding and Negotiations: 6/1/27</li> <li>Complete Construction: 8/1/27</li> <li>Complete Construction: 12/1/27</li> </ul>
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE COSTS	Replaced damaged / non-ADA compliant sections of sidewalk (Assume 2.5% of path to be replaced annually) 32 SY Replaced @ \$120/ SY = \$3,840 Annual Cost. Paid with local funds.

# THIBODAUX HOUSING AUTHORITY

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Beryl Pitre Executive Director Thibodaux Housing Authority P. O. Box 775 Thibodaux, LA 70302 beryl@thibodauxhousing.com

May 15, 2025

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Transportation Alternatives Program Attn: Brian Nunes P.O. Box 94245 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9245

#### RE: Letter of Support for the City of Thibodaux Housing Authority ADA Sidewalk Upgrades and Connections Project

Dear Mr. Nunes,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the City of Thibodaux's application to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's Transportation Alternatives Program for the Housing Authority ADA Sidewalk Upgrades and Connections Project.

This proposal presents a critical opportunity to enhance pedestrian accessibility and connectivity in a densely populated, low-income, and historically underserved neighborhood. Residents in this area—many of whom are older adults, individuals with disabilities, and transit-dependent families—face daily challenges due to fragmented, non-ADA compliant sidewalks and a lack of continuous safe walking routes.

The proposed project will upgrade approximately 6,115 linear feet of city-owned sidewalks to meet ADA and LA DOTD standards and construct an additional 700 linear feet of new sidewalk to bridge major connectivity gaps. Specific improvements are planned for South Barbier Avenue (from Bobby Street to Parish Road), Dove Lane (including the cul-de-sac), Pelican Street, Plantation Road, and Eagle Drive. Drainage enhancements will also be included where necessary to support safe and durable infrastructure.

Importantly, this project complements current Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) investments and will create a complete, accessible pedestrian network that links homes to key community destinations such as parks, public services, and other sidewalk systems.

This project clearly supports the goals of the TAP program by improving equitable transportation access, enhancing non-motorized mobility options, and ensuring compliance with federal ADA requirements. It will provide long-lasting benefits for the health, safety, and quality of life of the Thibodaux community.

I fully endorse this application and urge the TAP program to fund this vital project.

Sincerely,

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Beryl Pitre Executive Director



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May 14, 2025

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RE: Letter of Support – City of Thibodaux Housing Authority ADA Sidewalk Upgrades and Connections Project

Dear Mr. Brian Nunes,

On behalf of the Houma-Thibodaux Metropolitan Planning Organization (HTMPO), housed within the South Central Planning and Development Commission (SCPDC), I am writing to offer my strong support for the City of Thibodaux's application to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's Transportation Alternatives Program for the Housing Authority ADA Sidewalk Upgrades and Connections Project.

This proposed project will serve a historically underserved, low-income, and minority neighborhood by addressing critical mobility and accessibility challenges that disproportionately affect residents who rely on walking and public transportation. The project will create a continuous, ADA-compliant pedestrian network across key corridors—including **South Barbier Avenue**, **Dove Lane**, **Pelican Street**, **Plantation Road**, and **Eagle Drive**—all of which currently feature non-compliant or incomplete sidewalk infrastructure.

The project scope includes the demolition and reconstruction of approximately 6,115 linear feet of existing sidewalks that range from 3'-6" to 4'-0" in width, all to be rebuilt to the LaDOTD minimum standard of 5'-0". In addition, the project will construct new sidewalk segments, including 500 linear feet from Plantation Road to South Barbier Avenue at Eagle Drive, and 200 linear feet from Eagle Drive to connect to an existing sidewalk near Robin Street. These enhancements will close dangerous connectivity gaps and improve access between housing units, parks, and public amenities.

I fully support the City's commitment to providing a safe, accessible, and connected pedestrian environment, and I urge the Transportation Alternatives Program to give this vital project full and favorable consideration for funding.

Sincerely

Joshua Manning, Planner IV South Central Planning & Development Commission

Jeff Naquin Chairman Police Juror Assumption Parish Archie Chaisson Vice-Chairman Parish President Lafourche Parish Council Ellis Alexander Treasurer St. Charles Parish Jason Bergeron Secretary Parish President Terrebonne Parish Council Kevin Belanger CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



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This proposed initiative marks a critical advancement in addressing persistent infrastructure gaps within one of our region's most densely populated and underserved neighborhoods. The project will benefit residents— many of whom are seniors, individuals with disabilities, and families without access to private transportation—by delivering a continuous, ADA-compliant pedestrian network throughout the Thibodaux Housing Authority area. Streets such as **South Barbier Avenue, Dove Lane, Pelican Street, Plantation Road, and Eagle Drive** are thence prioritized for upgrades to meet modern accessibility standards and to provide safe, reliable pedestrian travel.

