

PROJECT: Environmental Assessment for the Extension of the New Orleans & Gulf Coast Railway Company's Mainline in Plaquemines Parish, LA LA222668

FNI PROJECT #: LA222668

NAME OF MEETING: MONTHLY APPLICANT MEETING (#2)

RECORDED BY: Nina Reins / Kelsey Calvez

DATE: November 2, 2022 at 11 AM Eastern / 10 AM Central

LOCATION: TEAMS

ATTENDEES:

bold blue = attendance

Sam Matheny - SM (LA23)	Liz Grindstaff - LG (FNI)
Anne Crochet - AC (Taylor Porter)	Travis Kelly - TK (FNI)
Kathryn Floyd - KF (Venable)	Tom Dixon - TD (FNI)
Jay Johnson - JJ (Venable)	Whitney Broussard - WB (FNI)
Adam Assenza - AA (STB-OEA)	Lisa Vitale - LV (FNI)
	Nina Reins - NR (FNI)
	Tony Risko - TR (FNI)
	Kelsey Calvez - KC (FNI)

The following reflects our understanding of the items discussed during the meeting. Please notify us within five working days if edits are required, otherwise approval is assumed, and notes become final.

1. WELCOME

2. ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING & UPDATES:

- **Applicant Response to RI-1:** Response was received on 10/13/22 and Supplemental Response on 10/24/22.
 - **Identification of Gaps/Follow-up Tasks:**
 - JJ to follow up with kmz-files depicted on pdf's included in Supplemental Response (**COMPLETED 11/3**).
 - Applicant anticipates having the Environmental Constraints Report (WOTUS/Cultural etc.) to STB/FNI by Thanksgiving.
 - Awaiting info on parcels without ROE.
- **Alternatives Development by STB with support from FNI:** Review of data ongoing.
- **Draft Notification Letter to Stakeholders:** currently in development.

3. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT:

- **Stakeholder List:** OEA and FNI continued work on the stakeholder list. Refinements are ongoing based on feedback from AA.
- **Section 106:** Section 106 Consultation will be initiated separately once preliminary APE has been defined.

4. STB UPDATE:

- **Coordination with Consultant (FNI):** OEA has shared all received info to date with Consultant (FNI). OEA and FNI are meeting frequently to keep the project moving in alignment with the best-case timeline captured in the workplan.

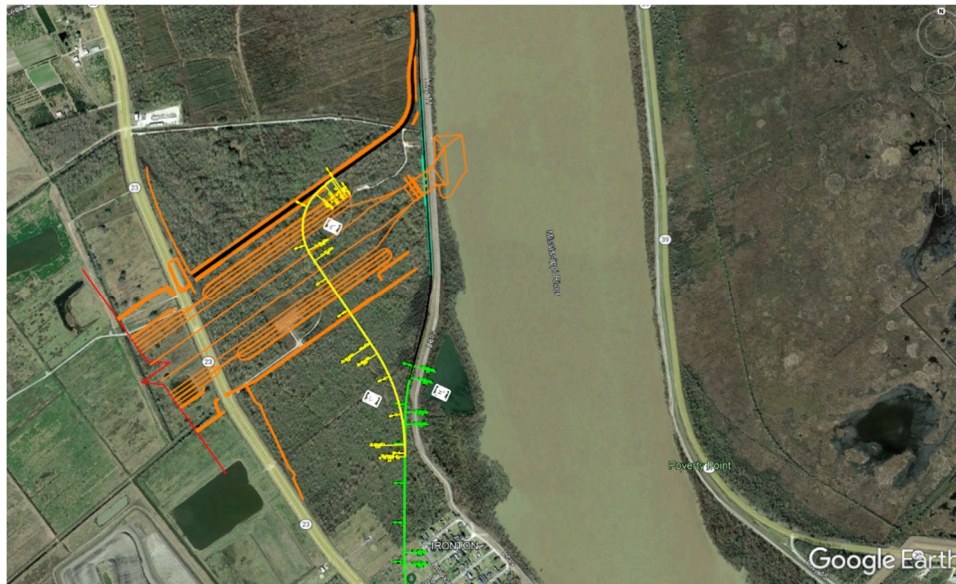
Workplan Schedule:

Task	Start date	Duration	End date
Develop Purpose and Need Statement	September 2022	30 days	October 2022
Describe Project and Alternatives	October 2022	30 days	November 2022

Task	Start date	Duration	End date
Agency Consultations	November 2022	180 days	May 2023
Section 106 Agreement Document	November 2022	240 days	July 2023
Prepare Technical Documentation	January 2023	90 days	April 2023
Field Verifications	March 2023	60 days	May 2023
Prepare Draft EA	March 2023	60 days	June 2023
Public and Agency Review	June 2023	30 days	July 2023
Prepare and Submit Final EA	July 2023	30 days	August 2023

5. APPLICANT UPDATE:

- **Environmental Constraints Report:** Field studies or environmental data collected and/or obtained that could aid the EA development will be shared with OEA as part of this report, which is anticipated to be available to OEA by Thanksgiving.
- **Site Visit:** A placeholder for the first site visit with OEA has been placed for December 14-16, 2022. It is anticipated that a 1-day tour would be sufficient. Logistics for transportation will be discussed at the next meeting. If insufficient agency responses have been received by the anticipated site visit date, the site visit may be postponed.
- **Construction Footprint:** The ROW is the main construction footprint. In addition, construction trailers/offices and laydown areas were based on utilizing sites previously used in emergency response and recovery work.
- **Diversion Coordination:** For this project request to STB, the alignment ties into the existing rail line as depicted below (green and black lines). Any temporary routes (yellow line) to be installed for coordination with the Mid-Barataria Diversion Project (orange area) are not part of the STB Action.



6. EA PROGRESS OVERVIEW:

- **Purpose and Need:** The P&N has been reviewed and is being finalized. The Applicants P&N has been expanded to include STB specific clarifications and references.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- TD to send revised P&N for AA's final review.
- WB to send revised Stakeholder Letter for AA's final review.
- OEA/FNI to finalize Stakeholder List for Initial Letter Distribution.
- JJ to follow up with kmz-files depicted on pdf's included in Supplemental Response (temporary construction footprint shown in 2022.10.24 Supp Resp Attachment A; trucking and water routes shown in 2022.10.24 Supp Resp Attachment B) (**COMPLETED 11/3**).

ACRONYMS:

EA	Environmental Assessment
FNI	Freese and Nichols, Inc.
IR	Information Request
LA	Louisiana
LA23	Louisiana 23 Development Company LLC
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
OEA	Office of Environmental Analysis
POC	Point of Contact
P&N	Purpose and Need
ROE	Right-of-entry
ROW	Right-of-way
STB	Surface Transportation Board
WOTUS	Waters of the United States

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Subject: FINAL Meeting Notes from Applicant Meeting 11-02-2022
Attachments: 02_Monthly Applicant Meeting Notes_11-02-2022_FINAL.pdf

Team

Please find attached the finalized meeting notes from the Applicant Meeting on 11-02-2022.

Thank you,

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Subject: DRAFT Meeting Notes from Applicant Meeting 11-02-2022

Kathryn,

Please find attached meeting notes from the November 2 meeting as compiled by FNI and reviewed by STB. Please let us know if you have any questions or recommendations for edits.

Thank you,

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