The project scope includes the demolition and reconstruction of over 6,100 linear feet of non-compliant sidewalks and the construction of 700 linear feet of new sidewalks to close key connectivity gaps. Moreover, this effort will integrate with ongoing CDBG-funded improvements and incorporate drainage enhancements to ensure long-term infrastructure resilience and public safety.

This project aligns directly with DOTDTAP's commitment to promoting equitable, multimodal access in highneed communities and supports SCPDC's mission to assist local governments in fostering safer, more inclusive, and sustainable public infrastructure. We commend the City of Thibodaux for its proactive leadership in advancing this community-focused initiative and respectfully urge your full and favorable consideration of its funding application.

Sincerely,

Kevin Belanger, CEO South Central Planning & Development Commission

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ENTITY INFORMATION			
Legal Entity Name:			Fiscal Year End:
Project Description:	Project Cost:		
DOA Vendor ID Number:	Federal Tax ID N	lumber:	
SAM Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):	SAM UEI Expira	tion Date:	
Street address:	Phone no.:		Fax no.:
P.O. Box:	City:	State:	ZIP Code +4:
Primary contact (Responsible Charge) for project questions:	Phone no.:		
Primary contact for accounting questions:			Phone no.:
Street address (if different than Address listed above): Primary Co			ontact E-mail Address:

#### Please include the following items as attachments to this ICQ:

- Current chart of accounts that ties to financial statements and indirect cost rate schedule.
- Policies for vacation and sick leave; and travel.
- Most recent audit of financial statements and management letter.
- Other written policies discussed throughout this ICQ.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL GOVERNANCE**

1.	Parishes or Municipalities Covered (list):
2.	Services Provided (briefly list):
3.	Does your organization have a written mission statement and documented policies and procedures related to significant processes which are reviewed periodically and are up to date?
4.	Does management clearly communicate and demonstrate integrity and other ethical values?
5.	Does your department have an organizational chart that defines lines of authority and responsibility?
6.	Is the organizational chart up to date?



	FINANCIAL PLANNING AND MONITORING			
7.	Are funding sources evaluated annually?			
8.	What Accounting Software is used?			
9.	How many years has the accounting software been in place?			
10.	Is the accounting system accrual based or cash based?			
11.	Is the accounting system manual, automated or a combination?			
12.	Is critical information backed-up and stored off-site?			
13.	Has a disaster recovery/business resumption plan been developed should your critical information business systems fail or be destroyed?			
14.	Has the disaster recovery /business resumption plan been tested/simulated and if so, when?			
15.	Is the entity subject to audits and/or reviews by the following?			
	a. Federal Agency			
	b. State Agency			
	c. Local Officials			
16.	If yes, when was the most recent audit/review and by whom? Please attach and provide the electronic link to the report.			
17.	If no, please provide a brief explanation.			
18.	What opinion was given?			
19.	What findings if any were noted?			



20. Has the entity received a Single Audit? 21. Has the entity had any Federal funds from DOTD audited as a major program? 22. What were the results of any Federal Agency monitoring? 23. Does the entity have an indirect cost plan? If so, name the firm who reviewed your last indirect cost report: 24. Does the General Ledger separate indirect and direct accounts for the following? a. Labor Costs b. Non-labor Costs 25. Do you have a system in place to identify and remove unallowable costs from the indirect cost pool? STANDARDS FOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS 26. Does your accounting and financial management systems(s) follow Generally Accepted Accounting Principles? 27. Is your financial management system(s) sufficient to permit preparation of reports required by the applicable statutes and regulations? 28. Is your financial management system(s) sufficient to permit the tracing of funds to a level of expenditure adequate to establish that funds have not been expended in violation of applicable statutes? 29. Does your financial management system(s) provide accurate, current, and complete disclosure of the financial results of the financially assisted activities required by the financial reporting requirements of the grant? 30. Does your financial management system(s) contain information pertaining to grant awards and authorizations, obligations, unobligated balances, assets, liabilities, expenditures, and income sufficient to identify the source and application of funds provided for financially-assisted activities? 31. Does your financial management system(s) provide for effective control and accountability for all grant cash, real and personal property, and other assets? 32. Can your financial management system(s) compare actual expenditures or outlays with budgeted amounts for each grant? 33. Is financial information related to performance or productivity data, including unit cost information if appropriate or specifically required?



- 34. Does your financial management system(s) provide procedures for determining the reasonableness, allocability, and allowability of costs in accordance with 2 CFR Part 225, "Cost Principles for State, Local, and Indian Tribal Governments"?
- 35. Does your financial management system(s) provide or describe existing or planned indirect cost rates?

#### PRIOR AWARD INFORMATION

36. Has the entity received awards from LADOTD in the past?

37. What was the awarded amount in the prior fiscal year?

38. Were any issues noted? If yes, explain.

#### PERSONNEL

39. Number of employees assigned to the project.

40. What is the average years of work experience of the employees assigned to this project?

41. Are up-to-date Position Descriptions available for each employee or position in the organization?

42. Are training opportunities provided to improve employee work related competencies?

43. Are responsibilities divided among staff members so that no single employee controls all steps of a financial transaction?

44. Do Time Entry records allocate time pertaining to:

a. Administrative Tasks

#### b. Training and Education

- c. Leave
- 45. Does the organization's timekeeping system meet the requirements of the applicable cost principles?

46. Are time records kept for all personnel including salaried employees?

- 47. Does your organization maintain a personnel system(s) which provides monthly reports on the activities of each employee whose compensation is charged to the assistance agreement?
- 48. Are employees sufficiently trained to perform assigned roles and responsibilities to support payroll processing (time reported, on-line time entry, etc.)?



49. Have any key personnel listed in the application been debarred or suspended from participation in Federal Assistance programs? If yes, please note whom, when, and for what reasons.

# COMPLEXITY OF PROJECT

50. Does the project have complexity, challenges, or innovations that are new to Local Public Agencies (LPA)? If so, describe the complexity, challenge or innovation.

51. Will consultants be used on the project? If so, what is the role of the consultant?

#### **BUSINESS CONDUCT**

- 52. Do you have a Business Conduct and/or Conflict of Interest Policy that requires employees to avoid conflicts (or any appearance of conflicts) between their personal interests and those of the organization?
- 53. Do staff receive training on ethics?

#### **REPORTING OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, FRAUD, etc.**

- 54. Are you aware that non-Federal entities must disclose in writing any potential conflict of interest to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity?
- 55. Are you aware that non-Federal entities must disclose, in a timely manner, in writing to the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity all violations of Federal criminal law involving fraud, bribery, or gratuity violations potentially affecting Federal awards?

56. Have there been any instances of fraud, waste, or abuse? If so, please describe.

57. Do you have a records retention policy?

58. Are important documents, including electronic media, stored in a secure area with adequate protection from fire and/or water damage?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS	
MANAGEMENT'S CERTIFICATION	
I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, this ICQ is a complete and accurate representation of the above- named Entity's organizational structure and practices.	
Typed or Printed Name	_
Kevin Clement	
Manager's Signature Date 5/15/25	

# **Responsible Charge and Financial Contact for Federal-Aid Projects**

In accordance with Federal Regulation 23 CFR 635.105 the Local Public Agency must provide a full time employee of the Local Public Agency to be in "responsible charge" of the project. This person does not need to be an engineer. This person is required even when consultants have been retained by the LPA to manage the entity's engineering activities, including design and construction engineering and inspection services. Identified below is the information and duties required of this employee.

Project No.	Project Name: <u>City of Thibodaux: THA ADA Connect</u>
Sidewalks	

Entity: \_\_\_\_\_ City of Thibodaux \_\_\_\_\_

## **Responsible Person in Charge Contact Information**

Name &	Fitle Sarah Arceneaux, Gra	nts Director		
Address:	310 West 2nd Street Thi	bodaux, LA 7030		
Phone:	985-446-7606	Cell Phone:	985-637-1887	
E-mail:	saraha@ci.thibodaux.la.us			

<u>NOTE</u>: The regulation does not require the same public employees to be in responsible charge over several projects. It allows for the transfer of responsible charge duties for different phases, i.e. design and construction. If design and construction duties are handled by separate individuals on a project, please identify each employee and the phase of the project they are responsible for. (Note: Only one employee per phase should be listed.)

#### Duties:

- This person acts as the primary point of contact for the Entity with the DOTD Project Manager.
- Oversees project activities; cost, time adherence to contract requirements, design and construction quality and scope
- Ensures the contract is properly recorded
- Directs project staff, agency or consultant, to carry out project administration and contract oversight including proper documentation
- Is aware of the qualifications, assignments and on-the-job performance of the agency and consultant staff at all stages of the project
- Makes or participates in decisions about changed conditions or scope changes that require change orders or supplemental agreements
- Reviews financial processes, transactions and documentation to ensure that safeguards are in place to minimize fraud, waste and abuse
- Maintains familiarity of day to day project operations & safety issues
- Visits and reviews the project on a frequency that is proportionate with the magnitude and complexity of the project.
- Attends all project related meetings. (It is understood that if the person in Responsible Charge is not in attendance, the meeting will be cancelled.)

Financial Contact Information - Contact Person for financial questions on the cost principles and audit requirements defined in "Supercircular" 2 CFR 200

Name & Title of	Jessica Hebert, Finance Director	
Address: <u>310 West 2</u>	<sup>1d</sup> Street Thibodaux, LA 70301	
Phone: 985-446-7244	Cell Phone: <u>N/A</u>	
E-mail: jhebert@ci.th	nibodaux.la.us	
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Name of Signatory	Party for the Local Public Agency (Print)	- 3.00 E
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Signature of Signate	ory Party for the Local Public Agency	

NOTE: It is the Entity's responsibility to notify the Project Manager if the Responsible Person in Charge or Financial Contact changes during any phase or duty.